

# R. Kaj Gittings

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## **Current Positions:**

September 2019-Current	Associate Professor, Texas Tech University
August 2022-Current	Associate Chair of Economics, Texas Tech University
August 2022-Current	Director of Undergraduate Studies (Economics), Texas Tech

## **Previous Positions:**

September 2013-August 2019	Assistant Professor, Texas Tech University
August 2009-August 2013	Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University
August 2004-August 2008	Economist, US Census Bureau
August 2003-August 2008	Research Assistant, Cornell University

## **Education:**

Ph.D., Economics, Cornell University, 2009.  
M.A., Economics, Cornell University, 2007.  
M.A., Economics, University of Colorado-Denver, 2002.  
B.A., Economics, University of Colorado-Denver, 2000.

## **Research Interests:**

Labor Economics, Economics of Crime

## **Grant Awards:**

Texas Tech University Scholarship Catalyst Program. January 2020-December 2020.  
Texas Tech University Scholarship Catalyst Program. January 2016-December 2016.

## **Papers Under Review:**

“Power Sector Emissions under Tightening Carbon Dioxide Quotas (with Travis Roach).

“Labor Reallocation and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (with Travis Roach).

**Refereed Publications:**

“Who Benefits from a Resource Boom? Evidence from the Marcellus and Utica Shale Plays.” 2020. *Energy Economics*, vol.87, pp. 1-14 (with Travis Roach).

“Urban Transport and Crime: Evidence from Unanticipated Mass Transit Strikes.” 2019. *Economic Inquiry*, vol. 57 no. 3, pp. 1718-1737 (with Gregory DeAngelo, Daniel S. Grossman and Umair Khalil).

“Interracial Face-to-Face Crimes and the Socioeconomics of Neighborhoods: Evidence from Policing Records.” 2018. *International Review of Law and Economics*, vol. 56, pp. 1-13 (with Gregory DeAngelo and Anita Alves Pena).

“Police Incentives and the Enforcement of Drug Crimes.” 2018. *Review of Law and Economics*, vol. 14, no. 1. (with Gregory DeAngelo and Amanda Ross).

“The Effects of Foreign Aid on Economic Growth in Developing Countries.” 2017. *Journal of Developing Areas*, vol. 51, no. 3, pp. 153-171 (with Masha Rahnama and Fadi Fawaz).

“Getting Handcuffs on an Octopus: Minimum Wages, Employment and Turnover.” 2016. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, vol. 69, no. 5, pp.1133-1170 (with Ian M. Schmutte).

“The Impact of Incentives on Human Behavior: Can We Make It Disappear? The Case of the Death Penalty.” 2010. The Economics of Crime: Lessons for Latin America, Rafael Di Tella, Sebastian Edwards and Ernesto Schargrotsky (editors), NBER/University of Chicago Press, pp. 379-418 (with Naci Mocan).

“Getting Off Death Row: Commuted Sentences and the Deterrent Effect of Capital Punishment.” 2003. *Journal of Law and Economics*, vol. 46, no. 2, pp. 453-78 (with Naci Mocan).

**Work in Progress:**

“Pollution Shocks, Fetal Deaths and Infant Health Outcomes,” (with Hamid Noghanibehambari and Travis Roach).

“Family Violence and Recidivism,” (with Sarah Quintanar).

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**Dissertation Advising:**

Ph.D. Dissertation Committees at TTU (\* indicates Chair):

- \*Ashley Escudero (in progress)
- \*Iryna Konopkina (in progress)
- \*Hamid Noghanibehambari (May 2020), placement: University of Wisconsin-Madison [Postdoctoral Researcher w/ Dr. Jason Fletcher]
- \*Xin Liang (August 2022), placement: University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley.
- \*William Jergins (August 2019), placement: tenure-track Assistant Professor at the University of Arkansas-Little Rock.
- Rullan Rinaldi (August 2017), placement: Economist at PROSPERA.
- \*Rui He (August 2015).

**Undergraduate Advising:**

Faculty advisor for Tech Economics Association (TEA), Fall 2013-Fall 2014

**Selected Conference and Seminar Presentations:**

- Western Economic Association International AERE@WEAI session, June 2019, San Francisco.
- Missouri Valley Economic Association, October 2018, Memphis.
- Texas Tech Univ, "Introduction to Working in a Federal Statistical Research Data Center", April 2018.
- Western Economic Association International, June 2017, San Diego.
- University of Georgia, Department of Economics, Dec 2016.
- Western Economic Association International, June 2016, Portland.
- Texas Tech University, Department of Economics, Nov 2015.
- Western Economic Association International, June 2015, Honolulu.
- Missouri Valley Economic Association, October 2014, St. Louis.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Symposium on Economic Theory Policy and Applications, July 2014, Athens.
- Southern Economic Association, Session: Wages and Employment, Nov 2011, Washington D.C.
- Southern Economic Association, Session: Issues in Industrial Organization, Nov 2010, Atlanta.
- Tulane University, Department of Economics, September 2010, New Orleans.
- University of Southern California, Marshall School of Business, March 2010, Los Angeles.
- University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management, January 2008, Minneapolis.
- Rutgers University, Department of Economics, January 2008, Newark.
- Cornell University, Department of Economics, Labor Workshop, November 2007, Ithaca.
- Society of Labor Economists, Section 6C: Mobility within Firms, May 2007, Chicago.

**Teaching Experience:**

Courses:

Graduate Courses:

- ECO 5314 (Econometrics I for Ph.D. students)
- ECO 5321 (Labor Economics I for Ph.D. students)
- ECO 5322 (Labor Economics II for Ph.D. students)

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**Undergraduate Courses:**

ECO 4305 (Econometrics)  
ECO 4322 (Labor Economics)  
ECO 2301 (Principles of Micro)

**Department/University Service:**

Member, Executive Committee, Department of Economics, 9/2022-Current  
Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Economics, 9/2022-Current  
TTU voting Board Member,  
Federal Statistical Research Data Center at Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, 1/2018-Current  
Member, University Graduate Council, Texas Tech University, 1/2019-8/2020  
Member, Student Affairs Graduate Council Subcommittee, 1/2019-8/2020  
Member, Graduate Advisory Committee, Department of Economics, 8/2016-8/2020  
Member, Graduate Program Review, History Department, Texas Tech University, Spring 2019.  
Proposal Reviewer, Internal Grant Proposals, Texas Tech University, Fall 2017  
Proposal Reviewer, Internal Grant Proposals, Texas Tech University, Fall 2016

**Professional Activities and Service:**

Refereeing:

*American Law and Economics Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Inquiry, Economics Bulletin, Forum for Development Studies, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Industrial Relations, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Labor Research, Midwestern Business and Economics Review, Southern Economic Journal*

*Advances in the Economic Analysis of Participatory and Labor-Managed Firms, (Volume 12), Emerald Publishing.*

**Book Reviews:**

- *Real Stats: Econometrics for Economics, Politics, Policy, and Law*. Oxford University Press.
- McLaughlin, Kenneth. *Labor Economics: Principles and Practice (1<sup>st</sup> Edition)*. Oxford University Press.