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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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<b>Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis</b> Research Fellow	<b>Minneapolis, MN</b> Sept 2022 - present
<b>University of Alberta, Department of Economics</b> Assistant Professor	<b>Edmonton, Alberta</b> July 2019 - present

## EDUCATION

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<b>Duke University</b> PhD in Economics Certificate in College Teaching MA in Economics (non-terminal)	<b>Durham, NC</b> May 2019  2016
<b>University of Oxford, St. Antony's College</b> MSc in Economics for Development	<b>Oxford, England</b> 2011
<b>University of Florida</b> BA in Political Science Minor in Economics; Certificate in International Relations	<b>Gainesville, FL</b> 2007

## RESEARCH AREAS

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Labor economics, development economics, Indigenous economics

## SCHOLARLY WORKS

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- LinkedIn(to) Job Opportunities: Experimental Evidence from Job Readiness Training – with Rob Garlick, Eric Johnson, Patrick Shaw, and Marissa Gargano  
*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, April 2022
  - When the Lender Extends a Helping Hand: Native CDFI Client Counseling and Loan Performance in Indian Country – with Valentina Dimitrova-Grajzl, Peter Grajzl, and Joseph Guse, and Michou Kokodoko  
*Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, April 2023

### Book Chapters:

- Digital Networking and the Case of Youth Unemployment in South Africa – with Patrick Shaw  
*Springer, "An Introduction to Development Engineering"*, 2023

### Working Papers:

- Beyond Conventional Models: Lending by Native Community Development Financial Institutions – with Valentina Dimitrova-Grajzl, Peter Grajzl, and Joseph Guse, and Michou Kokodoko  
*Re&R*
- More than Chance: The Local Labor Market Effects of Tribal Gaming  
*Under Review*

Updated April 2023

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- Outlook on the Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Indigenous Populations in Canada – with Areez Gangji and Maggie Jones

### Selected Works in Progress:

- Drained Away: Oil Lost from First Nations Reserves – with Lucija Muehlenbachs
- Matching Digital Service Export Jobs in Kenya – with Rob Garlick, Kate Orkin, and Ignacio Rodriguez Hurtado
- The Legacy of Colonial Property Institutions: Economic Costs of a Federal Trusteeship (JMP)

## GRANTS

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International Growth Centre's Small and Growing Business Evidence Fund (23,000 GBP): 2023

Alberta Gambling Research Institute Major Grant (\$20,000): 2021

Indigenous-Engaged Research Grant (\$5,000): 2021

International Growth Centre's Small and Growing Business Evidence Fund (73,000 GBP): 2021

Future Energy Systems (\$67,000): 2021

Private Enterprise Development in Low-Income Countries (PEDL) Exploratory Research Grant: 2016

## TEACHING

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ECON 462/603 Urban Economics, Undergraduate/Graduate

Alberta, 2020-2021

ECON 203 Indigenous Economics, Undergraduate level

Alberta, 2020-2022

ECON 403/612 Indigenous Economic Development, Undergraduate/Graduate

Alberta, 2020-2021

ECON 890 Intro to Stata, PhD level

Duke, 2018

Applied Microeconomics, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Duke, 2017

## PRIOR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### RTI International

Independent Contractor – Economics Research Consultant

Durham, NC

2015-2019

### Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

CSWEP Fellow in the Center for Indian Country Development

Minneapolis, MN

Summer 2016

### Cornell University, Department of Economics

Research Support Specialist – Jim Berry & Damon Clark

Ithaca, New York

2012-2013

### Financial Sector Deepening (FSD) Kenya

Research Associate

Nairobi, Kenya

2012

### Oxford Policy Management (OPM)

Economics Consultant

Oxford, England

2011

### Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource-Rich Economies

Research Assistant – Torfinn Harding & Radek Stefanski

Oxford, England

2010-2011

### Fieldwork:

- Kenya (FSD-Kenya)

2012

- South Africa (Duke University and RTI International)

2015, 2016

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### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND AFFILIATIONS

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Editorial board:	Journal of Critical Gambling Studies
Co-investigator:	One Society Network, lead of the Indigenous Communities Sector
Visiting scholar:	Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Mpls (2021)
Referee services:	Economic Journal, Economics of Education Review, Ecological Economics, Critical Gambling Studies, Telecommunications Policy
Departmental service:	One of founding members of EDI Committee (2021)
Planning committee:	Project on the Economics of Indigenous Peoples and Institutions, now AERIP
Mentoring:	Supervisor with I-STEAM Pathways: Environmental Education Program for Indigenous Students (2021)
Other affiliations:	Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples (AEA), Indigenous Economics Study Group (CEA), American Economic Association, Canadian Economic Association

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

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Reservation Economic Summit (Las Vegas)	2023
Indigenous Economics Study Group (virtual)	2023
Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention (San Diego)	2023
University of Saskatchewan, Role Model Fund Speaker (Saskatoon, SK)	2023
Southern Economic Association meeting (Ft. Lauderdale)	2022
Empirical Microeconomics Workshop (Banff)	2022
One Society Network seminar series	2022
Economics Society of Northern Alberta	2022
Indigenous Economics Study Group seminar	2022
University of Saskatchewan	2022
Future Energy Systems webinar on the Ethics and Politics of Energy Systems	2022
Center for Indian Country Development	2022
Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development, Land Back Convening	2022
CEA panel, Indigenous Economics Study Group	2021
Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford, UK)	2021
CEA panel, Indigenous Economics Study Group (Toronto) – canceled due to COVID	2020
Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford, UK) – canceled due to COVID	2020
University of Calgary (Calgary, AB)	2019
Montana State University (Bozeman)	2019
University of Alberta (Edmonton)	2019
Rollins College (Winter Park, FL)	2019
Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (Luxembourg)	2019
Sacramento State University (CA)	2019
Colby College (Waterville, ME)	2019
NBER Project on Economics of Indigenous Peoples & Institutions (Cambridge)	2018
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Conference (DC)	2018
Midwest Economics Association Conference (Ohio)	2017
Census Bureau's Center for Economic Studies Seminar Series (DC)	2017
International Population Conference (Cape Town, South Africa)	2017
Virginia Military Institute/Washington and Lee Seminar Series (Virginia)	2017

### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

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Preparing Future Faculty Fellow ( <i>1 of 24 Duke graduate fellows</i> )	2018-2019
Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellowship ( <i>1 of 15 Duke graduate fellows</i> )	2017-2018
Price Theory Summer Camp at the University of Chicago ( <i>1 of approx 20, various universities</i> )	2017

## **POPULAR PRESS AND MEDIA COVERAGE**

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- Print interview in Tribal Business News on March 12, 2023: “REPORT: Character may be more important than credit scores when it comes to Native CDFI business lending”
- Print interview in the Capital Journal on February 17, 2023: “Financial access could bring benefits on Pine Ridge Reservation”
- Wheeler, L. (2022). Does Tribal Gaming Generate Net Benefits? *Critical Gambling Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.29173/cgs142>
- Wheeler, L. (2021). The ‘New Buffalo’ Confronts a Pandemic: Implications of the COVID-19 Shock for the Indigenous Gaming Industry. *Critical Gambling Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.29173/cgs93>
- Radio interview on CBC Edmonton’s Radio Active show on April 22, 2021