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CONTACT INFORMATION

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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT and AFFILIATIONS

Professor, Department of Economics and Business, Virginia Military Institute, since 2019
Visiting Scholar (non-resident), The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, August 2013-present

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor with tenure, Department of Economics and Business, Virginia Military Institute, 2017-2019
Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Business, Virginia Military Institute, 2015-2017
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Business, Virginia Military Institute, 2011-2015
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Washington and Lee University, 2010 – 2011
Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy and Department of Economics (joint position) Central European University, 2007 –2010
Guest Lecturer, Summer School, Faculty of Management, Koper, Slovenia, June 2010
Institutions and Development (MA level, part of the Economy and Institutions course)
Guest Lecturer, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Nova Gorica, Slovenia, January 2009
Institutions and Development (PhD level, Sociology Department)
Guest Lecturer, University Centre for Euro-Mediterranean Studies (EMUNI), Slovenia, July 2008
Institutions for Good Governance and Growth (part of the Economic Policy course)
Visiting Professor, Department of Public Policy, Central European University, 2005 –2007

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, USA, 2006
Dissertation: "Essays on the Historical and Current Institutional Development of the South East and Central European States"
Committee: Peter Murrell (Chair), John Wallis, Roger Betancourt
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland, College Park, USA, 2002
B.A. Economics and East Asian Studies, Wittenberg University, USA, 1998, *summa cum laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Institutions, Post-Socialist Economies and Politics, American Indian Economic Development, Law and Economics, Economic History

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"The Great Divide Revisited: Ottoman and Habsburg Legacies on Transition" *Kyklos*, 60(4), pp. 539-558 (2007)

"The Choice in the Law-Making Process: Legal Transplants vs. Indigenous Law" with Peter Grajzl, *Review of Law & Economics*, 5(1), Article 26 (2009)

"Political Trust and Historical Legacies: The Effect of Varieties of Socialism" with Ester Simon, *East European Politics and Societies*, 24(2), pp. 206-228 (2010)

"Political Efficacy of Emerging Elites in Post-Socialist Countries: The Impact of Disciplinary Culture and Political Opportunity Structure" with Ester Simon and Alex Fischer, *Transition Studies Review*, 14(4), pp. 807-821 (2010)

"Trust, Path Dependence and Historical Legacy: The Second Decade after Transition" in: *Twenty Years after the Collapse of Communism: Expectations, achievements and disillusion of 1989*. Eds: Nicolas Hayoz, Leszek Jesień, Daniela Koleva (2011)

"Trust, Perceptions of Corruption, and Demand for Regulation: Evidence from Post-Socialist countries" with Peter Grajzl and Joseph Guse, *Journal of Socio-Economics*, 41(1), pp.292-303 (2012)

"Court Output, Judicial Staffing, and the Demand for Court Services: Evidence from Slovenian Courts of First Instance " with Peter Grajzl, Janez Sustersic, Katarina Zajc, *International Review of Law and Economics*, 31(1), pp. 19-29 (2012)

"Judicial Incentives and Performance in Lower Courts: Evidence from Slovenian Judge-Level Data" with Peter Grajzl, Janez Sustersic, Katarina Zajc, *Review of Law and Economics*, 8(1), pp. 215-252 (2012)

"Jurisdiction, Crime and Development: The Impact of Public Law 280 in Indian Country" with Peter Grajzl and Joseph Guse, *Law and Society Review*, 48(1), pp. 127-160 (2014)

"Understanding Modes of Civil Case Disposition: Evidence from Slovenian Courts" with Peter Grajzl and Katarina Zajc, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 42(4), pp. 924-939 (2014)

"The Ottoman Economic Legacy on the Balkans" (*in French*), *Anatoli*, numéro 5, Automne (2014)

"Consumer Credit on American Indian Reservations" with Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse, and Richard Todd, *Economic Systems*, 39(3), pp.518-540 (2015)

"Inside Post-Socialist Courts: The Determinants of Adjudicatory Outcomes in Slovenian Commercial Disputes" with Peter Grajzl and Katarina Zajc, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, 41(1), pp. 85-115 (2016)

