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2010–2012 **Visiting Scholar**, Regulatory Studies Center, George Washington University, Washington, DC

2009–2012 **Senior Economist**, U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Railroad Administration, Washington, DC

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Education

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2017–2025 Board of Advisors, Esper, Inc. – Regulatory data and policymaking technology

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- 2026 **Regulations as Infrastructure – THRED Talks Presentation**
- 2026 **Regulating Transportation Networks (Hoover Institution virtual panel — organizer and panelist)**

- 2026 **Regulatory Crosswinds: Can the US and EU Stay Aligned? — presentation, GW Regulatory Studies Center**
- 2026 **THRED Talks at SAMCEDA's 73rd Annual Meeting**
- 2026 **Small Business Administration Webinar on Policy/Regulatory Interventions Targeting the Wrong Margin**
- 2026 **Computational Law as a Blueprint for AI Reasoning (CodeX FutureLaw 2026, Stanford Law School — panelist)**
- 2026 **Ridiculous Regs and How to Stop Them – Solutions Summit Panel**
- 2025 **ALEC Regulatory Reform Academy (Billings, Montana)**
- 2025 **SIEPR Workshop on Budget Analysis and Public Policy – Patrick McLaughlin Presentation**
- 2025 **Invited Talk at Heritage on Economics of Regulation/Deregulation**
- 2010 **Environmental Liability and Stewardship in Railroad Stock Prices**

Congressional & Legislative Testimony (21)

- 2026 **Regulatory Reform in Louisiana: An Opportunity for Greater Economic Growth.** Patrick McLaughlin testified before the Louisiana House Special Committee on Regulatory Reform, presenting research on the economic costs of Louisiana's regulatory accumulation and recommending reform models based on examples from Virginia, Idaho, and British Columbia. The testimony drew on peer-reviewed work quantifying how regulatory growth slows GDP and harms households, and previewed findings from an upcoming Pelican Institute report modeling the economic gains from reducing Louisiana's regulatory stock by 10–40 percent.
- 2025 **Regulatory Reform in Wisconsin: An Opportunity for Greater Economic Growth.** Testimony before the Wisconsin Senate Committee on Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs and the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Government Operations, Accountability, and Transparency.
- 2025 **The Relationship Between Regulation and Productivity.** Testimony before the United States Joint Economic Committee.
- 2025 **The Economics of Deregulation.** Testimony before the United States House Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust.
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- 2018 **The Regressive Effects of Federal Regulation and a Roadmap for Reform.**
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- 2016 **Regulations Contribute to Poverty.** Testimony before the United States House Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial, and Antitrust Law.
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