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EDUCATION

University of British Columbia

PhD, Economics

Vancouver, BC

Completed 2013

University of Calgary

MA, Economics

Calgary, AB

Completed 2007

University of Calgary

BA Honors, Economics

Calgary, AB

Completed 2006

APPOINTMENTS

University of Victoria

Department of Economics

July 2013 – Present

British Columbia, Canada

- Professor, July 1, 2024 - Ongoing
- Associate Professor, July 1 2021 - June 30 2024
- Assistant Professor, July 1 2014 - June 30 2021
- Lecturer, July 1 2013 – June 30 2014

National Bureau of Economic Research

Research Institute

April 2024 – Present

Cambridge, MA, USA

- Research Associate

Global Labor Organization (GLO)

Research and Policy Institute

April 2023 – Present

Maastricht, Netherlands

- Fellow

IZA Institute of Labor Economics

Research Institute

February 2019 – Present

Bonn, Germany

- IZA Research Fellow

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Center for Indian Country Development

August 2018 – August 2022

Minneapolis, MN

- Research Fellow August 2018 – August 2022
- Research Economist until August 2020

Stanford University

Hoover Institute

November 2019 – November 2020

Stanford, CA

- Campbell Fellow

University of Minnesota

Department of Economics

January 2020 - May 2020

Minneapolis, MN

- Adjunct Associate Professor

Areas: Indigenous economic development, economic history, labour economics, applied econometrics, race and the economy

Publications | *In Refereed Journals*

- “Nonbinary and Transgender Identities and Earnings: Evidence from a National Census,” (with Christopher Carpenter, Krishna Pendakur, and Casey Warman). *American Economic Review: Insights..* (Forthcoming, 2025).
- “Economic History and Indigenous Peoples in North America,” *Annual Review of Economics*. (Volume 17, August 2025), pp.479-509.[Invited]
- “The Distributional Impacts of Targeted Labour Market Programming: Evidence from the Aboriginal Skills and Employment Training Strategy” (with Kelly Foley and Maggie Jones) *The Journal of Human Resources*. (May, 2025). doi: <https://doi.org/10.3368/jhr.1122-12635R2>
- “Ka Mua, Ka Muri—Walking Backwards into the Future: Revitalising Indigenous Economies and Economies of Well-Being,” (with Suzie Greenhalgh, Jason Mika, Chris Alcantara, Shaun Awatere, Kendon Bell, kiri Dell, Donn Feir, Dustin Frye, Diane Jarvis, Taryn Kong, Kirsten Maclean, Cathy Robinson, Chellie Spiller, Rachel Wolfram, Emma Woodward). *Indigenous Business and Public Administration*. (Forthcoming, 2025).
- “Introduction to the Special Issue on LGBTQ+ Economics.” (with Button, Patrick, Christopher S. Carpenter) *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*. Volume 8, Issue 2 (2025): 105-108. [Introduction to Guest-Edited Special Issue].
- “Data Sovereignty and Development: How do Native Americans view data sharing by tribal governments?” (with Rachel Wellhausen) *Political Science and Politics*, Published online 2024:1-8. doi:10.1017/S1049096524000945.
- “Slaughter of the North American Bison and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” (with Rob Gillezeau and Maggie Jones) *Review of Economic Studies*. Volume 91, Issue 3, (May 2024): pp. 1634–1670 <https://doi.org/10.1093/restud/rdad060>
- “Policies for Other People: Reflections from an Economist on Research and Federal Government Indigenous Policy in Canada Post-1975” *Canadian Public Policy*. Volume 50, no. S1 (May 2024): pp. 36-61 <https://doi.org/10.3138/cpp.2023-051>.
- “Native American ‘Deaths of Despair’ and Economic Conditions,” (with Randall Akee, Marina Mileo Gorzig, and Samuel Myers Jr.) *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, (Volume 89, 2024) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rssm.2023.100880>
- “Temporal Trends in Mental Health in the United States by Gender Identity,” (with Samuel Mann). *American Journal of Public Health*, 114, no. 5 (May 1, 2024): pp. 523-526. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2024.307603>
- “Stakeholder Cues, National Origin, and Public Opinion Towards Firms: Evidence in the Context of the First Bank in an American Indian Nation,” (with Rachel Wellhausen and Calvin Thrall) *Business and Politics*. Published online 2024:1-26. doi:10.1017/bap.2023.29.
- “When Do Nations Tax? The Adoption of Property Tax Codes by First Nations in Canada,” (with Maggie Jones and David Scoones) *Public Choice*. (2023, p.1-34) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-022-01039-4>
- “Native Americans’ Experience of Chronic Distress in the USA,” (with David G. Blanchflower) *Journal of Population Economics* (2023, Vol. 36, Issue 2). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00148-022-00910-4>.
- “The Tribal Digital Divide: Extent and Explanations” (with Matt Gregg and Anahid Bauer) (July 2021) *Telecommunications Policy* (2022, Volume 46, No. 9)
- “Indigenous Nations and the Development of the US Economy: Land, Resources, and Dispossession,” (with Ann Carlos and Angela Redish) *Journal of Economic History* (2022, Volume 82, No. 2)
- “Native American Age at Death in the United States,” (with Randall Akee, Marina Mileo Gorzig, Samuel Myers, Marium Navid, Olivia Matzke, Kai Tiede, Rachel Magennis) *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*. (2022, Volume 5, Issue 3)
- “Indian Residential Schools: Height, and Body Mass Post-1930,” (with Christopher Auld) *Canadian Journal of Economics*. (2021, Volume 54, Issue 1: p.126-163). Winner of the 2021 *Canadian Journal of Economics’* Harry Johnson Prize.)
- “Repaying a Debt? The Performance of Morrill Act University Beneficiaries as Measured by Native Enrollment and Graduation Rates,” (with Maggie Jones) *Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Journal*. (Invited, 2021, Volume 8, Number 1:129-138).
- “The Price of Mortgage Financing for Native Americans,” (with Laura Cattaneo) *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*.(2021, Volume 4, Issue 4: 302–319). Online: November 2020.
- “Gender Ratios on First Nations Reserves in Canada,” (with Randall Akee) *Canadian Studies in Population*. (April 2020: 1-15).

