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### ***EDUCATION***

Haverford College, Haverford, Pa.: B.A., 1968

University of Missouri-Kansas City: M.A. (Economics), 1972

University of Wisconsin-Madison: Ph.D. (Economics), 1978

Major Field: Public Finance

Minor Fields: Urban and Regional Planning; Labor Economics

### ***PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE***

Partner, Fisher, Sheehan and Colton, Public Finance and General Economics, 1985 to date.

Professor, Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning, The University of Iowa. August 1997 to date.

Associate Professor, Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning, The University of Iowa. August 1983 to August 1997.

Chair, Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning, The University of Iowa. July 1985 to Dec. 1988; July 1990 to June 1992.

Assistant Professor and Instructor, Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning, The University of Iowa. August, 1997 to August 1983.

### ***TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS***

State and Local Public Finance  
Poverty and Welfare Policy  
Urban and Regional Economics  
State and Local Economic Development Policy  
Development Finance  
Capital Facilities Planning

**BOOK**

Peter Fisher and Alan Peters. *Industrial Incentives: Competition Among American States and Cities*. Kalamazoo, MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, 1998.

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Peter Fisher and Alan Peters. "Measuring Tax and Incentive Competition: What is the Best Yardstick?" *Regional Studies* vol. 31, no. 8 (November, 1997): pp. 751-764.

Peter Fisher and Alan Peters. "Tax and Spending Incentives and Enterprise Zones." Invited paper for the symposium, "The Effects of State and Local Public Policies on Economic Development," Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, November 8, 1996. Published in the *New England Economic Review*, March/April 1997, pp. 109-130. Reprinted in *State Tax Notes* (Tax Analysts), vol. 12, no. 26 (June 30, 1997), pp. 1959-1976.

Alan Peters and Peter Fisher. "Do High Unemployment Places Offer the Biggest Business Incentives?" *Economic Development Quarterly* vol. 11, no. 2 (May 1997): pp. 107-122.

Peter Fisher and Alan Peters. "Taxes, Incentives and Competition for Investment." *The Region* (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis), Vol. 10, No. 2 (June 1996), pp. 52-57.

Alan Peters and Peter Fisher. "Measuring the Competitiveness of State and Local Economic Development Incentives." *Computers, Environment and Urban Systems*. Vol. 19, No. 4 (1995): pp. 261-274.

James Throgmorton and Peter Fisher. "Institutional Change and Electric Power in the City of Chicago." *Journal of Economic Issues*. Vol. 27, No. 1 (March 1993): pp. 117-152.

Peter Fisher. "The Strange Career of Marginal Cost Pricing." *Journal of Economic Issues*. Vol. 25, No. 1 (March 1991): pp. 77-92.

Peter Fisher. "Response to 'Product Development Corporations and State Economic Development: The Importance of R & D Spillovers,' by Timothy J. Bartik." *Economic Development Quarterly*. Vol. 3, No. 4 (November 1989): pp. 329-330.

Peter Fisher. "Product Development Corporations and State Economic Development." *Economic Development Quarterly*. Vol. 2, No. 4 (November 1988): pp. 303-315.

Peter Fisher. "State Venture Capital Funds as an Economic Development Strategy." *Journal of the American Planning Association*. Vol. 54, No. 2 (April 1988): pp. 166-177.

Peter Fisher. "Absentee Ownership of Farm Land and State-Local Tax Policy." *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*. Vol. 47, No. 1 (January 1988): pp. 29-40.

Roger Colton and Peter Fisher. "Public Inducement of Local Economic Development: Legal Constraints on Government Equity Funding Programs." *Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law*. Vol. 31 (1987): pp. 45-75.

Peter Fisher. "Corporate Tax Incentives: The American Version of Industrial Policy." *Journal of Economic Issues*. Vol. 19, No. 1 (March 1985): pp. 1-19.

