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BIOGRAPHY

- Economist focusing on the political economy of entrepreneurship and new technologies.
- Published 3 peer-reviewed journal articles, 1 book chapter and 6 conference proceedings.
- Holds PhD in economics focusing on the institutional economics of entrepreneurial discovery.
- Forthcoming edited volume on *Australia's Red Tape Crisis* (under contract).
- Appeared as expert witness before both state and federal parliamentary inquiries.
- Cited in parliamentary committees and the Productivity Commission over 10 times.
- Editor of Australia's longest quarterly magazine on politics and culture, the *IPA Review*.
- Influenced policy through widespread commentary and research findings in the media.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2013—2017:

PhD, School of Economics, Finance and Marketing, RMIT University, Melbourne.

- Thesis 'passed outright'.
- Examined as a 'first-rate piece of research' and 'well written, carefully organized, and lucid.'
- Doctoral thesis: *The Private Governance of Entrepreneurship: An Institutional Approach to Entrepreneurial Discovery*.
- Developed a contract-theoretic institutional approach to entrepreneurial discovery, and placed findings within a subjective political economy framework.

2009—2012:

Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) with First Class Honours, RMIT University, Melbourne.

- First Class Honours
- GPA 3.9/4.0
- Honours thesis: *Real Business Cycles: Stylised Facts for Australia*.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2014—

Research Fellow, Institute of Public Affairs, Melbourne.

- Wrote and directed research reports and submissions on topics including technology policy, education, criminal justice and regulatory processes.
- Member of IPA Research Committee, including determining research priorities, approving reports, quality management and mentoring.

- Demonstrated impact through appearances as expert witness before four parliamentary inquiries (at both federal and state level).
 - Researcher on joint project quantifying regulatory burden with the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia.
 - Research and commentary across state and national media through live radio appearances, opinion pieces and front page research coverage.
- 2017— **Editor, *IPA Review*, Institute of Public Affairs, Melbourne.**
- Editorship of the *IPA Review*, Australia's longest running quarterly magazine on politics.
 - Timely commissioning of articles within a set budget.
 - Management of a team of internal and external writers, editors, designers and printers.
- 2014 **Research Assistant (Cultural science), RMIT University, Melbourne.**
- Research assistance on a project on cultural science.
- 2013—14 **Research Assistant (3D printing and the law), Swinburne Institute for Social Research.**
- Published a peer-reviewed journal article on 3D printing.
 - Assisted in the planning and execution of a seminar at Swinburne University.
 - Presented academic research at the Inside 3D Printing conference.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015 **Tutor, 'Development Economics', RMIT University.**
- 2014 **Tutor, 'Prices and Markets', RMIT University.**

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Represented RMIT at the Australian PhD Business Conference at the University of Queensland.
- Winner of RMIT College of Business Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition.
- Australian Research Council (ARC) PhD Scholarship.
- Australian Postgraduate Award, RMIT University.
- Vice-Chancellor's List for Academic Excellence.
- Economics and Finance Honours Scholarship based on Academic Merit, RMIT University.
- RMIT LEAD recognition for contribution to student life and leadership 2012.
- RMIT scholarship to study in Vietnam.

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PEER REVIEWED CONTRIBUTIONS

1. **Allen, DWE** and Berg, C (forthcoming), 'Subjective political economy', *New Perspectives on Political Economy*.
2. **Allen, DWE** (forthcoming), 'Red tape reduction policies in Australia', in Allen, DWE and Berg C (eds.), *Australia's Red Tape Crisis*, Conor Court Publishing.

3. **Allen, DWE** and Potts, J 2016, 'How the innovation commons contributes to the development and discovery of new technologies', *International Journal of the Commons*, vol. 10, no. 2, pp. 1035-54. (Impact Factor: 1.68)
4. MacDonald, TJ, **Allen, DWE** and Potts, J 2016, 'Blockchains and the boundaries of self-organized economies: predictions for the future of banking', In P Tasca, T Aste, L Pelizzon, and N Perony (eds.), *Banking Beyond Banks and Money: A Guide to Banking Services in the Twenty-First Century*. Cham: Springer International Publishing, pp. 279-96.
5. Moilanen, J, Daly, A, Lobato, R and **Allen, DWE** 2014, 'Cultures of sharing in 3D printing: What can we learn from the licence choices of Thingiverse users?' *Journal of Peer Production* 6.

BOOKS (AS EDITOR)

1. **Allen, DWE** and Berg, C (eds., under contract, forthcoming 2017), *Australia's Red Tape Crisis*, Connor Court Publishing, Brisbane, Australia.

BOOK PROPOSALS UNDER REVIEW

1. **Allen, DWE**, Lane, AML and Berg, C, *Cryptodemocracy*, Proposal under review at Lexington Books Series on Polycentricity: Studies in Institutional Diversity and Voluntary Governance.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

1. Potts, J, **Allen, DWE** and MacDonald, TJ, *Keep your friends close, your enemies closer: the case for inclusive innovation policy*. Under review at the International Journal of Technology and Globalization.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. **Allen, DWE**, Berg, C, Lane, AM and Potts, J 2017, 'The economics of crypto-democracy', Presented at *Linked Democracy: AI for Democratic Innovation, 26th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, 19 August, 2017.
2. **Allen, DWE** and Potts, J 2016, 'The origin of the entrepreneur and the innovation commons' Presented at the *86th Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association Conference*, Washington, D.C. 19-21 November, 2016.
3. **Allen, DWE** 2015, 'Governing innovation: asset specificity, opportunism, and the fundamental transformation', Presented at the *28th PhD Conference in Business and Economics*, University of Queensland, 11-13 November, 2015.
4. **Allen, DWE** 2015, 'The innovation fundamental transformation', *RMIT University Research Seminar*, 2015.
5. **Allen, DWE** 2015, 'The entrepreneurial problem of the blockchain', *Sydney Blockchain Workshops*, 2015.
6. **Allen, DWE** and Potts, J 2015, 'The innovation commons – why it exists, what it does, who it benefits and how', Presented at the *International Association for the Study of the Commons Biannual Global Conference*, Edmonton, Canada, 25-29 May, 2015.