- "Introduction of Formal Child Care Services in Inuit Communities and Labour Force Outcomes" (with Jasmin Thomas) *Canadian Public Policy* (2019, Volume 45, Number 4: 428-459).
- "First People Lost: Determining the State of Status First Nations Mortality in Canada using Administrative Data," (with Randall Akee). *Canadian Journal of Economics* (2019 May, Volume 52, Number 2)
- "Return to the Homeland? The Impact of the Great Recession on Employment Outcomes and Labor Mobility for Native Americans," (with Rob Gillezeau) *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy* (2018, Volume 1, Issue 1, pp.1-15)
- "Estimating Institutionalization and Homelessness for Status Indians in Canada: A Method and Implications," (with Randall Akee). *International Indigenous Policy Journal* (2018, Volume 9, Number 4, pp.60-67)
- "Answering the Call: An Empirical Social Scientist's Guide to Reconciliation," (with Robert Hancock). *Canadian Public Policy* (September 2016, Vol. 42, No. 3, 350-365)
- "The Intergenerational Effect of Forcible Assimilation Policy on School Performance," *International Indigenous Policy Journal* (2016, Vol. 7, Iss. 3, 1-44)
- "The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools," *Canadian Journal of Economics* (2016, Vol. 49, No. 2, 433-480)
- "Weak Identification in Fuzzy Regression Discontinuity Designs," (with Vadim Marmer and Thomas Lemieux). *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*. (2016, Vol. 34, No. 2, 185-196. [Posted online April 2015])
- "Size, Structure, and Change: Exploring the Sources of Aboriginal Earnings Gaps in 1995 and 2005," *Canadian Public Policy* (2013, Vol. 32, No. 2, 309-334)

Publications | *In Selective Conference Proceedings*

- "American Indian Wealth in the Early 20th Century," (with Maggie Jones and Angela Redish) *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Volume 114, May 2024)
- "Law Enforcement Officers' Bills of Rights and Police Violence," (with Jamein P. Cunningham, Rob Gillezeau, Matthew Harvey, and Abdul Rad) *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Volume 112, May 2022)
- "The Distributional Impacts of Active Labor Market Programs for Indigenous Populations," (with Kelly Foley and Maggie Jones) *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Volume 111, May 2021)
- "Ownership and Trust in Banks: Evidence from the First Bank in an American Indian Nation," (with Rachel Wellhausen and Calvin Thrall) *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Volume 111, May 2021)
- "Secured Transactions Laws and Economic Development on American Indian Reservations," (with Christian Dippel, Bryan Leonard, and Marc Roark) *AEA Papers and Proceedings* (Volume 111, May 2021)

Publications | *Book Reviews*

- Review of: Kathleen DuVal. Native nations: A Millennium in North America. *The Journal of Economic History*. (June 2025) Forthcoming.
- Review of: Robin Wall Kimmerer. Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants; and The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World. *Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development*. (May 2025) Forthcoming.

Working Papers | *Under Review or in Revision*

- "Indigenous Nations at the Turn of the Twentieth Century: Evidence from the 1901 Canadian Census and the Report of the Department of Indian Affairs for 1900," (with Gillezeau, Jones, Inwood) September 2023. *Historical Methods*, December 2024. (Conditional Acceptance)

Working Papers

- "Institutional Drift, Property Rights, and Economic Development: Evidence from Historical Treaties," (with Maggie Jones and Rob Gillezeau) September 2023.
- "Historical Treaty-Making in Canada: Bargaining Power, Geography, and Networks," (with Maggie Jones and Rob Gillezeau) September 2023.
- "Why Mortgages Loans Cost More in Indian Country: Evidence from Confidential Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data," (with Matthew Gregg and Helen Willis Banga) August 2023.

Book Chapters

- "Leading the Way: First Nations in Canadian Fiscal Federalism," (with David Scoones). Chapter 11. *Fiscal Federalism in Canada: Analysis, Evaluation, Prescription*. Edited by André Lecours, Daniel Béland, Trevor Tombe, Eric Champagne. University of Toronto Press. (2023).

Book Reviews

- Kathleen DuVal. Native Nations: A Millennium in North America. *The Journal of Economic History*. (June 2025) Forthcoming.
- Robin Wall Kimmerer. Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants; and The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World. *Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development*. (June 2025) <https://doi.org/10.29173/jaed514> (joint with Dara Kelly and Chloe Price)

