Gradon Nicholls

Education

University of WaterlooWaterloo, ONPhD in Statistics, Supervisor: Matthias Schonlau2022-PresentCarleton UniversityOttawa, ONMA in Economics2016-2019University of WaterlooWaterloo, ONBMath in Statistics2011-2016

Work

University of Waterloo

Waterloo, ON

Teaching Assistant, Research Assistant

2022-Present

- o Spring 2023: Research Assistant for Dr Christian Boudreau and Dr Leia Minaker
- o Winter 2023: STAT 332 (Sampling and Experimental Design), STAT 454 (Sampling Theory and Practice)
- o Fall 2022: STAT 230 (Intro Probability), STAT 231 (Intro Statistics)
- Teaching experience: Running tutorials in STAT 230 and STAT 332.

Bank of Canada Ottawa, ON

Research Assistant (2016–19); Economist (2019–22); Senior Economist (2022)

2016-2022

- o Conduct economic research projects using statistical methods
- Develop, adapt, and apply computer programs to estimate structural economic models guiding policy work at the currency department
- Work with teammates to design and analyze business-critical surveys, including the 2017 Methods of Payment Survey and several waves of the Bitcoin Omnibus Survey
- o Contribute to all aspects of survey methodology including sampling, questionnaire design, weighting, cleaning, and imputation.

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)

Gatineau, QC

Research Assistant

2014-2015

- o Conducted social research focused on people with disabilities
- o Contributed to Statistics Canada publications using survey data from the 2012 Canadian Survey on Disability
- Presented the research at staff meetings

University of Waterloo

Waterloo, ON

Instructional Support Assistant

2013

- Assisted instructors with the course "Introduction to Computer Science" (CS116)
- o Ran weekly tutorials to complement main lectures, using Python to illustrate programming concepts
- Held office hours to help students with assignments and exams
- Developed and used programming scripts to test and grade assignments

Boards / Volunteering / Etc.

Survey Research Centre

Waterloo, ON

Student Representative

2022-Present

ASA DataFest 2023

Waterloo, ON

Mentor (Volunteer)

April 2023

Publications

Journal Articles.....

- [1] Daniela Balutel, Marie-Helene Felt, Gradon Nicholls, and Marcel C. Voia. Bitcoin awareness, ownership and use: 2016–20. *Applied Economics*, 2023 (FORTHCOMING).
- [2] Kim Huynh, Christopher Henry, Gradon Nicholls, and Mitchell Nicholson. Benchmarking bitcoin adoption in canada: Awareness, ownership and usage in 2018. *Ledger*, 5, 2020.
- [3] Christopher S Henry, Kim P Huynh, and Gradon Nicholls. Bitcoin Awareness and Usage in Canada: An Update. *The Journal of Investing*, 28(3):21–31, 2019.
- [4] Christopher S. Henry, Kim P Huynh, and Gradon Nicholls. Bitcoin awareness and usage in canada. *Journal of Digital Banking*, 2(4):311–337, 2018.

Non-Journal Articles.....