APPEARANCES AS EXPERT WITNESS BEFORE PARLIAMENT

1. Senate Committee on Red Tape, *Environmental Assessments and Approvals*, 22 August 2017, Perth.
2. Senate Committee on Red Tape, *The Effect of Red Tape on the Sale, Supply and Taxation of Alcohol*, 24 February 2017, Sydney.
3. Senate Standing Committee on Economics, *Inquiry into Criminal, Civil and Administrative Penalties into White Collar Crime*, 6 December 2016, Melbourne.

4. Victorian Standing Committee on Economy and Infrastructure, *Inquiry into Ride Sourcing Services*, 8 September 2016, Melbourne.

WORKING PAPERS

1. **Allen, DWE**, *Discovering and developing the blockchain cryptoeconomy*. Available at SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2815255
2. **Allen, DWE**, *Hackerspaces as entrepreneurial anarchy*. Available at SSRN: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2749016
3. **Allen, DWE**, *The subjective political economy of the innovation commons*. Available at SSRN: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2872498

SELECTED RESEARCH REPORTS AND SUBMISSIONS TO GOVERNMENT

1. Begg, M, **Allen, DWE** and Wild, D 2017, 'Decentralising the protection of Australian threatened species', *IPA Occasional Paper* (covered exclusively on page 2 of *The Australian*).
2. **Allen, DWE** and Wild, D 2017, 'Submission to the Senate Inquiry into Environmental Assessments and Approvals', *IPA Submission* (cited in Senate Red Tape Committee report).
3. **Allen, DWE**, Berg, C, and Fraser, J 2017, 'Liquor Licensing Red Tape on Australian Businesses' *IPA Occasional Paper* (cited in Senate Red Tape Committee report).
4. **Allen, DWE** 2016, 'The Case for Cutting Red Tape on Drones', *IPA Occasional Paper*. (covered exclusively in *The Australian*).
5. **Allen, DWE**, Wild, D and Hogan, B 2016, 'On Regulation, Productivity and Growth: Reforms to Make Australia More Prosperous', *IPA Occasional Paper* (cited in final Productivity Commission report).
6. **Allen, DWE**, Berg, C, Novak, M and Wild, D 2016, 'Submission to the Productivity Commission Draft Report of the Regulation of Agriculture' *IPA Submission* (cited in final Productivity Commission report).
7. **Allen, DWE** and Novak, M 2016, 'Ten Red Tape Initiatives for the Next Australian Government', *IPA Occasional Paper*.
8. **Allen, DWE** and Berg, C 2016, 'Submission to the Senate Inquiry into White Collar Crime Penalties', *IPA Submission* (covered in the *Australian Financial Review*, cited in final Senate Committee report).
9. **Allen, DWE**, Berg, C and Breheny, S 2016, 'Submission relating to the Vegetation Management (Reinstatement) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2016', *IPA Submission*.
10. **Allen, DWE** and Potts, J 2015, 'Innovation Strangled by Red Tape', Submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Business Set-up, Transfer and Closure, *IPA Submission*.
11. Stanley, V, **Allen, DWE**, Lane, AML 2014, 'Freedom to Teach: A Research Report on the Work and Conditions of Teachers in Australia' *IPA Occasional Paper* (covered on the front page of *The Australian*).
12. **Allen, DWE** and Berg, C 2014, 'The Sharing Economy: How Over-Regulation Could Destroy an Economic Revolution', *IPA Occasional Paper* (covered in *The Australian*).

SELECTED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 'Towards a classically liberal innovation policy', The Australian Libertarian Society, Sydney, 2017.
- 'Innovation, entrepreneurship and regulation', ANZSFL Annual Conference, Melbourne, 2015.
- 'Regulation and new technologies', Australian Libertarian Society Annual Conference, Sydney, 2015.
- 'Cultures of sharing and Thingiverse', Inside 3D Printing Annual Conference, Melbourne, 2014.
- '3D printing, disruption and the law', Swinburne Institute for Social Research Interdisciplinary Seminar, 2014.

OTHER SELECTED ARTICLES

- Bushnell, A, and Allen, **DWE 2017**, Collared, *IPA Review* 69(2).
- **Allen, DWE 2017**, Too much regulation clips wings of innovation, *The Australian*, 19 May 2017.
- **Allen, DWE 2017**, Trumping architecture, *IPA Review* 69(1).
- **Allen, DWE 2017**, Taxi license compensation sends the wrong message, *Herald Sun*, 14 February 2017.
- **Allen, DWE 2016**, Red tape hampers resources recovery, *The West Australian*, 7 October 2016.
- **Allen, DWE 2016**, Civilised economics, *IPA Review* 68(4).
- **Allen, DWE 2016**, Cut green and red tape to drive more growth in farming sector, *Mercury*, 31 July 2016.
- **Allen, DWE 2016**, Let's get rid of this suffocating bureaucracy, *The Weekly Times*, 8 June 2016.
- **Allen, DWE 2015**, New money, *IPA Review* 67(3).
- Hannaford, P and **Allen, DWE**, 2015, Freedom works, *IPA Review* 67(1).
- **Allen, DWE 2015**, New laws will impact Sydney apartment sizes, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 4 May 2015.

REFERENCES

Academic and professional references available on request.