Online Articles

- “How do Native Americans view data sharing by tribal governments? Survey of Native Americans suggests willingness for their tribes to share data for economic benefit,” Center for Indian Country Development Article (July 20, 2023) (with Rachel Wellhausen) <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2023/how-do-native-americans-view-data-sharing-by-tribal-governments>
- “Labor Market Programs Delivered by Indigenous Organizations Improve Earnings,” Renewing Indigenous Economies Project (RIE) Article. (October 27, 2022) (with Maggie E.C. Jones and Kelly Foley). <https://www.hoover.org/research/labor-market-programs-delivered-indigenous-organizations-improve-earnings>
- “The returns to active labour market programmes for Indigenous populations,” VoxEU Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) Article. (August 30, 2022) (with Maggie E.C. Jones and Kelly Foley). <https://cepr.org/voxeu/columns/returns-active-labour-market-programmes-indigenous-populations>
- “Data from a Native CDFI yield new insights on wealth gap in Indian Country,” Center for Indian Country Development Article (August 3, 2022) (with Elijah Moreno and Lakota Vogel) <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2022/data-from-a-native-cdfi-yield-new-insights-on-wealth-gap-in-indian-country>
- “Native Americans consistently report more chronic distress than other groups,” Center for Indian Country Development Article (January 20, 2022) (with David G. Blanchflower) <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2022/native-americans-consistently-report-more-chronic-distress-than-other-groups>
- “Doing business in Indian Country,” Center for Indian Country Development Article (January 10, 2022) <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2022/doing-business-in-indian-country>
- “Unsettling Economics: Big Changes Since the Inaugural Conference ” Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples (October 29, 2021) (with Robert Hancock and Rob Gillezeau) <https://www.aeriecon.org/blog>
- “Center for Indian Country Development research reveals depth of tribal digital divide” Center for Indian Country Development Article (September 1, 2021) <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2021/center-for-indian-country-development-research-reveals-depth-of-tribal-digital-divide>
- “Overview of Research on Collective Bargaining Rights and Law Enforcement Officer’s Bills of Rights.” (with Jamein Cunningham and Rob Gillezeau) 2020. <https://craftmediabucket.s3.amazonaws.com/LEO>.
- “Indian Country small businesses face strong headwinds in COVID-19 recovery” Center for Indian Country Development Blog. (September 8, 2020). <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2020/indian-country-small-businesses-face-strong-headwinds-in-covid-19-recovery>
- “Native employment during COVID-19: Hit hard in April but starting to rebound” Center for Indian Country Development Blog. (August 5, 2020). <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2020/native-employment-during-covid-19-hit-hard-in-april-but-starting-to-rebound>
- “COVID-19: A deep economic crisis in Indian Country” Center for Indian Country Development Blog. (May 13, 2020). <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2020/covid-19-a-deep-economic-crisis-in-indian-country>
- “Do lender-access issues limit Paycheck Protection Program relief for tribal employers?” Center for Indian Country Development Blog. (May 4, 2020). <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2020/do-lender-access-issues-limit-paycheck-protection-program-relief-for-tribal-employers>
- “COVID-19 and Indian Country: Early Snapshot Reveals Disproportionate Economic Exposure and Uncertainty” Center for Indian Country Development Blog. (April 10, 2020). <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2020/covid-19-and-indian-country-early-snapshot-reveals-disproportionate-economic-exposure-and-uncertainty>
- “The Landscape of Opportunity in Indian Country: A Discussion of Data from the Opportunity Atlas,” Center for Indian Country Development Research Brief, No. 2019-03. (April 2019) <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2019/the-landscape-of-opportunity-in-indian-country>
- “The Digital Divide in Indian Country,” Center for Indian Country Development Blog. (January 2019) <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2019/the-digital-divide-in-indian-country>

INVITED LECTURES AND SPEAKING AT CONFERENCES

Invited Lectures

- “Understanding Mental Health Differences Between Cisgender and Gender Minority Youth: Evidence from Within-Family Comparisons,” Brock University. Saint Catherine’s, Ontario. October 28, 2025.

- “Indigenous Peoples and Development: Insights from Recent Research,” GD Lab, InterAmerican Development Bank Workshop on Indigenous Peoples and Development, [Keynote]. Washington DC, October 22, 2025.
- “Institutional Drift, Property Rights, and Economic Development Evidence from Historical Treaties,” University of Wisconsin, Madison, Agricultural and Applied Economics Department, October 10, 2025.
- “Outcomes for Transgender and Nonbinary People: From adolescent mental health to adult earnings,” Acadia University. Wolfville, Nova Scotia, October 7th, 2025.
- “Economics and First Nations: Insights from Canada,” Renewing Indigenous Economies Project, Indigenous Students Seminar. Stanford University. August 5, 2025.
- “Nonbinary Gender Identities and Earnings: Evidence from a National Census,” American Economics Association Committee for the Status of Queer Individuals in the Economics Profession Virtual Seminar Series. January 7, 2025.
- “A Selected Economic History of Indigenous Nations and the Great Plains,” Augustana University, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. October 18, 2024.
- “Economics, First Nations, and the Canadian Context,” Renewing Indigenous Economies Project. Indigenous Student Seminar. Stanford University. August 9, 2024.
- “Indigenization and Economics,” Capilano University. Department of Economics. April 23, 2024.
- “Institutional Drift, Property Rights, and Economic Growth: Evidence from Historical Treaties”, Washington State University, School of Economic Sciences. April 19, 2024.
- “Enhancing the Economic Empowerment of W2STGD Peoples. Native Women’s Association of Canada Roundtable on Workforce Development. December 12, 2023.
- “Christian Missions and Indigenous Nations: Intercultural Exchange and Dispossession.” Searle Workshop on Economic and Politics of Tribal Governance, Past and Present.. Stanford University, Hoover Institution. November 6, 2023.
- “History of Indigenous Economies and Governance.” International Advisory Board Meeting, Peter B. Gustavson School of Business. University of Victoria. October 16, 2023.
- “Heterogeneous Returns to Active Labour Market Programs for Indigenous Populations,” University of Calgary. Department of Economics. October 13, 2023.
- “Improving Indigenous Opportunities Around the World: What Will it Take?” University of Queensland Economics Thought Leadership Series. August 22, 2023.
- “Economics, First Nations, and the Canadian Context,” Renewing Indigenous Economies Project Student Workshop. Stanford University. August 9, 2023.
- “Institutional Drift, Property Rights, and Economic Growth: Evidence from Historical Treaties”, University of Queensland, Department of Economics. August 3, 2023.
- “Heterogeneous Returns to Active Labour Market Programs for Indigenous Populations,” Utrecht University. Department of Economics. June 8, 2023.
- “Indigenization and Economics,” BC Articulation Meeting. College of the Rockies. May 2, 2023.
- “Institutional Drift, Property Rights, and Economic Growth: Evidence from Historical Treaties”, Stanford University, Department of Economics. April 26, 2023.
- “Why Mortgages Loans Cost More in Indian Country: Evidence from Confidential Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data,” Ivey Business School at Western University. March 3rd, 2023.
- “Economic History, Indigenous North America, and the Path to Resurgence,” Executive Resource Group. Victoria Golf Club. December 13, 2022.
- “Why Mortgages Loans Cost More in Indian Country: Evidence from Confidential Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data,” Queen’s University. December 6th, 2022.
- “Heterogeneous Returns to Active Labour Market Programs for Indigenous Populations,” Universidad de Chile. Santiago. September 28, 2022.
- “Indigenous Self-determination and Constitutional Rights,” Panelist. 6th Workshop on Political Economy and Political Science. Millennium Institute, Market Imperfections and Public Policy. September 27, 2022.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” 6th Workshop on Political Economy and Political Science. Millennium Institute, Market Imperfections and Public Policy. September 26, 2022.
- “Economics, First Nations, and the Canadian Context,” Renewing Indigenous Economies Project Student Workshop. Stanford University. August 11, 2022.
- “Belonging, Economics, and Indigenous Nations,” Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. Boundaries, Membership, and Belonging, Banff, May 19, 2022.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Rochester Institute of Technology, March 21, 2022.

