

## Michael T. Tasto, Ph.D.

### Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor Department of Finance & Economics  
Member

- University Assessment Committee (2008-2009, 2009-2010)
- University Honors Program (2008-2009, 2009-2010)



### Program Affiliations

Faculty Finance & Economics

### Education

Ph.D. 2007 Georgia State University, Economics  
MA 2006 Georgia State University, Economics  
BA 2001 St. John's University, Economics

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### Summary Profile

My primary research field of interest is Urban and Regional Economics.

**Interests** My current research projects include examining the spatial analysis of competition by states to recruit firms and the median voter hypothesis using non-parametric estimation.

### Administrative Appointments

Faculty Advisor Capoeira Club 2008-2010

### Current Scholarship

Author	Spatial Competition to Recruit Firms by States in the US	2007
Co-Author	A Direct Test of Direct Democracy: New England Town Meetings	2008
Co-Author	Alternative Measures of a State's Effort to Recruit Firms	2008
Co-Author	A Spatial Analysis of Special Interest Groups in the US	2008
Co-Author	An Examination of Convenient Care Clinics	2009

## **Courses Taught**

ECO 201: Microeconomics (undergraduate) – face-to-face and online

ECO 202: Macroeconomics (undergraduate) – face-to-face and online

ECO 335: Urban and Regional Economics (undergraduate)

MBA 502: Economics for Business (graduate)

## **Selected Publications**

Independent Cities and Counties in Virginia:  
Substitute Jurisdictions?

with Geoffrey K. Turnbull. 2008 *Urban Studies*. Vol. 45.  
No. 1. pp. 53-66.