Andrew Isserman and Peter Fisher. "Population Forecasting and Local Economic Planning: The Limits on Community Control Over Uncertainty." *Population Research and Policy Review*. Vol. 3 (1984): pp. 27-50.

Peter Fisher. "The Role of the Public Sector in Local Development Finance: Evaluating Alternative Institutional Arrangements." *Journal of Economic Issues*. Vol. 17, No. 1 (March, 1983): pp. 133-153.

Peter Fisher. "Introduction: Public Policy and the Urbanization of Farmland." *International Regional Science Review*. Vol. 7, No. 3 (December 1982): pp. 249-256.

Peter Fisher. "Regional Tax Base Sharing: An Analysis and Simulation of Alternative Approaches." *Land Economics*. Vol. 58, No. 4 (November 1982): pp. 497-515.

David Forkenbrock and Peter Fisher. "Tax Incentives for Farmland Preservation." *Policy Studies Journal*. Vol. 11, No. 1 (September 1982): pp. 25-37.

Peter Fisher. "Alternative Institutional Structures for State and Local Government Ownership of Railroads." *The Logistics and Transportation Review*. Vol. 18, No. 3 (Sept. 1982): pp. 235-254.

Peter Fisher. "Economics and the Education of Planners." *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. Vol. 1, No. 2 (Winter 1982): pp. 72-77.

Peter Fisher. "State Equalizing Aids and Metropolitan Tax Base Sharing: A Comparative Analysis." *Public Finance Quarterly*. Vol. 9, No. 4 (October 1981): pp. 449-470.

Peter Fisher and Michael Sheehan. "Possibilities for Local Public and Cooperative Ownership of Short Line Railroads." *Transportation Research Record*. Number 802 (1981): pp. 70-77.

Peter Fisher. "Investment Tax Credits, Capital Gains Taxation, and the Reindustrialization of the American Economy." *Journal of Economic Issues*. Vol. 15, No. 3 (Sept. 1981): pp. 769-773.

Peter Fisher. "Adjustments for Household Size in Property Tax Circuit-Breaker Programs." *National Tax Journal*. Vol. 33, No. 2 (June 1980): pp. 161-170.

### **CHAPTERS IN BOOKS**

Peter Fisher and William Lucy. "Budgeting and Financing." Chapter 16 in *The Practice of Local Government Planning*. Edited by Frank So, Linda Dalton, and Charles Hoch. Chicago: International City Management Association. Under final editorial review; publication expected in 1999.

Alan Peters and Peter Fisher. "Modeling State and Local Corporate Tax and Incentive Regimes with VBA and MapBasic." In *Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Computers in Urban Planning and Management*. Edited by Ray Wyatt and Hemayet Hossain. Melbourne, Australia., 1995.

Peter Fisher. "The Economic Context of Community Centered Practice: Markets, Communities, and Social Policy." Chapter 2, pp. 41-58, in *Reinventing Human Services: Community- and Family-Centered Practice*. Edited by Paul Adams and Kristine Nelson. New York: Aldine de Gruyter, 1995.

Peter Fisher. "Tax Theory and Policy." Pages 305-309 in *The Elgar Companion to Institutional and Evolutionary Economics L-Z*. Aldershot, England: Edward Elgar Publishing, 1994.

Peter Fisher, Warren Samuels, and Larry Wade. "Taxing and Spending Policy." Chapter 20, pp. 507-21, in the *Encyclopedia of Policy Studies*. Stuart Nagel, editor. New York: Marcel Dekker, 1994.

Peter Fisher. "Connecticut's New Product Development Corporation." Chapter 7 (pages 101-122) in *Financing Economic Development*. Richard Bingham, Edward Hill and Sammis White, editors. Newbury Park, CA: Sage, 1990.