- [5] Heng Chen, Walter Engert, Kim P Huynh, Gradon Nicholls, and Julia Zhu. Cash and COVID-19: The Effects of Lifting Containment Measures on Cash Demand and Use. Staff Discussion Paper 2021-3, Bank of Canada, 2021.
- [6] Heng Chen, Walter Engert, Marie-Helene Felt, Kim P Huynh, Gradon Nicholls, Daneal O'Habib, and Julia Zhu. Cash and COVID-19: The Impact of the Second Wave in Canada. Staff Discussion Paper 2021-12, Bank of Canada, 2021.
- [7] Kim P Huynh, Gradon Nicholls, and Mitchell Nicholson. 2019 Cash Alternative Survey Results. Staff Discussion Paper 2020-8, Bank of Canada, 2020.
- [8] Heng Chen, Walter Engert, Kim P Huynh, Gradon Nicholls, Mitchell Nicholson, and Julia Zhu. Cash and COVID-19: The Impact of the Pandemic on Cash Demand and Use. Staff Discussion Paper 2020-6, Bank of Canada, 2020.
- [9] Kim P Huynh, Gradon Nicholls, and Mitchell Nicholson. 2018 Merchant Acceptance Survey. Staff Analytical Note 2019-31, Bank of Canada, 2019.
- [10] Christopher S Henry, Kim P Huynh, Gradon Nicholls, and Mitchell Nicholson. 2018 Bitcoin Omnibus Survey: Awareness and usage. Staff Discussion Paper 2019-10, Bank of Canada, 2019.
- [11] Kim P Huynh, Oleksandr Scherbakov, and Gradon Nicholls. Explaining the interplay between merchant acceptance and consumer adoption in two-sided markets for payment methods. Staff Working Paper 2019-32, Bank of Canada, 2019.
- [12] Walter Engert, Ben Fung, Jozsef Molnar, and Gradon Nicholls. Explaining unusual cash patterns in 2018. Staff Analytical Note 2019-22, Bank of Canada, 2019.
- [13] Matthew Till, Tim Leonard, Sebastian Yeung, and Gradon Nicholls. A profile of the labour market experiences of adults with disabilities among Canadians aged 15 years and older, 2012. Technical Report catalogue no. 89-654-X2015005, Statistics Canada, 2015.
- [14] Christine Bizier, Matthew Till, and Gradon Nicholls. Learning disabilities among Canadians aged 15 years and older, 2012. Technical Report catalogue no. 89-654-X-No.2014003, Statistics Canada, 2014.

Presentations

Measurement and Selection Errors in Recall and Diary Responses Virtual August 8-August 12, 2021 2021 Joint Statistical Meetings Payment Acceptance Trends Among Small Merchants in Canada Virtual ICES VI June 14-June 17, 2021 Cash and COVID-19: The Effect of the Pandemic... Virtual AAPOR 76th Annual Conference May 11-May 14, 2021 Cash Use and Financial Literacy Virtual November 6-December 4, 2020 BigSurv20 Consumer Payments Behaviour in a Health Crisis Virtual Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Talk About Payment Webinar November 19, 2020 Cash and COVID-19: The Impact of the Pandemic... Virtual October 29-October 30, 2020 USC CESR: COVID-19 Work in Progress Conference Denver, CO 2018 Bitcoin Omnibus Survey: Awareness and Usage 2019 Joint Statistical Meetings July 27-August 1, 2019

Financial Literacy and the Demand for Cash Shaping a New Reality of Cash Conference

Going Cashless at the Point of Sale: Are We There Yet?

Payments Canada SUMMIT May 14–16, 2019

Professional development

Joint Program in Survey Methodology

University of Maryland

Non-Degree Student

2020-2021

Warsaw, Poland

May 29-31, 2019

Toronto, ON

- SURV 621: Fundamentals of Data Collection I
 - Instructors: Fred Conrad (University of Michigan) and Christopher Antoun (University of Maryland)
- o SURV 622: Fundamentals of Data Collection II
 - Instructors: Fred Conrad (University of Michigan) and Christopher Antoun (University of Maryland) and Brian Kim (University of Maryland)
- SURV 727: Fundamentals of Computing and Data Display
 - Instructors: Ruben Bach (Universitat Mannheim) and Christoph Kern (Universitat Mannheim)

2019 Joint Statistical Meetings

Denver, CO

PD Courses

July 27-August 1, 2019

- Understanding and Tackling Measurement Error: A Whistle Stop Tour of Modern Practical Methods
 Instructors: Pamela Shaw (University of Pennsylvania) and Paul Gustafson (University of British Columbia)
- Measuring the Impact of Nonignorable Missing Data
 - Instructors: Daniel Heitian (Southern Methodist University) and Hui Xie (Simon Fraser University)