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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

(on sabbatical in Fall 2022)

EC 304 – Econometrics

EC 435WX – Institutions and Economic Development

EC436X: Economic Development in Indian Country

Recent Publications

"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).

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"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

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

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

Policy brief

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

Additional Information

Faculty Advisor, Building BRIDGEs Club