- “Increasing Access to Capital in Native America: The Landscape and a Few Papers,” Brookings Institution, Racial Equity Research Seminar Series, March 21, 2022.
- “Economic History, Indigenous North America, and the Path to Resurgence,” University of Ottawa, Economics Student’s Association, Indigenous Economics and Policy Speaker Event, March 7, 2022.
- “Indigenous Nations and the Development of the US Economy: Land, Resources, and Dispossession,” ASSA Annual Meeting. Economists, Economics and Indigenous Peoples. January 7, 2022.
- “The Determinants and Impacts of Historical Treaty-Making in Canada,” Arizona State University, Center for the Study of Economic Liberty, November 5, 2021.
- “Economic History, Indigenous North America, and the Path to Resurgence,” Simon Fraser School of School of Public Policy and Urban Studies Class, November 3, 2021.
- “The Determinants and Impacts of Historical Treaty-Making in Canada,” Simon Fraser University, Department of Economics Seminar, November 2, 2021.
- “The Determinants and Impacts of Historical Treaty-Making in Canada,” University of British Columbia Okanagan, October 28, 2021.
- “Leading the Way: First Nations in Canadian Fiscal Federalism” in panel “Emerging Issues and Canadian Fiscal Federalism II” at the Fiscal Federalism in Canada: Analysis, Evaluation, Prescription. University of Ottawa Alex Trebek Forum for Dialogue April 21-23, 2021.
- “Economic History, Indigenous North America, and the Path to Resurgence,” Dean’s Lecture, University of Victoria, April 8, 2021.
- “Access to Capital in Indian Country: The Landscape and A Few Papers,” Indiana University, February 12, 2021.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Virginia Tech, December 4, 2020.
- “Culturally Appropriate Institutions: Secured Transactions Laws and Reservations,” Uniform Law Commission. December 3, 2020.
- “Indigenous Nations and the Development of the US Economy: Land, Resources, and Dispossession,” UC Berkeley. November 23, 2020.
- “Indigenous Nations and the Development of the US Economy: Land, Resources, and Dispossession,” Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh. November 18, 2020.
- “Closing the Indigenous Data and Social Gaps: A Conversation on History, Governance and Identity in North and Latin America,” Panelist. Harvard University Mexican Association of Students Organized Panel. October 19, 2020.
- “Spotlight on Indigenous Issues,” Panelist. Research Data Centre Network’s 20th Anniversary Conference- Public Policy & the Data Revolution. October 22, 2020.
- “Doing Business in Indian Country,” 3rd Annual All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon Conference: Creating Indigenous Law, Entrepreneurship, and Trade. Coushatta, Louisiana. March 6 2020. [Featured Panellist].
- “Economics and First Nations Economies,” Mount Royal University Public Lecture. March 6, 2020.
- “Elite Endorsement and Public Support for Foreign Direct Investment Experimental Evidence with Native Nations.” Wilfrid Laurier University Economics Department. January 31, 2020.
- “The Higher-Cost of Mortgage Finance in Native America,” Indigenous Capital, Growth, and Property Rights Workshop. Stanford University, Palo Alto. 18 November 2019.
- “The Higher-Cost of Mortgage Finance in Indian Country,” First Nations Oweesta Capital Access Convening. Aqua Kauai Beach Resort, Hawaii. 25 June 2019.
- “Economic History, Indigenous North America and the Path to Economic Resurgence,” Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, May 3, 2019.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” University of Regina, February 8, 2019.
- “Economic History, Indigenous North America and the Path to Economic Resurgence,” University of Regina, February 7, 2019.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Ryerson University, October 10, 2018.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” University of Manitoba, March 9, 2018.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Harvard University, February 16, 2018.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Brock University, November 6, 2017.

