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EMPLOYMENT/ AFFILIATIONS	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO Assistant Professor, UTSC and Rotman School of Management	2022–Present
	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO Assistant Professor, Department of Economics (by courtesy)	2025–Present
	UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO Assistant Professor, Munk School (by courtesy)	2024–Present
	J-PAL NORTH AMERICA Invited Researcher	2024–Present
	STONE CENTER ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC INEQUALITY Affiliated Scholar	2023–Present
	UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	2024–Present
	FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS Center for Indian Country Development, Research Fellow	2023–2025
	UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA Assistant Professor, Department of Economics ( <i>On leave from 2017-2019, 2022-2024</i> )	2016–2024
	UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA Assistant Professor, School of Public Administration (by courtesy) ( <i>On leave from 2017-2019, 2022-2024</i> )	2020–2024
	MCMASTER UNIVERSITY Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	2021
	MCMASTER UNIVERSITY Professor of Practice, Masters of Public Policy Program	2021
	GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA Chief of Staff, Office of the Finance Minister and Deputy Premier of British Columbia	2017–2019
	GOVERNMENT OF CANADA Chief Economist, Office of the Leader of Canada’s Official Opposition	2011–2015



Feir, D., and R. Gillezeau (2018). Return to the Homeland? The Impact of the Great Recession on Employment Outcomes and Labor Mobility for Native Americans. *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, 1(2), 60-67.

Cunningham, J., and R. Gillezeau (2018). Racial Differences in Police Use of Force: Evidence from 1960s Civil Disturbances. *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings*, 108, 217-221.

Gillezeau, R., and W. Whatley (2011). The Impact of the Transatlantic Slave Trade on Ethnic Stratification in Africa. *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, 101(3), 571-576.

Gillezeau, R., and W. Whatley (2011). The Fundamental Impact of the Slave Trade on African Economies in *Economic Evolution and Revolution in Historical Time*, ed. P. Rhode, J. Rosenbloom and D. Weiman, Stanford: Stanford University Press, 571-576.

WORKING  
PAPERS

“Institutional Drift, Property Rights, and Economic Growth: Evidence from Historical Treaties,” with Donn Feir and Maggie Jones (NBER Working Paper 31713)

“Colonization Through Treaties: Evidence from Canada,” with Donn Feir and Maggie Jones (SSRN Working Paper 4579329)

“Railroads, Market Access, and Indigenous Land Dispossession,” with Jeff Chan and Azim Essaji (SSRN Working Paper 5421538)

“Assimilative Education Policy and Indigenous Peoples in Canada, 1900-1939,” with Abubakr Ayeshe, Donn Feir, Maggie Jones and Sam Shipley

“First Nations Policing, Crime, and the Use of Lethal Force,” with Jamein Cunningham, Sara Enns, and Drake Rushford

“Police Protections, Productivity, and Crime: Evidence from Law Enforcement Officers’ Bills of Rights,” with Jamein Cunningham, Donn Feir, Matthew Harvey, and Abdul Rad

“The Impact of Horse Adoption on Native American Nations,” with David Cuberes, Motohiro Kumagai, and Sadia Mansoor

“West Indians in New York City, 1900-1950: Convergence, Divergence, and Economic Mobility,” with Alexander Persaud and Jerome Lyons

“Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in the Canadian Economics Profession,” with Elizabeth Dhuey and Viet Vu, requested at *Canadian Journal of Economics*

RESTING  
PAPERS

“Illuminating Economic Development in Indigenous Communities,” with Donn Feir and Maggie Jones (University of Victoria Working Paper 1806), revision requested at *Canadian Journal of Economics*

“Votes in the Wind: The Dust Bowl and American Elections,” with Injamam Alam

“Did the War on Poverty Stop the 1960s Race Riots”

“Labour Law Enforcement During World War II and the Growth of the US Trade Union Movement”

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

“Race and Randomization,” with Dania Francis, Damon Jones, Corrine Low, and Angelino Viceisza, proposal revision resubmitted at *Journal of Economic Literature*

“The Cowichan Decision, Aboriginal Right and Title, and Private Property,” with Deaglan Jakob, Maggie Jones, and Yue Yu

“First Nations Fiscal Capacity”, with Joshua Thomas, Aashay Tripathi, and Kunio Tsuyhara

“Additions to Reserve and Indigenous Economic Development,” with Jeff Chan and Azim Essaji

“The Impact of Registered Indian Status: Evidence from Bill C-31,” with Maggie Jones, Catherine Michaud-Leclerc, and Drake Rushford

“Residential Schools and Church Finance,” with Bryce Balanuik and Nicolas Duquette

