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EDUCATION & AFFILIATIONS

Education

University of Wyoming

May 2022

B.S. in Mathematics & Economics

Minor in Honors

University of Wyoming

December 2024

M.Sc. in Economics

Chair: Alexander James

Committee: Klaas van 't Veld and Jacob Hochard

University of Wyoming

Expected May 2027

Ph.D. in Economics

Chair: Todd Cherry

Committee: David Finnoff, George Loewenstein, Linda Thunstrom, and Jacob Hochard

Affiliations and Research Experiences

2025- : Associate Director of the Teton Lab at the University of Wyoming

2024: Summer participant at The Chicago School in Experimental Economics

2024: Visiting doctoral student at the University of Chicago with Dr. John List

2023: Field researcher in Grand Teton National Park for the Teton Group at the University of Wyoming

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Experimental economics: collective risk social dilemmas, public goods games, laboratory experiments, and survey experiments

Behavioral economics: intangibility, conditional cooperation, risk aversion

Economics of education: early childhood education, parental investment decisions

Environmental economics: wildfires, reservoir management, dam releases, social carrying capacity

Journal Articles

- 1 Chandler Hubbard, **Ian M. Fletcher**, Todd L. Cherry, David Finnoff, and Jacob Hochard. 2025. The public overestimates and prefers greater tolerance for grizzly bear encounters than defined by the United States management guidelines. *Communications Earth & Environment* 6, 1022.

Manuscripts Under Review

Experiencing carbon pricing (NBER Working Paper #34559)

Stefano Carattini, **Ian M. Fletcher**, Chad Kendall, Michael K. Price, and Arthur Vu

Manuscripts in Preparation

From survival to Learning: The Evolution of Early Childhood Investment Over the Development Cycle
Faith Fatchen, **Ian M. Fletcher**, Udit Karna, Faisal Kattan, and John A. List

Non-autonomous Management of Dam Releases in Response to Climate Change
Ian M. Fletcher, Sean Bertalot, and David Finnoff

Natural Disasters and the Intangibility of Risk Reduction: Theory and Experimental Evidence
Ian M. Fletcher, Todd L. Cherry, and George Loewenstein

Heterogeneous Risks and the Intangibility of Risk Reduction: Theory and Experimental Evidence
Ian M. Fletcher, Todd L. Cherry, and George Loewenstein

The Curse of Intangibility: Why Prevention Policies Fail
Ian M. Fletcher and Todd L. Cherry

Future Projects

Household Education Spending and the Intangibility of Investments: Theory and Experimental Evidence
Ian M. Fletcher and Todd L. Cherry

Untitled Project on College Enrollment Influences
Ian M. Fletcher and Alexander James

Academic Presentations

2025 Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, University of Wyoming (Occasional Workshop)

2024 Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Colorado State University and University of Wyoming Joint Research Day, University of Wyoming's Second Summer Paper Symposium, University of Wyoming (Occasional Workshop)

Other Professional Presentations

2026 Wyoming School Counselors Association Annual Meeting, Wyoming Joint Symposium on Children & Youth

TEACHING

Principles of Finance

Spring 2025

Studies the management of capital in a business. Students learn how to use the time value of money to value cash flows and how to perform a financial valuation of a firm's assets and liabilities.

Intermediate Microeconomics

Summer 2025

Relative to a beginning course, this is a more advanced course on the theory of demand, production, cost and supply; and the theory of the firm, including market price under monopoly, monopolistic competition and oligopoly. Attention is given to the theory of factor prices and topics on welfare economics.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Awards

2025 University of Wyoming College of Business, Department of Economics, Outstanding PhD Teaching Student

Scholarships

2025 UWYO Department of Economics Charles “Chuck” Mason Graduate Research Award – Student Success and the Intangibility of Investment Returns: Experimental Evidence (\$4,000)

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

Co-Executive Director of Tele-Hope 501(c)(3) non-profit

A non-profit that uses a grassroots approach to suicide prevention in Wyoming. Our mission: To ensure that everyone feels supported and knows someone has their back. We strive to empower individuals aged 10-24 to understand what it means to be a good friend and to be there for others. By fostering confidence to share their stories and connect with others, we aim to create a community where no one faces challenges alone. We believe in the power and uniqueness of every individual's story and the hope that genuine connections can bring.

Referee: Journal of Political Economy