- “Decolonizing Research and Indigenizing Data” (co-presented with Jacqueline Quinless), University of Victoria, September 27th, 2017.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Leicester University, June 13, 2017.
- “The Destruction of the Bison, Treaty-Making, and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Simon Fraser University, Economics Department, March 20, 2017.
- “The Destruction of the Bison, Treaty-Making, and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” University of Saskatchewan, November 30, 2016.
- “The Destruction of the Bison, Treaty-Making, and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia, November 21, 2016.
- “Avoidable Deaths, Incarceration, and Homelessness: Accounting for Missing Indigenous Women and Men,” Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, June 2, 2016.
- “The Long-run Effect of Residential Schooling Health” Simon Fraser University 25th, 2015.
- “The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” Lakehead University, November 14th, 2014.
- “The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” University of Laval, October 17th, 2014
- “The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” Population Research Group, University of Victoria, Cornett A317, March 12th, 2014

Conference Presentations

- Plenary Panelist for GD Lab, InterAmerican Development Bank Workshop on Indigenous Peoples and Development. [Invited] Washington DC, October 22, 2025.
- “Understanding Mental Health Differences Between Cisgender and Gender Minority Youth: Evidence from Within-Family Comparisons,” [Invited Presenter]. WeRise Conference, Boston University, Brookline, Massachusetts, October 3, 2025.
- “Understanding Academic Publication,” [Plenary Panellist]. Annual AEA CSQIEP Queer Economics PhD Student Mentoring Conference. Chicago, July 31, 2025.
- “Teaching, Advising, & Mentoring,” [Breakout Session, Panellist, Last minute fill-in due to another panellist’s illness]. Annual AEA CSQIEP Queer Economics PhD Student Mentoring Conference. Chicago, August 1, 2025.
- “Understanding Mental Health Differences Between Cisgender and Gender Minority Youth: Evidence from Within-Family Comparisons,” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings. University of Quebec at Montreal. Montreal, May 30, 2025.
- “Queer in Economics in the age of new US-Canada Relations,” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings. [Invited Panellist for Joint CQEN/CSQIEP Panel]. University of Quebec at Montreal. Montreal, May 29, 2025.
- “Labour Markets Outcomes for Transgender and Non-binary Individuals: Lessons from Economics Research,” [jointly presented with Maxine Lee from San Francisco State University]. Moving Trans History Forward Conference. University of Victoria. March 28, 2025.
- “Heterogeneous Returns to Active Labour Market Programs for Indigenous Populations,” ASSA Annual Meeting, LERA Session Advances in Labor Markets and Aggregate Efficiency. San Francisco. January 5, 2025.
- “Preparing for the Seventh Generation: Successes, Challenges, Tensions and Promises in Indigenous Economic Development,” Cando 30th Anniversary Annual Conference. Calgary, Alberta. October 23, 2024. [Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development Panel, Editorial Board Panel]
- “Native American Wealth and Mortality at the Turn of the 20th Century,” Freedom and Justice Annual Conference. Atlanta, Georgia. August 3rd, 2024.
- “A History of Indigenous Populations in North America: An Article for the Annual Review of Economics.” Canadian Economics Association Meetings. Toronto Canada. May 31, 2024.
- “Policies for Other People Reflections from an Economist on 150 years of Colonial Policy in Canada,” Canadian Economics Association Meetings. Toronto Canada. In-Person, Embrace Day Keynote and Canadian Public Policy 50th Volume Celebration. May 30, 2024. **[Invited Keynote]**.
- “Indigenous Wealth at the Start of the 20th Century.” Freedom and Justice Conference. Haskell Indian Nation University, Lawrence, Kansas. 11 August 2023.
- Participated in round table for the University of Victoria Multi-Disciplinary Indigenous Economics Workshop. University of Victoria. 10 January 2023.
- “Natural Resource Loss, Persistence, and Indigenous Well-Being in North America,” 10th Annual Toulouse Economics and Biology Workshop. Toulouse School of Economics & the Institute for Advanced Study, June 2, 2023. **[Invited]**.