“Did COVID-19 Exacerbate the Effect of Segregation on Racial Disparities in Homicide?” with Jamein Cunningham, David Johnson, and Taylor Wright

“Economic Security and Traditional Indigenous Harvesting Practices”, with Andrew Dickens and Taylor Wright

BOOKS

Mankiw, G., Kneebone, R., McKenzie, J. and R. Gillezeau (2026). Principles of Microeconomics 10th Edition. *Cengage*

Mankiw, G., Kneebone, R., McKenzie, J. and R. Gillezeau (2026). Principles of Macroeconomics 10th Edition. *Cengage*

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

Gillezeau, R. (2025). Economic implications of reaffirming Indigenous land rights: Lessons from Canada. *Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis*

Gillezeau, R. (2022). An Enormous Embarrassment for Stephen Lecce and Doug Ford. *Toronto Star*

Feir, D., Gillezeau, R., and R. Hancock (2021). Unsettling Economics: Big Changes Since the Inaugural Conference. *AERIP Blog*.

Gillezeau, R. (2021). The Fiscal Rationale for Meaningful Federal Intervention in Child Care. *Finances of the Nation*.

Gillezeau, R. (2021). Ask an Economist: How Bad are Lockdowns Really? *The Walrus*.

Boessenkool, K. and R. Gillezeau (2020). A Political Career for Mark Carney Will Hurt Canada. *The Line*.

Dobrinskaya, M., Gillezeau, R., Himelfarb, A., and J. Steeve (2020). Building British Columbia’s Recovery Together: Proposals for a Just Recovery. *Broadbent Institute*.

Gillezeau, R., Petit, G., and L. Tedds (2020). Recommendations for Short Run Municipal Policy Responses to COVID-19. *Policy Options*.

Gillezeau, R., Petit, G., and L. Tedds (2020). Recommendations for Immediate Provincial Policy Responses to COVID19. *C.D. Howe Institute*.

Ansloos, J. and R. Gillezeau (2017). On First Nations Issues, ‘Sunny Ways’ Was Just a Phase. *Maclean’s Magazine*.

Gillezeau, R. and S. Speer (2016). The Cross-Party Case for the Working Income Tax Benefit. *Policy Options*.

Gillezeau, R. (2016). B.C.’s New Subsidy for Homebuyers is Pure Politics and Bad Policy. *Maclean’s Magazine*.

Gillezeau, R. (2016). Can the Liberals Keep their Promise to First Nations Youth? *Maclean’s Magazine*.

CONFERENCE  
AND SEMINAR  
PARTICIPATION

2025: University of Pittsburgh, NBER Race and Stratification, Canadian Network for Economic History, Howard University, Brock University, University of Toronto GATE, Toronto Meeting on the Economics of Climate Change, World Economic History Congress, Economic History Association, University of Manitoba (Economics), University of Manitoba (Indigenous Studies), University of Toronto JAMS

2024: McMaster University, Duke University, University of Toronto JAMS, Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Universidad de los Andes, University of Calgary.

2023: Harvard University, NBER Race and Stratification, Mt. Allison University, CUNY Graduate Center, University of Toronto JAMS, University of Toronto Bissell-Heyd Conference, Canadian Economics Association, IHEA Congress Plenary, Census Bureau Workshop on Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality, Academy of Political Science Forum, Canadian Network for Economic History

2022: Harvard University, University of Waterloo, University of Toronto Rotman School of Management, University of Massachusetts, McMaster University, Thomas S. Berry Lecture at the University of Richmond, Purvis Lecture at the Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, McGill University, Canadian Law and Economics Association Conference, Plenary Address at the Atlantic Canada Economics Association Conference

2021: NBER Summer Institute (DAE), University of Toronto, McMaster University, University of Saskatchewan, Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, American Law and Economics Association Annual Meeting, Wilfrid Laurier University, Guelph University, Laval University, Bank of Canada Symposium on the Indigenous Economy, Online Economics of Crime Seminar, Center for Indian Country Development Research Summit, Risky Behaviors Conference at Indiana University, Economic History Association (discussant)

2020: Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Thompson Rivers University, Lakehead University, AEA Summer Program at Michigan State University, Economics of Crime Virtual Seminar Series, Flash Webinar on Policing Research, ASSA Annual Meeting; *Cancelled due to COVID-19*: Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Cliometric Society Conference

2019: Canadian Network for Economic History Meeting, Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference

2018: University of Michigan, Unsettling Economics Conference

2017: Economic and Business History Society Conference, Canadian Network for Economic History Meeting

2016: University of Victoria, Middlebury College, Howard University, University of Minnesota Duluth, Canadian Economics Association Annual Conference, Social Science History Association Meeting

