
Human asset transfers: Finke to American College, Webb to New School

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Michael Finke, the widely published financial planning professor, is moving to The American College and Anthony Webb, an economist specializing in retirement income, is moving to the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis at the New School in New York.

Michael Finke, Ph.D., a professor and Director of Retirement Planning and Living in the Department of Personal Financial Planning at Texas Tech University, has been named Dean and Chief Academic Officer at The American College of Financial Services in Bryn Mawr, PA. will assume his new duties this summer.

Finke has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles since joining the Texas Tech faculty. His research questioning the 4% rule in the *Journal of Financial Planning* with The American College professor, Dr. Wade Pfau, won the 2014 Montgomery Warschauer Award for the most influential article in the *Journal of Financial Planning*.

In addition to conducting research and advising students, Dr. Finke writes the monthly “Finke on Finance” column for *Research Magazine* in which he uses research to help professionals understand timely industry topics. He has also worked on white paper research projects for companies including Northwestern Mutual, OneAmerica, MetLife, the Society of Actuaries, and TIAA-CREF.

Dr. Finke received a doctorate in consumer economics from The Ohio State University in 1998 and in finance from the University of Missouri in 2011. He also served as the director of graduate studies at the University of Missouri. Since 2006, Dr. Finke has directed the Ph.D. program at the Texas Tech University Department of Personal Financial Planning.

Anthony (Tony) Webb, Ph.D. is moving to the Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis (SCEPA) in the economics department of the New School in New York. He will serve as Research Director of SCEPA’s Retirement Equity Lab (ReLab), effective March 1, 2016.

Webb is moving to the New School from his current position as senior research economist at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College. He has also served as a senior research analyst at the International Longevity Center.

At SCEPA, Webb will manage the ReLab research team, produce original research on the

retirement crisis, and oversee ReLab's support of retirement reform at the local, state, and federal levels.

Webb holds a doctorate in economics from the University of California, San Diego. He has studied the impact of pension type on the retirement age, the financing of long-term care, and the management of the asset decumulation process, with a focus on quantifying the magnitude of the retirement savings crisis and to "refute the claims of the retirement crisis deniers."

ReLab, led by economist and retirement expert Teresa Ghilarducci, researches the causes and consequences of the downward mobility in retirement that millions of Americans will face. The Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis (SCEPA) is an economic policy think tank.

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