

R. Richard Geddes

Web Bio

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Biography

Biographical Statement

Rick Geddes is associate professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management at Cornell University. His research fields include private infrastructure investment through public-private partnerships, postal service policy, corporate governance, women's property rights, and antitrust policy. He is a Research Associate at the Mineta Transportation Institute, and a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. He was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at Australian National University in Canberra in the fall of 2009, and a Visiting Researcher at the Australian Government's Productivity Commission in the spring of 2010. His research focused on Australian public-private partnerships in both positions. Geddes teaches courses at Cornell on corporate governance and the regulation of industry.

In addition to his teaching and research at Cornell, Geddes served as a commissioner on the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission, which submitted its report to Congress in January 2008. He has held positions as a senior staff economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisers, Visiting Faculty Fellow at Yale Law School, and National Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University. He received his PhD in economics from the University of Chicago in 1991, and his bachelor's degree in economics and finance from Towson State University in 1984.

In 2008, Geddes received the Kappa Omicron Nu/Human Ecology Alumni Association Student Advising Award. His published work has appeared in the *American Economic Review*, the *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, the *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, the *Journal of Legal Studies*, the *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, the *Journal of Law and Economics*, the *Journal of Law, Economics, and Policy*, and *Managerial and Decision Economics*, among others.

Professional

Current Professional Activities

My current professional activities include conducting research on state-level public-private partnership enabling laws, on new types of public-private partnerships designed to increase investment in U.S. infrastructure, on the state-level drivers of investment in transportation infrastructure, and on state laws that enhanced women's economic rights.

Research

Current Research Activities

Geddes' current research focuses on policies facilitating private investment in the renovation and construction of U.S. transportation infrastructure through public-private partnerships. He is examining the drivers of a state's decision to pass a law encouraging private infrastructure investment, known as a PPP enabling law, and the drivers of the favorability of those laws to private investment. He is also studying policies that have been effective in attracting private infrastructure investment in other countries, such as Australia. Geddes published a book in 2011 on policy towards private infrastructure investment in the United States.

Additional research interests include the economics of postal services and women's economic rights. Regarding women's economic rights, Geddes is examining the effects of historical changes in state laws affecting married women, which include such changes as the granting of property rights, the right to market earnings, and the right to own a business, on various outcomes such as women's literacy and schooling.

Extension

Education

Education

PhD 1991 - University of Chicago, Economics

MA 1988 - University of Chicago, Economics

BS 1984 - Towson State University, Economics and Finance

Courses

Courses Taught

PAM 3340: Corporations, Shareholders, and Policy

PAM 2000: Intermediate Microeconomics

PAM 3400: Economics of Consumer Policy

PAM 4330: Topics in Corporations and Policy

PAM 2470: Government and the Marketplace

Websites

Related Websites

http://www.human.cornell.edu/pam/people/RRG_book_page.cfm

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Administration

Administrative Responsibilities

Member, special PAM Ad Hoc Committee on the formation of a Masters in Public Policy

PAM representative to the Faculty Senate, 2011

Publications

Selected Publications

The Road to Renewal: Private Investment in U.S. Transportation Infrastructure, (Washington, DC: AEI Press) 2011.

“Pricing by State-Owned Enterprises: The Case of Postal Services” *Managerial and Decision Economics* 29: 575-591 (2008). [[abstract](#)]

“Real Estate Brokerage and E-Commerce: A Framework for Empirical Analysis,” *Journal of Law, Economics, and Policy* 3:2 (Spring 2007) 365-384.

"Policy Watch: Reform of the U.S. Postal Service," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 19:3 (Summer 2005) 217-232. [[abstract](#)]

"The Gains from Self-Ownership and the Expansion of Women's Rights", *American Economic Review* 92:4 (September 2002). [[abstract](#)]

"CEO Tenure, Board Composition, and Regulation", *Journal of Regulatory Economics*, 21:2 (2002) 217-235. [[abstract](#)]

"The Rule of One-Third", *Journal of Legal Studies* 31:1 (January 2002) 119-137. [[abstract](#)]

"Public Utilities," in Gerrit De Geest and Boudewijn Bouckaert, (eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, Vol. III: The Regulation of Contracts, London: Edward Elgar (2000) 1162-1205.