Prior to 2016: University of Michigan, NBER Summer Institute (DAE), Economic History Association Meeting, Canadian Network for Economic History Meeting, Canadian Association of Work and Labour Studies Conference, Midwest Economics Association Conference, Population Association of American Meeting

PRIMARY  
FUNDING

Canadian Foundation for Innovation John R. Evans Leaders Fund and Ministry of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence & Security Ontario Research Fund

Project title: *Assimilation and Un-assimilation: Indigeneity across the Canadian Censuses from 1861 to the Present*

Date: 2025-2030 Amount: \$113,000 (CAD) Role: Principal Investigator

With: Shari Eli

School of Cities: Urban Challenge Grant

Project title: *West Indians in New York City, 1900-1950: Convergence, Divergence, and Economic Mobility*

Date: 2023-2025 Amount: \$46,560 (CAD) Role: Principal Investigator

With: Alexander Persaud

Education and Training for the 21st Century Cluster Grant 2023-24

Project title: *The Impact of Registered Indian Status: Evidence from Bill C-31*

Date: 2023-2024 Amount: \$10,000 (CAD) Role: Principal Investigator

With: Maggie Jones, Catherine Michaud-Leclerc, and Drake Rushford

GATE Research Grant 2023-24

Project title: *The Impact of Registered Indian Status: Evidence from Bill C-31*

Date: 2023-2024 Amount: \$9,870 (CAD) Role: Principal Investigator

With: Maggie Jones, Catherine Michaud-Leclerc, and Drake Rushford

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Development Grant

Project title: *The Economic Impact of Historical Treaties, Land Cession, and Land Occupation on Indigenous Outcomes*

Date: 2021-2024 Amount: \$72,914 (CAD) Role: Co-Principal Investigator

With: Donn Feir and Maggie Jones

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Development Grant

Project title: *Racial Uprisings and the Responsiveness of Government*

Date: 2017-2021 Amount: \$62,865 (CAD) Role: Principal Investigator

With: Jamein Cunningham

OTHER FUNDING	Aspiration Research Cluster, University of Victoria	2023
	NSERC CREATE (Coastal Climate Solutions Leader)	2023
	SSHRC Internal Research and Creative Project Grant, University of Victoria	2021
	Dean's Conference Support Fund, University of Victoria	2021
	Indigenous Resurgence Fund Internal Grant, University of Victoria	2020
	SSHRC Internal Research and Creative Project Grant, University of Victoria	2020
	MITACS Research Training Award	2020
	SSHRC Connection Grant	2020
	SOSC Indigenous Resurgence Grant, University of Victoria (with Maggie Jones)	2019
	SOSC Indigenous Resurgence Grant, University of Victoria	2016
	SSHRC Internal Research and Creative Project Grant, University of Victoria	2016
	Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship	2010
	Economic History Association Dissertation Fellowship	2010
	National Endowment for the Humanities, HOPE Summer Institute	2010
	Economic History Association Travel Grant	2009
	SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship	2007-2010
HONOURS AND AWARDS	Research Excellence Award, Department of Management, University of Toronto	2023
	Fred Bateman Award for Best Paper at the EBHS Conference	2017
	Class of 2006 McMaster University Arts and Science Valedictorian	2006
	The Hurd Medal	2006
	Sam Lawrence Prize in Labour Economics	2006
COURSES TAUGHT	University of Toronto: The Economics of Canadian Public Policy (undergraduate), Workshop in Economic Research (undergraduate)	
	McMaster University: Policy Analysis Case Study (graduate)	
	University of Victoria: Business Economics (graduate), Economic History of North America (undergraduate), Problems of Canadian Microeconomic Policy (graduate and undergraduate), History of Economic Thought (undergraduate)	
STUDENT SUPERVISION	PhD: <i>ongoing</i> : Sara Wray Enns, Noah Spencer, Dario Toman, Jerome Lyons, Bryce Balanuk, Farhang Shamsoddin; <i>past</i> : Louis Henderson (2021), Injamam Alam (2021)	
	Master's: <i>past</i> : Curtis Whittla (2024), Taylor Dodd (2023), Zi Pu Wang (2023) Drake Rushford (2021), Dami Afolabi (2021, committee member), Injamam Alam (2018), Alex Thomson (2017, committee member), Rebecca Wortzman (2017), Josh White (2016, committee member)	
	Undergraduate: <i>past</i> : Elissa Chrapko (2025), Shay Houseknecht (2025), Maya Povhe (2025), Sam Shipley (2024) Jake Barton (2023), Pirawin Namasivayam (2023), Mrinmayi Thorat (2022), David Weaver (2021), Keith Kirchner (2021), Jerome Lyons (2020), Deaglan Jakob (2020), Zach Williams (2017), Juan Pablo Mendez (2017), Sean Li (2016)	
	MITACS: <i>past</i> : Dylan Hewer (2021), Katherine Spies (2021), Lola Oke (2021), Arjun Gupta (2018), Yuge Wu (2018), Qincheng Lu (2017)	