- “Policies for Other People Reflections from an Economist on 150 years of Colonial Policy in Canada” Canadian Economics Association Meetings. Virtual Keynote Canadian Public Policy Session. May 30, 2023. [**Invited Keynote**].
- “Indigenous Income in Canada, 1921-1939: Early Findings from a Department of Indian Affairs Statistical Tables Digitization Project.” A Conference in Honour of Angela Redish. Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia. 14 October 2022.
- “Has Historical Treaty-Making Mattered for Economic Outcomes in Canada?” Sixth Empirical Microeconomics Conference, Banff Center for the Creative Arts, Banff. 20 August 2022.
- Panel Moderator of the Indigenous Economics Study Group Panel “Teaching Indigenous Economics: How to Bring Indigenous Content into Economics Classrooms.” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, June 3rd-4th, 2022. Carlton University.
- “Native American Access to Credit: Evidence from Mortgage Loans,” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Carlton University. 4 June 2022.
- “When Do Nations Tax? The Adoption of Property Tax Codes by First Nations in Canada,” Public Choice Workshop at Stanford University. 17 March 2022. (co-presented with Maggie E.C. Jones).
- “Indigenous Nations and the Development of the US Economy: Land, Resources, and Dispossession,” ASSA Annual Meeting. Economists, Economics and Indigenous Peoples. 7 January 2022.
- “What Indigenous Research in Canada Can Tell Us about U.S. Challenges,” Center for Indian Country Development Research Summit: An Open Conversation On Key Research Questions that Matter for Indian Country. 9 November 2021. [**Invited Panellist**].
- “Financial Access and the Promise of Economic Integration: Evidence from the First Bank in an American First Nation” 2021 Symposium on Indigenous Economies. Bank of Canada. 29 November 2021.
- “Secured Transactions Laws and Economic Development on American Indian Reservations” Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting. 20 November 2021.
- “Secured Transactions Laws and Economic Development on American Indian Reservations” Renewing Indigenous Economies Workshop, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 12 October 2021.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains” Resilience Through History, The 2021 Virtual Economic History Conference at Yale. 23 April 2021 . [**Invited**].
- “Native Nations and Support for Financial Institutions: Ownership Effects and Perceived Legitimacy” in Keynote, Live-Streamed Session Indigenous Nations Economic Development Strategies: Policies and Outcomes. ASSA 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting. 3 January 2021.
- “The Promise of Foreign Direct Investment: Evidence from the First Bank in a Native Nation,” Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting. 22 November 2020.
- Panellist for Spotlight on Indigenous Issues. Research Data Centre Network’s 20th Anniversary Conference- Public Policy & the Data Revolution. [**Invited with remote participation**]. October 22, 2020.
- Panellist for Ideas to Boost Wages in the New Economy Workshop. The Washington Center for Equitable Growth. Washington, DC. Discussant. [with remote participation]. September 10, 2020.
- “Highlights of American Research in Indigenous Economic Growth,” ‘Ko ngā iwi taketake e arataki ana i te ao whānui - Global lessons for governance from Indigenous people workshop. [remote participation]. 12 May 2020.
- “The Price of Capital in Indian Country: Ownership, Legal Infrastructure, or Discrimination? Evidence from Mortgage Loans,” Legal Reforms for Indigenous Economic Growth Workshop. Honolulu, Hawaii, [remote participation]. 21 March 2020.
- “Loan Volumes and Tribal Secured Transactions Acts.” Model Tribal Secured Transaction Act Workshop [with remote participation]. 10 March 2020.
- “The Long-run Impact of Indian Missions in the United States,” NBER Indigenous Economics Workshop. Cambridge. 8 November 2019.
- “Economic History and Reconciliation.” Lakehead University. Canadian Network for Economic History. Keynote Lecture (Mary McKinnon Memorial Lecture). September 27th, 2019. [**Invited Keynote**]
- “The Long-run Impact of Christian Missions in North America,” NEA-ASHE Freedom and Justice summer conference. 9 August 2019.
- “Missions in North America,” Canadian Economics Association Conference. Baniff Center for Arts and Creativity. 1 June 2019.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Symposium on Natural Resource Governance for Young Scholars, Indiana University Bloomington, Ostrom Workshop. 16 November 2018.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Economics of Indigenous Peoples and Institutions, National Bureau of Economic Research. 8 November 2018.

- “Research and Relationship: The Work of the CICD,” Tribal Leaders Forum. Hoover Institution at Stanford University. 24 September 2018.
- “The Determinants and Long Run Impacts of Historical First Nations Treaty-Making in Canada,” Renewing Indigenous Economies Research Workshop. Hoover Institution at Stanford University. 21 September 2018.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy. 23 June 2018.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” American Economics Association Annual Conference. 5 January 2018.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” Canadian Public Economics Group Annual Conference. 4 November, 2017.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” Canadian Economics Association. 3 July 2017.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” Northwest Development Workshop. 6 May 2017.
- “The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Economic Issues Facing Indigenous People in Canada and the United States Workshop. 27 April 2017.
- “Answering the Call: An Economists Guide to Reconciliation,” Western Economics Association International. 1 July 2016.
- “Answering the Call: An Economists Guide to Reconciliation,” Canadian Economics Association. 4 June 2016.
- “Avoidable Deaths, Incarceration, and Homelessness: Accounting for Missing Indigenous Women and Men,” Canadian Economics Association. 3 June 2016.
- “The Intergenerational Effects of Forcible Assimilation on School Performance.” Society of Labor Economists Annual Conference. Seattle. 7 May 2016.
- “Missing Women: The Case of Canadian First Nations,” Workshop: Economic Issues Facing Aboriginal People in Canada and the USA. SFU. 18 September 2015.
- “The Intergenerational Effects of Forcible Assimilation on School Performance.” Midwest Economic Annual Meeting. 28th March 2015.
- “The Intergenerational Effect of Forcible Assimilation Policy on School Performance” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, SFU, Vancouver, May 30th, 2014.
- “The Effects of Forcible Childhood Assimilation on Adult and Next Generation Health” joint with Chris Auld. Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, SFU, Vancouver, May 31th, 2014.
- “The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, May 2, 2014
- “The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” Presented Poster at Poster Session at the 2014 Good Native Governance: Research in Law, Education, and Economic Development Conference, March 7th, 2014.
- “The Intergenerational Effects of Indian Residential Schools” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, HEC, Montreal, June 1, 2013.
- “The Long Term Effects of Indian Residential Schools on Human and Cultural Capital” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Calgary, Calgary, June 8, 2012.
- “Ten Years After the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People: A Wasted Decade?” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Quebec, Quebec City, May 28, 2010.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Discipline-Wide Boards and Committees

- Board of Directors. Canadian Economics Association Executive Committee, April 2023 – Present
- Executive Board Member. AEA Committee for the Status of LGBTQ+ Individuals in the Economics Profession (CSQIEP), January 2023 – Present
- CWEN Early Career Scholar Award Selection Committee, November 2024 – Present
- Program Executive Committee for the Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics 2025 Conference, November 2024 – Present
- Awards Committee Chair. AEA Committee for the Status of LGBTQ+ Individuals in the Economics Profession (CSQIEP), May 2021 – September 2025
- Data Working Group, CEDC Canadian Economics Association, Chair of Status of Women Survey Subcommittee, November 2022-Present

Editorial Boards

- Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, October 2020 – Present.
- Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development, Cando. June 2024 – Present.
- Canadian Public Policy. Editorial Adviser. November 2025 – Present.

