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**Academic Employment:**

Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Vassar College, July 2015 – present

**Other Affiliations:**

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Research Economist, Sept 2020 – present  
Visiting Scholar, New York University Abu Dhabi, Spring 2018

**Education:**

2011-2015	University of Colorado - Boulder, Ph.D. Economics Fields: Urban Economics, Development Economics, Economic History
2009-2011	University of Colorado - Boulder, M.A. Economics
2008-2009	Barcelona Graduate School of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Graduate Coursework in Economics
2007-2008	University of Montana, Graduate Coursework in Mathematics and Economics
2002-2006	University of Montana, B.A. Mathematics and Economics

**Journal Articles:**

Indigenous Self-Governance and Development on American Indian Reservations (with Dominic Parker) *AEA Papers and Proceedings* vol. 111, May 2021, p. 233-237

**Working Papers:**

Transportation Networks and the Geographic Concentration of Employment (*2<sup>nd</sup> Round Revisions Requested at Review of Economics and Statistics*)

Bureaucratic Discretion: “Indian-Agents” during Dawes-Era Land Allotment (with Christian Dippel and Bryan Leonard) (*Accepted at Public Choice*)

Property Rights without Transfer Rights: A Study of Indian Land Allotments – NBER WP #27479 (with Christian Dippel and Bryan Leonard)

Land Development Along National Highway Networks

Colonial Definitions of Indigenous Identity and Modern Inequality on American Indian Reservations (with Dominic Parker)

The Effect of Land Allotment on Native American Households During the Allotment Era (with Christian Dippel)

Local versus Central Governance: Long Run Effects of Federal Oversight over American Indian Reservations  
(with Dominic Parker)

**Work in Progress:**

Native Americans in the Historical Census: New Data and Applications (with Christian Dippel)

Settler Pressure and the Political Economy of Indian Land Allotment (with Christian Dippel and Bryan Leonard)

Leasing as a Means to Development on American Indian Reservations

Market Integration and the Transition to Modern Agriculture

Going Off the Rails: The Effect of Railroad Abandonment on Population and Industrial Decline (with Taylor Jaworski and Carl Kitchens)

Economic Consequences of Childhood Exposure to Urban Environmental Toxins (with Gisella Kagy)

**Book Chapters and Other Publications:**

Renewing Indigenous Cultures. (with Dominic Parker). 2022. Hoover Institution Essay. Stanford CA

Paternalism versus Sovereignty: The Long Run Economic Effects of the Indian Reorganization Act in  
“Unlocking the Wealth of Indian Nations,” Terry L. Anderson, Edt., June 2016, Lexington Books,  
Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham, MD

**Fellowships, Awards, and Major Grants:**

2021 – 2022	Campbell Fellow, Hoover Institute, Stanford
2021 – 2022	<i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i> Fellowship for NBER Summer Institute
2020 – 2023	National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant # 2017946 <i>Native American Households During the Assimilation Era</i>
2014	Humane Studies Fellowship, Dan Searle Fellow - Institute for Humane Studies
2014	Stanford Calderwood Student Teaching Award - UC Boulder
2014	Hayek Fund for Scholars - Institute for Humane Studies
2014	AEA Economics Mentoring Program Research Assistance supported by NSF
2013	Reuben Zeubrow Graduate Fellowship for Outstanding Teaching and Research - UC Boulder
2012	Property and Environment Research Center (PERC), Graduate Student Fellowship
2010 – 2012	Northern Cheyenne Tribal Education Department Graduate Student Scholarship

**Institutional Grants:**

Research Committee Grant – Vassar College	2018 - 2022
Environmental Research Grant – Vassar College	2017 - 2020
Ford Scholars Program – Vassar College	2016 - 2022

**Conference and Seminar Presentations:**

2022-2023	University of Wisconsin-Madison AAE; Urban Economics Assoc Annual Meeting
2021-2022	Yale Econ History; Political Economy of American Indian Policy Workshop
2020-2021	Western Economic Association Annual Meeting (canceled); NBER DAE SI; IESG Seminar; ASSA Annual Meeting; Governance, Liberty, and Prosperity for American Indians Workshop; CEA IESG Session
2019-2020	Economic History Association Annual Meeting; Symposium on Case Studies in Self-Governance (KCL); NBER IPf; Indigenous Capital, Growth, and Property Rights Workshop (Stanford-Hoover); University of Pittsburgh; NBER DAE (canceled); NBER Cohort Studies (canceled)
2018-2019	World Economic History Congress; Renewing Indigenous Economies Workshop (Stanford-Hoover); Urban Economics Assoc. Annual Meeting; Workshop on the Ostrom Workshop (Indiana)
2017-2018	Binghamton University; Urban Economics Assoc. Annual Meeting; Liberal Arts Economic History Workshop (Mount Holyoke); NYU Abu Dhabi; SERC Annual Conference (LSE)
2016-2017	Western Economic Association Annual Meeting; Economic History Association Annual Meeting; Central NY Economic History Meetings (Colgate); Economic Issues Facing Indigenous Peoples Workshop (Harvard)
2015-2016	Economic Issues Facing Aboriginal People Workshop (Simon Fraser); University of Wisconsin-Madison; Haverford College; Queens University; Northwestern University; Williams College; Barnard College/Columbia University
2014-2015	ISNIE Annual Conference; Cliometric Session at the Western Economic Association Annual Meeting; Economic History Association Annual Meeting; AEA Economics Mentoring Program's Annual Summer Conference; All UC Graduate Student Dissertation Conference; CSMGEP Dissertation Session AEA Annual Conference; University of Washington-Tacoma; Vassar College; Census Bureau; Bureau of Economic Analysis
2013-2014	World Congress of Cliometrics; Western Economic Association Annual Meeting; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting; Good Native Governance: Innovative Research in Law, Education and Economic Development (Poster Session); Midwestern Economic Association Annual Meeting
2012-2013	Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Poster Session); Rocky Mountain Interdisciplinary History Conference; Economic & Business History Society Annual Conference
2011-2012	Economic & Business History Society Annual Conference

**Conference Participation:**

Annual Cliometrics Conference (Boulder, CO 2011); (Pittsburgh, PA 2016); (Tallahassee, FL 2018)

Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (CURE) (Philadelphia, PA 2018)

Economics from Smith to Friedman (Arlington, VA Nov. 2014)

Culture, Institutions, and Economic Development: Applications to American Indians (Bozeman, MT Dec. 2012)

Financial Contracting, Transaction Costs, and Environmental Amenities (Bozeman, MT July 2012)

**Teaching:**

Vassar College

Principles of Economics; Urban & Regional Economics (200-level; 300-level); Economic History of the Americas (200-level)

University of Colorado, Boulder:

Urban Economics (4000-level); Intermediate Microeconomic Theory; Principles of Microeconomics and Macroeconomics; Introduction to Statistics with Computer Applications

**Affiliations:**

American Economic Association, Urban Economic Association, Cliometric Society, Economic History Association, Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples (AERIP)

**Refereeing:**

*Canadian Public Policy, Economic Inquiry, Energy Economics, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Human Resources, Land Economics, National Tax Journal, Science, National Science Foundation, Public Choice, Research in Economic History*

**Professional Qualifications:**

*Computing:* Stata, R, ArcGIS, QGIS, GRASS, Python