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS** American Economic Association, Canadian Economic Association, Canadian Network for Economic History, Cliometric Society, Social Science History Association, Economic History Association, Indigenous Economics Study Group, Broadbent Institute Fellow

**PROFESSIONAL & SERVICE ACTIVITIES** University of Toronto: *UTSC Management*: Equity Committee (2023-2024, 2025-), Awards Committee (2024-2025), Search Committee (2022-24); *Economics*: DEVPH Workshop Organizer (2025-), Empirical Microeconomics Summer Organizer (2024-2025), Empirical Microeconomics Brown Bag Organizer (2023-2024); *Munk*: Public Good Initiative Advisor (2024-), Ford+Munk Policy Case Competition Judge (2025), Munk Mentors Program (2024-); Faculty Association: Treasurer (2024-), Executive Member-at-Large (2023-2024), Membership Committee (2024-), Pension Committee (2024-), Financial Advisory Committee (2024-); Other: Committee on the Derecognition of Duncan Campbell Scott (2025-), Institute for Inclusive Economies and Sustainable Livelihoods (2023-), OGS Indigenous Committee (2022-2025)

University of Victoria: *Department of Economics*: Administration and Policies Review Committee (2019-2021), Graduate Committee (2019-2022), Economics Course Union Representative (2017-2022), Equity Committee (2016-2017); *Faculty of Social Sciences*: Awards and Recognition Committee (2019-2021); *Faculty Association*: Treasurer (2021-), Secretary (2020-2021), Executive Committee (2020-2022), Campus Solidarity Committee (2020-2022), University Governance Committee (2019-2022); *Other*: Indigenous Academic Advisory Council, Faculty Organizer for the ECU Police Case Competition (2016, 2020-2022), Faculty Support for the Bank of Canada Governor's Challenge Team (2016, 2019-2020), Co-organizer Unsettling Economics Conference (2018)

Canadian Economics Association: Co-chair, Canadian Economics Diversity Committee (2026-), Co-founder & Co-chair of the Indigenous Economics Study Group (2019-), Co-organizer Indigenous Economics Study Group Seminar Series (2020-), Co-organizer Indigenous Economics Study Group CEA Sessions (2020-), CWEC Panel on Diversity in the Canadian Economics Profession: Race and Ethnic Origin (2021), CEA Advisory Committee on Diversity (2021-23), Canadian Economics Diversity Committee (2023-), Co-Chair Affinity Groups Subcommittee (2022-2026), CEA Mentorship Committee (2023-2025)

SSHRC: Insight Development Grant "Multidisciplinary Social Science" Evaluation Committee (2019-2021)

Media: Over 100 appearances in television, radio, and print outlets, including: The New Yorker, Bloomberg, Washington Post, Globe and Mail, Toronto Star, NPR, CBC News, TVO, CNBC, Financial Post, Maclean's, Vox, and the Economist

Other: Supreme Court of Canada Expert Report for Ontario v. Restoule (2024), Economic History Association Equity Committee (2024-), J-PAL North America Racial Equity Advisory Committee (2024-), City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Stakeholder Roundtable (2024), CNEH Program Committee (2023-2024), Perspectives Editorial Board (2023-), Research Support for the Assembly of First Nations (2022-), NEA-ASHE-AERIP Freedom and Justice Conference Planning Committee (2022-), Campus Community Cooperative Day Care Centre Steering Committee (2022-) CCPA Ontario Steering Committee (2022-), Broadbent Institute Board Member (2022-), Indspire Research Knowledge Nest Advisory Committee (2020-2024), Canadian Northern Corridor Research Program Scientific Advisory Council (2020-2024), Sierra Club BC Board Member (2020-), Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group Board Member and Treasurer (2019-)

Refereeing: *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *Canadian Public Policy*, *Canadian Public Administration*, *FACETS*, *Philosophical Transactions B*, *Journal of Economics*, *Race, and Policy*, *American Law and Economics Review*, *Economic Modelling*, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, *Australian Economic History Review*, *Portuguese Economic Journal*, *International Journal of Pluralism and Economics Education*, *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Labor History*, *Crime & Delinquency*, *Criminology*, *Criminal Justice*, *Law & Society*, *C.D. Howe Institute*, *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Regional Studies*, *BC Federation of Labour*