Peter Fisher. "Risk Capital and Rural Development." Pages 130-148 in *Towards Rural Development Policy for the 1990's: Enhancing Income and Employment Opportunities*. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. Sept. 14, 1989. Presented at a symposium sponsored by the Congressional Research Service at the request of the Joint Economic Committee, Washington, D.C., September 29 and 30, 1988.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Alan Peters and Peter Fisher. "Corporate Tax Comparisons." Research under contract with the Iowa Department of Economic Development, February, 1997 - December, 1998.

Peter Fisher and Alan Peters. "State Enterprise Zone Programs: Have They Worked?" Research being conducted under a grant from the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

### **REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Alan Peters and Peter Fisher. *The Ohio Enterprise Zone Program: Results and Analysis Using the TAIM Model*. Report prepared as part of the Ohio Economic Development Study, Cleveland State University, for the State of Ohio. February 16, 1998.

Peter Fisher. *An Economic Analysis of the AFDC \$1,500 Motor Vehicle Equity Limit*. Prepared for Greater Upstate Law Project, Albany, New York, July, 1994.

Peter Fisher. *A Critique of the U.S.D.A. Rule Disallowing Depreciation Expense for Self-Employed Food Stamp Recipients*. Prepared for Pine Tree Legal Assistance, Inc., Augusta Maine. November, 1993.

Peter Fisher (principal investigator), John Else, John Craft, and Martin Tracy. *A Profile of AFDC Recipients in Iowa: Results of a Survey*. Report commissioned by the Iowa Department of Human Services, Des Moines, Iowa. January, 1991.

David Osterberg, Peter Fisher, Skip Laitner, and Michael Sheehan. *A Preliminary Assessment of the Local Economic and Fiscal Impacts of a National Forest in Southern Iowa*. Report prepared for the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. January, 1990.

Peter Fisher (project coordinator and principal author), David Forkenbrock, Thomas Pogue and Martin Tracy. *Welfare Reform in Iowa: Options and Opportunities*. Report commissioned and published by the Iowa Business Council, Des Moines, Iowa. January 1989. 98 pp.

Peter Fisher, Michael Sheehan and Roger Colton. *Public/Private Enterprise as an Economic Development Strategy for States and Cities*. Final Report prepared for U.S. Economic Development Administration. July, 1986.

Michael Sheehan, Peter Fisher, David Osterberg et al. *The Future of Pork Packing in Monmouth*. Prepared for the City of Monmouth, Illinois under a grant from the Illinois Development Finance Authority, June, 1986.

Peter S. Fisher. "Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Dr. Peter S. Fisher on Behalf of the City of Keokuk." In Re: Union Electric Company, Docket No. RPU-85-9. Testimony before the Iowa State Commerce Commission. July, 1985.

Peter Fisher. *An Evaluation of Selected State Taxes and Property Tax Credits in Iowa*.

Prepared for the Iowa State Education Association, November, 1984.

Peter Fisher. *State Policies to Facilitate the Financing of Infrastructure in Iowa*. Report published by the Legislative Extended Assistance Group of the State of Iowa, February 1984.

Peter Fisher. *Land Values and Public Policies on the Urban Fringe: Theory and a Case Study*. Institute of Urban and Regional Research, Final Report No. 38. For the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. August 1983.

Peter Fisher. *Public Service Provision on the Urban Fringe: A Case Study of Development Patterns and Infrastructure Staging*. Institute of Urban and Regional Research, Final Report No. 33. For the National Science Foundation. March 1983.

Mickey Lauria and Peter Fisher. *Plant Closings in Iowa: Causes, Consequences and Legislative Options*. Published by the Institute of Urban and Regional Research, The University of Iowa, for the Legislative Extended Assistance Group of the State of Iowa, December 1982.

Peter Fisher. *Assessing the Fiscal Impacts of Residential Development: A Critique of Methods*. Working Paper No. 38, Institute of Urban and Regional Research, The University of Iowa, July, 1981.

Peter Fisher and Michael Sheehan. *Municipal and Cooperative Operation of Branch Railroad Lines in Iowa: Two Alternatives to Abandonment*. Published by the Institute of Urban and Regional Research, The University of Iowa, for the Legislative Environmental Advisory Group of the State of Iowa, December 1980.