"Courts in a Transition Economy: Case Disposition and the Quantity-Quality Tradeoff in Bulgaria" with Peter Grajzl, Atanas Slavov and Katarina Zajc, *Economic Systems*, 40(1), pp. 18-38 (2016)

"Racial Group Affinity and Religious Giving: Evidence from Congregation-Level Panel Data" with Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse and Taylor Smith, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, 16(2), pp. 689-725 (2016)

"The Longevity of National Identity and National Pride: Evidence from Wider Europe" with Jonathan Eastwood and Peter Grajzl, *Research and Politics*, April – June, 1-9 (2016)

"The Duration of Judicial Deliberation: Evidence from Belgium" with Samantha Bielen, Wim Marneff and Peter Grajzl, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, 174(2), pp. 303-333 (2018)

"Neighborhood Characteristics and Bankcard Credit in Indian Country: Evidence from Individual-Level Credit Bureau Records" with Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse, Richard Todd and Michael Williams, *Comparative Economic Studies* 60:3, 410-441 (2018).

"Should Immigrants Culturally Assimilate or Preserve Their Own Culture? Individual Beliefs and the Longevity of National Identity" with Peter Grajzl and Jonathan Eastwood, *Social Science Research*, 75, 96-116 (2018).

"From Gaming to Justice? A Note on the Effect of American Indian Casinos on Tribal Judicial Systems" with Randall Akee, Peter Grajzl and Richard Todd, *Native American and Indigenous Studies* 6.1, 32-42 (2019).

"Do Parliamentary Gender Quotas Decrease Gender Inequality? The Case of African Countries" with Iyabo Obasanjo, *Constitutional Political Economy* 20:3, 149-176 (2019).

"Grit, Fit, Gender, and Academic Achievement among First-Year College Students" with Sara Whipple *Psychology in the Schools* 58:2, 332-350 (2021).

"Community Development Financial Institutions and Individuals' Credit Risk in Indian Country" with Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse, and Michou Kokodoko, *Journal of Economic Issues* 56:1, 184-208 (2022).

"Sanctions for Intimate Partner Sexual Violence: Is the Law on the Books the Law in Action?" with Samantha Bielen and Peter Grajzl, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 37:11 (2022)

"Leader Gender, Country Culture, and the Management of COVID-19" with Janelle Gornick and Iyabo Obasanjo, accepted at *World Medical & Health Policy*.

WORKING PAPERS

"The Evolution of Grit" with Sara Whipple, submitted for review

"Beyond Conventional Models: Lending by Native Community Development Financial Institutions" with Michou Kokodoko, Lauren Wheeler, Peter Grajzl and Joseph Guse

"Design of the Core Curriculum in Liberal Arts Education" with Matt Naven and Tim Murray

"Unveiling the Checkered Fortunes of the Ottoman Empire" SSRN Working Paper No. 983738 (Mimeo, University of Maryland, 2006)

WORK IN PROGRESS

"In Search of an Objective Measure of Grit" with Sara Whipple

"Native CDFIs: Cultural Fit" with Michou Kokodoko, Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse and Laurel Wheeler

"Women's Leadership and Pandemic Policies" with Iyabo Obasanjo and Janelle Gornick

"Measuring the Impact of Certified Community Health Workers in the Richmond/Henrico Health District of Virginia" with Iyabo Obasanjo, Alison Scott and Monica Griffin.

"Blessed are the peacemakers: Does Gender Inclusiveness in Formal Institutions Reduce Civil Conflict" with Atin Basuchoudhary and Iyabo Obasanjo

POLICY BRIEFS

"Native CDFIs Improve Credit Outcomes for Indian Country Residents" with Michou Kokodoko, Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, April 28, 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Present (at Virginia Military Institute)

EC435XW: Institutions and Economic Development*

EC436X: Economic Development in Indian Country*

EC306: International Economics

EC304: Econometrics

EC202: Principles of Macroeconomics

EC450X: The Economics of Transition and Institutional Development in Central and South East Europe (summer study abroad class in Slovenia and Hungary) *

EC313X: The Economics of Transition and Institutional Development of the New EU Member States (summer study abroad class in Slovenia, Germany, and Belgium) *

Past (at Washington and Lee University, Central European University, University of Maryland, Wittenberg University)

