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## EDUCATION

<b>The University of Arizona</b>	Tucson, AZ
Ph.D. Candidate, Economics	expected degree: May 2022
<i>Fields: Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Economic History, Law and Economics</i>	
M.A. in Economics	January 2017
<b>University of Queensland</b>	Brisbane, Australia
Master of Economic Studies	December 2007
<i>Recipient of the Dean's Commendation for High Achievement</i>	
<b>Washington University in St. Louis</b>	St. Louis, MO
B.A. in Environmental Studies with a second degree in Economics	May 2004
Selected Student Intern, <i>Environmental Law Clinic</i> (School of Law)	2004

## RESEARCH

### Working Papers and Projects

"Beggar Thy Neighbor: Strategic Resource Depletion and Environmental Outcomes for Water Quality – The Case of American Indian Water Rights" [Job Market Paper]

"American Indian Reservation Boundaries and Land Characteristics: A Spatial Analysis of Reservation Decline in the American West, 1880-1915" [Working Paper]

"Discounting Water: Calculating Risk Attitudes Towards Owning Rights to Water in the American West" [Project]

### Published and Forthcoming Papers

"Recognizing Rights in the Era of Appropriation: Understanding the Institutional Underpinnings and Evolving Legal Framework of U.S. Federal Indian Land Policies", book chapter in the forthcoming *Festschrift in Honor of Joe Kalt and Steve Cornell*, edited by Miriam Jorgensen and Wayne Ducheneaux

Duhs, A. and Davidoff, L. (2009). *Capabilities, Rights and Justice in the Context of Australian Aboriginal Welfare Policy*. *Forum for Social Economics*, Volume 39, Issue 1, pp. 23.

Davidoff, L. and Duhs, A. (2009). *Australian Aboriginal Welfare Policy: The Perspectives of Milton Friedman, J.S. Mill and Amartya Sen*. *The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, Volume 3, Issue 10, pp. 163-170.

Davidoff, L. and Duhs, A. (2008). *Aboriginal Australia: An Economic History of Failed Welfare Policy*. *Archives of Economic History*, Volume XX, Number 1, pp. 5-35.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

University of Arizona Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, Native Nations Institute Doctoral Scholar (\$4,000)	2021-2022
Graduate Assistantship, University of Arizona	2016-2022
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant	2021

(\$25,000, Award Number 2117274)  
 University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grant (\$700) 2020  
 Economic History Association Sokoloff Graduate Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000) 2019  
 Ed Zajac Prize Winner for Best Third-Year Paper: "American Indian Reservation Boundaries and Land Characteristics: A Spatial Analysis of Reservation Decline in the American West, 1880-1915" 2018  
 University of Arizona Economics Department Travel Grant (\$300) 2017  
 Australian Federation of University Women Queensland Molly Budtz-Olsen 2007  
 Commemorative Fellowship (\$20,000 AUD), granted for the completion of my Master's thesis on the impacts of state Indigenous welfare policies.

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

**2021:** University of Victoria/Canadian Economic Association Indigenous Economics Study Group Seminar Series (invited speaker); Arizona State University Center for Environmental Economics and Sustainability Policy Seminar Series (invited speaker).

**2020:** NBER Summer Institute Poster Session; Mountain West Economic History Conference (graduate presenter).

**2019:** Indigenous Capital, Growth and Property Rights (invited participant, Hoover Institution)

**2018:** University of Arizona International GIS Day (presenter); All-UC Group in Economic History, Graduate Student Workshop (presenter); EHA Annual Meeting (poster); The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development: The Next Horizon: A Symposium on the Future of Indigenous Nation Building and Festschrift in Honor of Stephen E. Cornell and Joseph P. Kalt, Harvard Kennedy School (May, 2018, invited participant and discussant; November 2018, presenter at second related event at Univ. of AZ)

**2017:** Arizona Student Energy Conference, Arizona State University, October 2017 (Student Panel Presenter); Berkeley/Sloan Summer School in Energy and Environmental Economics, University of California, Berkeley, August 2017 (Admitted Student Participant); Workshop on Economic Issues Facing Indigenous Peoples, Harvard University, April 2017

## RESEARCH/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Sole Instructor of Record, University of Arizona

ECON 325, Historical Development of Financial and Economic Institutions Summer, 2018  
 ECON 300, Microeconomics Analysis (*Online Course*) Summer, 2018

### Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona

ECON 550, *Economics for Managers* (Executive MBA) Several Semesters, 2019-2021  
 ECON 200, *Basic Economic Issues* Fall 2021, Spring 2020  
 ECON 300, *Microeconomic Analysis for Business Decisions* Spring 2021, Spring 2020  
 ECON 382, *Labor and Public Policy* Fall 2020

### Research Assistant

Graduate Research Assistant for Price Fishback, University of Arizona 8/18 – Present  
 Graduate Research Assistant for Cihan Artunç, University of Arizona 8/16 – 5/20

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development Cambridge, MA  
*Research Affiliate* 10/16 – present  
 Research on tribal governance, institutions and economic/social outcomes.

