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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Alberta, Department of Economics
Assistant Professor

Edmonton, Alberta
July 2019 - present

EDUCATION

Duke University

PhD in Economics
Certificate in College Teaching
MA in Economics (non-terminal)

Durham, NC
May 2019

2016

University of Oxford, St. Antony's College

MSc in Economics for Development

Oxford, England
2011

University of Florida

BA in Political Science
Minor in Economics; Certificate in International Relations

Gainesville, FL
2007

RESEARCH AREAS

Labor economics, development economics, Indigenous economics

SCHOLARLY WORKS

- [LinkedIn\(to\) Job Opportunities: Experimental Evidence from Job Readiness Training](#) – with Rob Garlick, Eric Johnson, Patrick Shaw, and Marissa Gargano
Forthcoming, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics

Working Papers:

- Property Rights, Place-Based Policies, and Economic Development (job market paper)
- Poverty in Rural America: The Black-White Differential in Human Capital Accumulation

Book Chapters:

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

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

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
CSWEP Fellowship, American Economic Association (AEA)	2016

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GRANTS

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

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Centre for the Study of African Economies (Oxford, UK)	2021
CEA panel, Indigenous Economics Study Group (Toronto) – canceled due to COVID	2020
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University of Calgary (Calgary, AB)	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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Editorial board:	Journal of Critical Gambling Studies
Referee services:	Economics of Education Review, Ecological Economics, Critical Gambling Studies
Planning committee:	NBER Project on the Economics of Indigenous Peoples and Institutions

PRIOR RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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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TEACHING

ECON 462/603 Urban Economics, Undergraduate/Graduate	Alberta, fall 2020
ECON 203 Indigenous Economics, Undergraduate level	Alberta, 2020-2021
ECON 403/612 Indigenous Economic Development, Undergraduate/Graduate	Alberta, 2020-2021
ECON 890 Intro to Stata, PhD level	Duke, summer 2018
Applied Microeconomics, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute	Duke, spring 2017

POPULAR PRESS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

- 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