Principles of Macroeconomics (BA level), Washington & Lee

Principles of Microeconomics (BA level), Washington & Lee

Quantitative Methods (MA level, Public Policy Department), CEU

Microeconomics for Public Policy (MA level, Public Policy Department), CEU

Macroeconomics for Public Policy (MA level, Public Policy Department), CEU

Institutions and Economic Development (MA level, Public Policy Department), CEU*

Economic History (MA level, Economics Department), CEU*

European Economic History (BA), UMD*

American Economic History (BA), UMD, Teaching Assistant

Principles of Microeconomics (BA), UMD, Teaching Assistant

Math Workshop, Wittenberg University, Assistant Director

Principles of Microeconomics, Wittenberg University, Teaching Assistant

Mathematics and Economics, Math Workshop, Wittenberg University, Tutor

*New Course

HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty Development Leave, Fall 2022

Omicron Delta Kappa, 2019

The Nanette & Thomas Watjen 1976 Chair in Economics and Business, Spring 2019

Outstanding Faculty Award, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), 2019

The Jackson-Hope VMIRL Matthew Fontaine Maury Prize for Excellence in Research, Spring 2018

The Dr. Rae Carpenter Award for Best Research Proposal submitted to the VMI Research Committee, Spring 2018

Nominated by VMI for the SCHEV Outstanding Professor Award for the State of Virginia, Fall 2015

VMI Award for Distinguished Teaching, Spring 2015

Wilbur S. Hinman Jr.'26 Research Award: Social Science, Spring 2015

Faculty Development Leave, Fall 2014

VMI Dean's Travel Funding Award (every year since 2011)

Phi Kappa Phi, 2013

Omicron Delta Epsilon, 2013

Teaching Award, University of Maryland, Spring 2004

Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland, 2001-2005

Graduate Fellowship, University of Maryland, 1999-2001

Summa Cum Laude, Wittenberg University, 1998

Award for Best Senior in Economics, Wittenberg University, 1998

Award for Best Senior in East Asian Studies, Wittenberg University, 1998

Ezra Keller Presidential Scholar, Wittenberg University, 1997

Phi Beta Kappa, Wittenberg University, since 1996

GRANTS

VMI Grant in Aid of Research, \$2200, Spring 2019, joint with Sara Whipple

VMI Grant in Aid of Research, \$2250, Spring 2018, joint with Sara Whipple

American Sociological Association, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Award, \$5400,
Project Title: "Tracing the Global Spread of National Identity: A Pilot Study" joint with
Jonathan Eastwood, Peter Grajzl and Nicolas Prevelakis, Fall 2013

CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

American Economic Association, January 2022 (virtual)

Southern Economic Association, November 2021 (virtual)

American Economic Association, January 2021 (virtual)

Southern Economic Association, November 2020 (virtual)

NBER Conference on the Economics of Indigenous Peoples and Institutions, November 2018

Southern Economic Association, November 2018

Midwest Economic Association, March 2017

Southern Economic Association, November 2016

Economic Analysis of Litigation Conference, Montpellier, France, June 2016

Southern Economic Association, November 2015

Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop, Torino, Italy, June 2015

Wittenberg University, April 2015

Southern Economic Association, November 2014

Southern Economic Association, November 2013

Honors Week Faculty Presentation, Virginia Military Institute, March 2013
 Southern Economics Association, November 2012
 Society of Government Economists, November 2012
 Virginia Military Institute, Roberts Lunch Seminar, September 2012
 ASSA/ACES, January 2012
 Southern Economic Association, November 2011
 Washington and Lee University, January 2011
 Southern Economics Association, November 2010
 Virginia Military Institute, October 2010
 American Law and Economics Association, May 2008
 Central European University, February 2007

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS (ATTENDED)

6th Annual Native CDFI Capital Access Convening, June 2021
 Unsettling Economics, June 2018
 UNCW Annual Teaching Workshop, October 2017
 Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop – Catania, Sicily, June 2014
 Good Native Governance: Innovative Research in Law, Education, and Economic Development –
 UCLA School of Law, March 2014
 AACSB Critical Thinking Workshop – Florida, February 2013
 AACSB Global Business Workshop – Florida, February 2013
 AACSB Conference– Texas, March 2012
 UNCW Annual Teaching Workshop, October 2011