- Economic & Business Consulting New York, NY  
*Independent Consultant* 8/14 – 1/17  
 Analysis and coaching for variety of firms, including in-house CEO services for a multi-million-dollar retail and manufacturing business (giant teddy bears).
- Economic Cycle Research Institute New York, NY  
*Economic Researcher* 8/10 – 7/14  
 Forecast turning points in U.S. and international economic cycles; wrote in-depth, published reports on macroeconomic dynamics and business cycles for a wide range of strategic uses (see addendum for listing); conducted statistical and mathematical analysis; created graphics and charts to visualize data in publications; edited and fact-checked monthly publications; and managed research projects. Created new methods for looking at cyclical indicators, and routinely provided original research ideas for publication and in-house development.
- Economic Consulting Australia/USA  
*Independent Consultant* 3/08 – 7/10  
 Edited technical publications and books; performed economic research, statistical examination, and cost-benefit analyses for a diverse range of projects; and privately tutored university students in mathematics and economics.
- The University of Queensland Faculty of Economics Brisbane, Australia  
*Department Tutor, Undergraduate and Graduate Coursework* 2/06 – 07/09  
 Macro and Microeconomics, Econometrics; Cost-Benefit Analysis, Economics for Commerce.
- AECgroup Brisbane, Australia  
*Research Economist* 8/06-2/08  
 Analyzed data; performed statistical modeling and environmental valuation; conducted background research for project analysis; and wrote reports on regional areas, policy, and infrastructure investment. *AECgroup is a private consulting firm in Australia.*
- The School for Field Studies: Centre for Rainforest Studies Cairns, Australia  
*Socio-Economics Intern* 9/04 – 8/05  
 Assisted in environmental field work on climate change and rainforest habitats; wrote and graded student assignments; presented economics lectures (in environmental policy, socio-economics, and introductory microeconomics); and conducted environmental-economics research on vital local industries such as tourism and farming. Introduced an Indigenous studies component to the curriculum.
- The US Environmental Protection Agency New York, NY  
*Federal Facilities Intern* 5/02 – 7/02  
 Conducted research on pollutants in the health care field and created educational brochures for federal facilities and New York residents to aid in pollution prevention and water use reduction.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Economic History Association; Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples (AERIP)

## ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Authored content for Economic Cycle Research Institute (ECRI) Publications – For Member-Based Reports

*Australian Economic Outlook* (ECRI, *International Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XIX, No. 9). September, 2014

*Cyclical Upswing in Inflation* (ECRI, *U.S. Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XIX, No. 6). June, 2014

*Gold Faces Downward Cyclical Pressure* (ECRI, *International Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XIX, No. 5). May, 2014

*Earnings Growth Upturn Masks Labor Market Weakness* (ECRI, *U.S. Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XIX, No. 4). April, 2014

*Cracks in Employment, Earnings, and Spending* (ECRI, *U.S. Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XIX, No. 2). February, 2014

*Home Price Volatility Up as Growth Prospects Fade* (ECRI, *International Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XVIII, No. 11). November, 2013

*Lion's Share of GDP Revisions Still to Come* (ECRI, *U.S. Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XVIII, No. 8). August, 2013

*Fading Outlook for Corporate and Consumer Spending* (ECRI, *U.S. Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XVIII, No. 7). July 2013

*Flagging Growth and Inflation Ahead for Mexico* (ECRI, *International Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XVIII, No. 4). April 2013

*A Familiar Pattern of Profit-Driven Downturns* (ECRI, *U.S. Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XVII, No. 12). December, 2012

*Cyclical Patterns in Data Revisions* (ECRI, *U.S. Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XVII, No. 8). August, 2012

*Cyclical Crosscurrents in Australia* (ECRI, *International Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XVII, No. 4). April, 2012

*Australia Facing Recession Risk* (ECRI, *International Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XVI, No. 10). October, 2011

*Eurozone Recession Danger* (ECRI, *International Cyclical Outlook*, Vol. XVI, No. 9). September, 2011

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## REFERENCES

**Price Fishback** (Dissertation Chair)

APS Professor of Economics  
The University of Arizona  
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**Joseph P. Kalt** (Committee Member)

Ford Foundation Professor of International  
Political Economy, Emeritus  
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