NGO Advisory Boards

- Center for the Study of Living Standards Board of Directors, April 2021-August 2023. (Resigned).
- Inspire Knowledge Nest Advisory Board, August 2020 – Present.

Granting Body Reviewer

- SSHRC Insight Development Grant Competition. Chair for the Committee Member for Economics. April-May 2024.
- SSHRC Insight Development Grant Competition. Committee Member for Economics. April-May 2023.
- SSHRC Insight Grant Competition. Reviewer. February 2023.
- William T. Grant Foundation. Reviewer. October 2022.
- SSHRC Insight Development Grant Competition. Committee Member for Economics. April-May 2022.
- Proceedings of the National Academy of Science. Reviewer. August 2022
- Proceedings of the National Academy of Science. Reviewer. January 2020.

Reviewer for Selective Conference Sessions

- Selected papers from submissions for the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics Annual Conference in Sydney, Australia. February 2025.
- Selected papers from submissions for the Committee on the Status of LGBTQ+ Individuals in the Economics Profession (CSQIEP) sessions. Two sessions, one of them to be included in the AEA Papers and Proceedings. April 2024.
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- Scored paper and panel from submission for the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, the Social Equity and Race policy area. May 2022.

Conferences, Seminar Series, and Conference Sessions Organized

- Co-Organizer of the Indigenous Economics Study Group session at the Canadian Economics Association 2025. May 29-May 31.
- Freedom and Justice Conference of the National Economic Association (NEA), the American Society for Hispanic Economists (ASHE), and the Association for Economics Research of Indigenous People (AERIP). August 1-3, 2024. Spelman University, Atlanta, Georgia. (Co-organized).
- Co-Organizer of four Indigenous Economics Study Group sessions at the Canadian Economics Association 2024. May 30-June 1.
- Freedom and Justice Conference of the National Economic Association (NEA), the American Society for Hispanic Economists (ASHE), and the Association for Economics Research of Indigenous People (AERIP). August 11-12, 2023. Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, Kansas. (Co-organized).
- Co-Organizer of three Indigenous Economics Study Group sessions at the Canadian Economics Association 2023. June 1-3.
- University of Victoria Multi-Disciplinary Indigenous Economics Workshop. University of Victoria. Jan. 10 2023.
- Sixth Annual Empirical Microeconomics Workshop, Banff Center for the Creative Arts. August 19-20. 2023. Co-Organizer.
- The Indigenous Economics Study Group-Association for Economics Research of Indigenous People Seminar Series, Weekly, Sept. 2020-Nov. 2022. Co-Organizer.
- Indigenous Economics Study Group Sessions (2) at the Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, June 3rd-4th , 2022. Carlton University.
- The Indigenous Economics Study Group Sessions (2) and Panel at the Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings, Simon Fraser University, June 3-5, 2021
- Unsettling Economics Workshop, University of Victoria. 2018. June 25-27 , 2018. Co-Organizer.

Referee Activities

- Canadian Public Policy, Last Refereed: December 2025. Number of Reviews: 11
- Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, Last Refereed: December 2025. Number of Reviews: 2
- Political Research Quarterly, Last Refereed: November 2025. Number of Reviews: 1
- Quarterly Journal of Economics, Last Refereed: September 2025. Number of Reviews: 2
- Journal of Aboriginal Economic Development, Last Refereed: September 2025. Number of Reviews: 3
- Explorations in Economic History, Last Refereed: August 2025. Number of Reviews: 1
- American Journal of Public Health, Last Refereed: December 2024. Number of Reviews: 2
- Labour Economics, Last Refereed: November 2024. Number of Reviews:1
- Social Sciences and Humanities Open: November 2024. Number of Reviews:1
- Canadian Studies in Population, Last Refereed: December 2023. Number of Reviews: 3
- Canadian Journal of Economics, Last Refereed: April 2023. Number of Reviews: 4
- Review of Income and Wealth, Last Refereed: June 2023. Number of Reviews: 2
- University of Calgary, School of Public Policy Publications, Last Refereed: October 2022. Number of Reviews: 2
- Northern Policy Institute, Last Refereed: October 2022. Number of Reviews: 1
- Journal of Economic History, Last Refereed: September 2022. Number of Reviews: 1
- Proceedings of the National Academy of Science, Last Refereed: August 2022. Number of Reviews: 1
- Aboriginal Policy Studies, Last Refereed: June 2022. Number of Reviews: 1
- Great Plains Quarterly, Last Refereed: April 2021. Number of Reviews: 1
- Review of Economic Studies, Last Refereed: September 2020. Number of Reviews: 1
- American Indian Culture and Research Journal, Last Refereed: February 2019. Number of Reviews: 2
- Social Indicators Research, Last Refereed: February 2018. Number of Reviews: 2
- Routledge Publishing, Last Refereed: October 2017. Number of Reviews: 1
- Journal of Development Economics ,Last Refereed: May 2017. Number of Reviews: 4
- Journal of Applied Econometrics, Last Refereed: December 2016. Number of Reviews: 1
- Social Indicators Research, Last Refereed: September 2016. Number of Reviews: 1
- Population Research and Policy Review, Last Refereed: July 2016. Number of Reviews:1
- Humanities, Last Refereed: October 2015. Number of Reviews:1