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ADVISING

(1) Institute Honors Thesis Advising:

- Simone Jimenez (2012-13)
 Paper received the Philpott Economics Research Medal for undergraduate research in the ECU department
- Gianluca Mangiapane (2014 -15)
 Paper received the Philpott Economics Research Medal for undergraduate research in the ECU department
- John O'Donnell (2018-2019)
- Drew Melusen (2021-2022), second reader
- Harris Burton (2022-2023)

(2) Summer Undergraduate Research Advising:

- Gianluca Mangiapane (Summer 2014)
- Thomas Muldowney (Summer 2020)

(3) Department Honors Advising

- Isaac Lewis (2015 - 16)
 Paper presented at the Virginia Association of Economists Annual Meeting and at the VCUR Conference; received Philpott Economics Research Medal
- Avery Richardson (2017-18)
 Paper received the Philpott Economics Research Medal
- Jack Langkafa (2018-19)

- (4) Independent Study work:
 Travis Klein (Spring 2016)
 Marissa Linkous (Fall 2021)

STUDENT ADVISING and DEVELOPMENT

- (1) Academic Advisor to 20 + students, annually
- (2) Faculty Advisor for "Building BRIDGES" VMI Service Club, since September 2014
 - a. Community service projects with Project Horizon, Rockbridge Area Habitat for Humanity, SPCA, Boxerwood Gardens, Discovery Children's Museum, Rockbridge Area Relief Association, Rockbridge Area Community Services Board, local public schools and pre-schools, vaccination clinics during the pandemic, holiday cards for people in assisted living facilities during the pandemic
 - b. Training modules, Films, Speaker events
 - c. College debates (facilitated by the Braver Angels organization, joint with VMI Center for Leadership and Ethics)
 - d. Life, Culture and Society Film Series (joint with Spanish Honor Society and VMI Preston Library)
- (3) Faculty participant, VMI Women's Focus Group, since September 2019
- (4) Faculty Facilitator, VMI Bystander Intervention Program, since September 2019
- (5) Faculty Facilitator, VMI Inclusive Excellence Training, since September 2021
- (6) Faculty participant, VMI Gender Diversity and Inclusion Program, since July 2021
- (7) Habitat for Humanity Initiative "VMI Women Build with Habitat", Spring 2013-Summer 2014
- (8) Academic Advisor for Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honor Society, May 2013 – May 2021

SERVICE

Service to the university

Present (at Virginia Military Institute)

Institute-level committees

- (1) Member, VMI Institute Honors Committee, since August 2021
- (2) Member, VMI Institute Scholarship Selection Committee, since August 2021
- (3) Member, Follett Access Committee (ad hoc), AY2021-2022
- (4) Member, VMI Committee on Academic Technologies, AY2020 – 2021
- (5) VMI Committee on Civic Engagement, 2014 – 2021
 - Interim Chair, Fall 2019
 - Chair, Practicum Sub-committee, Feasibility Study for Civic Engagement at VMI, January 2016 – May 2017
 - Member, Sub-Committee for a civic engagement minor
- (6) VMI Faculty Committee to Review Tenure and Promotions and Faculty Expectations/evaluation, August 2019 – May 2020
- (7) VMI Institute Honors Committee, August 2018 – May 2020
- (8) VMI Faculty Handbook Committee, Academic Program Subcommittee, March 2018 – May 2019
- (9) VMI Faculty Development Committee, August 2017 – August 2018
- (10) Coordinator, VMI Brown Bag Seminar, August 2017 – May 2019
- (11) Distinguished Speaker Committee, 2011 – 2017

- Chair of committee, Fall 2013 – Spring 2017
- (12) IWP Publication Board Committee, 2013 – 2015
- (13) Committee on Academic Advising, 2012 - 2013