David Forkenbrock and Peter Fisher. *Tax Incentive Options to Slow Farmland Conversion in Iowa*. Published by the Institute of Urban and Regional Research, The University of Iowa, for the Legislative Environmental Advisory Group of the State of Iowa, 1979.

Peter Fisher. *Land Use Controls and the Costs of Urban Fringe Development*. Published by the Institute of Urban and Regional Research, The University of Iowa, for the Legislative Environmental Advisory Group of the State of Iowa, 1979.

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Peter Fisher. *Circuit-Breaker Property Tax Relief Programs: An Analysis of Their*

*Rationale and Design.* Ph.D. dissertation, The University of Wisconsin, Department of Economics, 1978.

Peter Fisher. *An Examination of the Desirability of a Local Income Tax for Wisconsin.* State-Local Finance: Occasional Papers. Published by the Department of Revenue of the State of Wisconsin, 1976.

### ***SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS***

Peter Fisher and Alan Peters. "Intrastate Tax Competition and State Policy." Presented in the National Tax Association session on state and local policies toward economic development, Allied Social Science Association Meetings, Chicago, January 1998.

"The Role of U.S. States in Targeting Economic Development Incentives." Presented at the ACSP-AESOP Joint International Congress, Toronto, July 1996.

"Industrial Incentives: The Pattern of Competition Among U.S. States and Cities." Presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, New York, March 1996.

"Assessing the Magnitude of State and Local Economic Development Incentives: How to Build a Better Yardstick." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Phoenix, November 1994.

"Poor People, Poor Cities." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Philadelphia, October 1993.

### ***RESEARCH PROPOSALS FUNDED***

Peter Fisher and Alan Peters. "State Enterprise Zone Programs: Have They Worked?" Funded by the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. September 1997 through August 1998.

Alan Peters and Peter Fisher, Co-Principal Investigators. "Development of a Corporate Tax Comparison Software Program (TAIM<sup>2</sup>)." Iowa Department of Economic Development, under the auspices of the Iowa Research Council. Phases I and II: February, 1997 through February, 1998; Phase III: July, 1998 through June, 1999.

Peter Fisher and Alan Peters, Co-Principal Investigators. "The Spatial Distribution of Competitive Economic Development Incentives." W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, June 1993-July 1995.

Peter Fisher, Principal Investigator. "Demographic Study of the Welfare Population in Iowa." Iowa Dept. of Human Services. July, 1990 through February, 1991.

Peter Fisher, Principal Investigator. "Welfare Reform in Iowa." Iowa Business Council, Des Moines, Iowa. January 1988 through January 1989.

Peter Fisher and Michael Sheehan, Principal Investigators. "Public/Private Enterprise as an Economic Development Strategy for States and Cities." U.S. Economic Development Administration, September 1984 through July, 1986.

Peter Fisher, Principal Investigator. "State Policies to Facilitate the Financing of Infrastructure in Iowa." Legislative Extended Assistance Group of the State of Iowa, July - December, 1983.

Peter Fisher, Principal Investigator. "Land Values and Public Policies on the Urban Fringe." Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, MA, January 1982 through February 1983.

Peter S. Fisher, Principal Investigator. "Public Service Provision on the Urban Fringe." National Science Foundation, July 1980 through July 1982.

Peter Fisher and Michael Sheehan, Co-principal Investigators. "Municipal and Cooperative Operation of Branch Railroad Lines in Iowa." Legislative Environmental Advisory Group of the State of Iowa, June - December 1980.

David Forkenbrock and Peter S. Fisher, Co-Principal Investigators. "Tax Incentive Options to Slow Farmland Conversion in Iowa." Legislative Environmental Advisory Group of the State of Iowa, July - December, 1979.

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### ***PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS***

National Tax Association  
Association for Evolutionary Economics  
Association for Institutional Thought