Scholarships, Fellowships and Awards

- 2025-2028, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Grant. “Understanding Group-Based Inequality in Canadian Labour Markets: Indigeneity, Gender, and Change,” PI. Awarded Amount: \$81,449.
- September 2023- August 2025, National Institute of Health (NIH) . “The Effectiveness of Public Policy Interventions in Reducing Racial Disparities: Lifeguard Certification, Pool Regulations, and Swimming Instruction Programs.” (Award 1R21HD111927-01). Collaborator. PI Samuel Myers Jr., University of Minnesota. Subaward Amount: \$44,928.
- July 2023-July 2026 Early Career Lansdowne Scholar Award. Award Amount: \$45,000.
- June 2023 - Canadian Women in Economics Committee Early Career Research Award. Award Amount: \$2,000.
- April 2023-April 2025 Aspiration 2030 Research Cluster Competition Funding. “Aspiration Cluster in Indigenous Economics.” Award Amount: \$100,000
- 2022-2023 Washington Center for Equitable Growth and Russel Sage Foundation Grant. “Inequality in Health Returns to Local Labor Markets: Extraction Booms and Mortality among Native Americans” Co-PI. Grant Amount: \$89,808.
- June 2022, Canadian Journal of Economics Harry Johnson Prize for Best Paper in the Canadian Journal of Economics in 2021. Award Amount: \$1,000
- 2021-2023, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Development Grant. “The economic impact of historical treaties, land cession, and land occupation on Indigenous outcomes” Primary Applicant and co-PI. Grant Amount:\$72,914
- June 2023. Grant for AEA CSQIEP Queer Economics PhD Student Mentoring Conference. Sloan Grant #G-2023-20942. Co-Applicant. Grant Amount: \$29,960.
- 2021 Dean’s Conference Support Fund for Website Design and Seminar Series for the Indigenous Economics Study Group. Grant amount: \$900
- 2019-2021 Campbell Visiting Fellow. Hoover Institution. Stanford University. \$10,000 (forgone because of affiliation with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis).

- 2018 Community Engaged Learning Grant for “Supporting reconciliation through Community-Engaged Learning: Developing a community-led project for students in economics.” Grant amount: \$6,500.
- 2017 Dean’s Conference Support Fund for “Unsettling Economics” Conference. Grant amount: \$1,200. (Support from the Department of Economics, and Global Studies. We also applied for a SSHRC connection grant. More details regarding the conference are available upon request.)
- 2017 Fred Bateman Award for Best Paper at the Annual Economics and Business History Society Conference for “The Slaughter of the North American Bison and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains.” [presented by Rob Gillezeau]. Award amount: \$500.
- SOSC Indigenous Research Support Fund. [with Robert Gillezeau] January 2017 to August 2017. Grant amount: \$1,500.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Insight Grant. “Institutions and Human Development: The Case of Canada’s First Nations.” July 2015 to July 2018. Grant amount: \$50,650. [with Anke Kessler (primary) and Fernando Aragon – role: collaborator]
- VPR 4A Grants in the Social Sciences and Humanities, October 2014 to October 2015. Grant amount: \$9,500.00 [with Anke Kessler (primary) and Fernando Aragon – role: collaborator]
- Internal Research Grant. Project Title: “The Impact of Race Specific Legislation on Group Affiliation and Behaviour: The Implications of the Canadian Indian Act” April 2014 to March 2015. Grant amount: \$4,734.00
- SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, September 1, 2008 – May 31, 2011, grant amount:\$160,000

Courses Taught

- Applied Econometrics II (Economics 346)
- Advanced Topics in Indigenous Economics (Economics 526)
- Indigenous Nations and Economics (Economics 423)
- Topics in Indigenous Economic Development (Economics 4960)
- Intermediate Microeconomics II (Economics 313))
- University 102
- Feminist Economics (Economics 495)
- Indigenous Economics (Economics 495)
- Intermediate Microeconomics I (Economics 203)
- Graduate Labour Economics (Economics 515)

Students Supervised | *PhD and Post-Doctoral Students*

- Mike Janes 2024. (PhD, Economics) Continuing.
- Sanjit Roy 2024. (PhD, Social Dimensions of Health Program). Committee Member. Continuing.
- Abubakr Ayesh 2024. Post-Doctoral Scholar Supervisor and Faculty Mentor. Completed. Placement: Assistant Professor, Trinity University.
- Emma Reinsch 2022. (PhD) Continuing.
- Sara Ray Enns 2021. (PhD) Continuing.
- Anahid Bauer 2022. (PhD, Economics, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign). Completed. Placement: Assistant Professor, Institut Mines-Télécom Business School.

Students Supervised | *MA and Honours Students*

- Megan Brink 2025 (MA Essay). Completed.
- Mike Janes 2024. (MA Essay). Completed.
- Jonathan Loepky 2023. (MA) Completed.
- Sydney Martin 2023. (MA Essay) Completed.
- Fabienne Marra 2022. (MA Thesis) Completed.
- Alissa Calladine 2022. (MA Essay) Completed.
- Aidan Witts 2022. (Honours Essay) Completed.
- Anahid Bauer 2020. (CSWEP Ph.D Fellowship) Completed.
- Kenneth Whaley 2019. (CSWEP Ph.D Fellowship) Completed.
- Matthew Harvey 2019. (CSWEP Ph.D Fellowship) Completed.
- Ahmed Ishtiaq 2020. (MA Essay) Completed.
- Ben Paterson 2018. (MA Essay) Completed.
- Maya Krayan. 2018. (MA Essay) Completed.
- Rebecca Wortzman, 2017. (MA Essay) Completed.

- Kim Webber (LE,NONET Research Internship, JCURA) Completed.
- Tessa Devakos 2017 (Honours Essay) Completed.
- Luke Frymire 2017 (Honours Essay, JCURA) Completed.
- Sydney Rowe 2017 (Honours Essay) Completed.
- Alyssa Savage, 2017 (Honours Essay) Completed.
- Grace Montemurro, 2016 (Honours Essay) Completed.
- Sabrina Staples, 2015 (Honours Essay) Completed.