Department-level committees

- (14) Member, ECBU committee on minors and concentrations, since November 2019
- (15) Program Coordinator, Watjen Leadership Development Program (WELD), since 2020
- (16) Chair, Robert Research Assistantship Grant Committee, since 2015
- (17) Department Honors Committee, 2017 - present
 - Chair, 2017-2020
 - Member, 2020 - present
- (18) Chair, Watjen Fund Committee, 2019 - 2020
- (19) AACSB Accreditation Departmental Committee: Learning and Teaching, since 2018
- (20) Goal Assessment Team on Critical Thinking, ECBU, 2011-present
- (21) Mentor to junior faculty member, since May 2013
- (22) Program Director, Summer Study Abroad Program in Europe “The Economics and Politics of the European Union” (launched in Summer 2019)
- (23) ECBU Hiring Committee, 2011/2012; 2012/2013, 2018/19, 2019/20
- (24) AACSB Accreditation Departmental Committee: Participants – Students, 2012 – 2016

Past (at Central European University)

DPP Hiring Committee, 2009

Departmental Committee on Academic Dishonesty, 2008/2009

Departmental Admissions Committee, 2008/2009, 2007/2008

MUNDUS MAPP Scholarship Committee, 2008/2009

M.A. Thesis Advising (All at DPP, CEU), 2006-2009:

Aziz Atamanov (2006), Jonathan Ozarow (2006), Katherine Bancs (2007), Peter Csicsai (2007), Irakli Khmaladze (2007), Kelsey Vaughan (2007), Diana Ursachi (2007), Elizabeth Brown (2008), Sinziana-Elena Poiana (2008), Ana Nutu (2008), Daniela Bolganschi (2008), Isa Aliyev (2008), Olga Zelinska (2008), Mirna Skrbic (2009), Shane McCollam (2009), Katina Pancheva (2009), Andreea Leru Raluca (2009), Aysel Soltanova (2009), Maya Nikolova (2009)

Service to the profession:

Founding Board Member, Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples

Secretary, 2019 – 2021

President-Elect, since 2021 (July)

Consulting Editor, European Journal of Law and Economics, since Spring 2019

Ad Hoc Referee: *Journal of Law and Courts*, *Post Soviet Affairs*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Political Science Review*, *International Political Science Review*, *Political Studies*, *International Journal of Social Economics*, *Virginia Social Science Journal*, *World Development*, *European Journal of Law and Economics*, *Journal of Economics and Business*, *Urban Studies*, *Journal of the European Economics Association*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *American Indian Quarterly*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Telecommunications Policy*

Discussant: Southern Economic Association: 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022

Session chair: Southern Economic Association: 2010, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021

Session organizer: Southern Economic Association: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022

Service to the community:

Kendal College lectures, Summer 2022

- 3 one-hour lectures at one of the local retirement homes in Lexington VA

Co-organizer, Afterschool Math Club, Waddell Elementary School, Spring 2022

Community Partner, Maury River Middle School YAS After School Program, since 2019

Member, Board of Directors, FOR Swimming, since January 2018

Member, Finance Committee, 2018 - present

President, January 2019 - December 2020

Chair, Finance Committee, January 2021 – present

Member, 50 Ways Mentoring Initiative, August 2018 – June 2020

Co-chair, 50 Ways Anti-gerrymandering Initiative, 2017 - 2020

Co-President, Rockbridge County High School PTSA Board, Summer 2018 – June 2020

Co-organizer, Maury River Middle School Math Circle (÷ and conquer), Spring 2020

Tutor, After School Program at Maury River Middle School, 2018-2019

Member, Board of Directors, Woods Creek Montessori, Summer 2015 – Summer 2018

President of the Board: August 2016-August 2017

Secretary of the Board: August 2017-August 2018

Member, Swim Team Parent Booster Club, Spring 2015 – Spring 2017

Co-chair, Reflections Committee, LDMS, AY 2014/15, 2015/16

CONTINUING EDUCATION

“Constitutions of Indigenous Nations,” Native Nations Institute, January 2021

“Indigenous Data Sovereignty,” Native Nations Institute, January 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association, Association for Economic Research of/by/for/with Indigenous Peoples, National Economic Association, Southern Economic Association

CONSULTING

Institutional Research Officer, Central European University, April 2008 – August 2010

TRAINING

Emerging Leaders Pilot Course, VMI, 2018-2019

Mindfulness Basics, UVA, 2021

Project Horizon Training, Lexington VA, 2020-2021

Adverse Childhood Experiences Training, Lexington VA, 2021