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**Education**

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, 2006  
M.A. Economics, University of Maryland, 2002  
B.A. Economics and East Asian Studies, Wittenberg  
University, 1998



**Research Interests**

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

**Courses Taught**

EC 304 – Econometrics  
EC 435WX – Institutions and Economic Development  
EC436X: Economic Development in Indian Country

**Recent Publications**

“Sanctions for Intimate Partner Sexual Violence: Is the Law on the Books the Law in  
Action?” with Samantha Bielen and Peter Grajzl. accepted at the *Journal of  
Interpersonal Violence*

“Native CDFIs Improve Credit Outcomes for Indian Country Residents” with Michou  
Kokodoko, Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse. *Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis*. (April 28,  
2021).

“Grit, Fit, Gender, and Academic Achievement among First-Year College Students” with  
Sara Whipple. *Psychology in the Schools*. 58:2, 332-250 (2021).

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

"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).

# DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

## VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE

"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).

"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).

"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)

### **Works in Progress**

"The Evolution of Grit" with Sara Whipple. Submitted for review.

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

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

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

"Native CDFIs" with Michou Kokodoko, Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse, and Laurel Wheeler.

### **Additional Information**

Academic Advisor, Omicron Delta Epsilon

Faculty Advisor, Building BRIDGEs Club