VALENTINA DIMITROVA-GRAJZL

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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, since 2013 President Elect, Association for Economic Research of/by/for/with Indigenous Peoples (AERIP) Consulting Editor, European Journal of Law and Economics Faculty Fellow, College Debates and Discourse Program

PROFESSIONAL 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, American Indian Economic Development, Post-Socialist Economies and Politics, 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 disillusions 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, *World Medical & Health Policy* 14:4, 773-797 (2022)

"When the Lender Extends a Helping Hand: Native CDFI Client Counseling and Loan Performance" with Peter Grajzl, Joseph Guse, Michou Kokodoko, and Laurel Wheeler, *accepted at Journal of Economics, Race and Policy.*

"The Evolution of Grit: Development at a Four-year Military College" with Sara Whipple, Learning Environments Research (2023)

"Beyond Conventional Models: Lending by Native Community Development Financial Institutions" with Michou Kokodoko, Laurel Wheeler, Peter Grajzl and Joseph Guse, *accepted at Annals of Public and Cooperative Economics*.

WORKING PAPERS

"Harnessing Soft Information to Promote Financial Inclusion: Native CDFI Lending and Business Loan Delinquency" with Michou Kokodoko, Peter Grajzl, Lakota Vogel, and Laurel Wheeler, *under review*.

"Fostering Financial Inclusion by Ensuring Cultural Fit: The Case of the Native CDFI Industry" with Michou Kokodoko, Peter Grajzl, and Laurel Wheeler, *under review*.

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

"Unveiling the Checkered Fortunes of the Ottoman Empire" (Mimeo, University of Maryland, 2006)

WORK IN PROGRESS

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

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

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

• <u>https://www.minneapolisfed.org/article/2021/native-cdfis-improve-credit-outcomes-for-indian-country-residents</u>

"Native CDFIs Bring Holistic Approach to Assessing Risk" with Caryn Mohr, Laurel Wheeler, Michou Kokodoko, Peter Grajzl, and Joseph Guse, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, February 2023

• <u>https://www.minneapolisfed.org/indiancountry/publications</u>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Present (at Virginia Military Institute)

Institutions and Economic Development*

Economic Development in Indian Country*

International Economics

Econometrics

Principles of Macroeconomics

The Economics of the European Union (summer abroad class in Spain) *

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

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

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Summer 2017 - VMI Study Abroad Program in Hungary, Austria and Slovenia

- Added a new component to an established program.
- Summer 2019 VMI Study Abroad Program in Slovenia, Germany and Belgium
 - Developed and led a new program.

Summer 2024 (forthcoming) - VMI Study Abroad Program in Spain

• Participate as instructor in an established program.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty Development Leave, Fall 2022 Omicron Delta Kappa, 2019

• The National Leadership Honor Society

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

• Endowed Chair

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Outstanding Faculty Award, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), 2019
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• Highest honor for faculty at Virginia's public and private colleges and universities

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

- For sustained excellence in stimulating, furthering, or performing research.
- 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

• For superior achievement in advancing the educational goals of VMI and for exceptional contributions to the intellectual growth of the Corps of Cadets.

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

• For excellence in stimulating, encouraging, and leading undergraduate research.

Faculty Development Leave, Fall 2014

VMI Dean's Travel Funding Award (every year since 2011) Phi Kappa Phi, 2013

• Honor Society, for scholarly distinction.

Omicron Delta Epsilon, 2013

• Economics Honor Society 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, \$5340, Spring 2023, joint with Sara Whipple
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

CONFERENCES, INVITED PRESENTATIONS and WORKSHOPS

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, Civic Opportunities and Resources virtual event, Braver Angels Debates in the classroom and on campus, March 2024 2nd Annual Virginia Indigenous Nations in Higher Education Leadership Summit, March 2024 NCA Preconference: "Bridging Freedom and Inquiry: Taking on Touch Issues in the Classroom and Beyond," November 2023 APPAM, November 2023 Freedom and Justice Conference, August 2023 Braver Angels College Debates and Discourse Summer Symposium, July 2023 College of William and Mary, April 2023 (invited guest speaker for a class) CICD Research Summit, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, December 2022 Southern Economic Association, November 2022 Samford University, October 2022 (invited presentation) American Economic Association, January 2022 (virtual) Southern Economic Association, November 2021 (virtual) 6th Annual Native CDFI Capital Access Convening, June 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 Unsettling Economics, June 2018 UNCW Annual Teaching Workshop, October 2017 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 Economic Analysis of Litigation Workshop - Catania, Sicily, June 2014 Southern Economic Association, November 2013 Honors Week Faculty Presentation, Virginia Military Institute, March 2013 AACSB Critical Thinking Workshop - Florida, February 2013 AACSB Global Business Workshop – Florida, February 2013 Southern Economics Association, November 2012 Society of Government Economists, November 2012 Virginia Military Institute, Roberts Lunch Seminar, September 2012 AACSB Conference– Texas, March 2012 ASSA/ACES, January 2012 Southern Economic Association, November 2011 UNCW Annual Teaching Workshop, October 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

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ADVISING

Institute Honors Thesis Advising:

Simone Jimenez (2012-13); Gianluca Mangiapane (2014 -15); John O'Donnell (2018-2019); Drew Melusen (2021-2022), second reader; Harris Burton (2022-2023)

Summer Undergraduate Research Advising:

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

Department Honors Advising

Isaac Lewis (2015 - 16), Avery Richardson (2017-18); Jack Langkafa (2018-19)

Independent Study work:

Travis Klein (Spring 2016), Marissa Linkous (Fall 2021)

STUDENT ADVISING and DEVELOPMENT

Academic Advisor to 20 + students, annually

Faculty Advisor for "Building BRIDGES" VMI Cadet Club, since September 2014

- 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
- Training modules, Films, Speaker events
- College debates (facilitated by the Braver Angels organization, joint with VMI Center for Leadership and Ethics)
- Life, Culture and Society Film Series (joint with Spanish Honor Society and VMI Preston Library)

Faculty participant, VMI Women's Focus Group, since September 2019
Faculty Facilitator, VMI Bystander Intervention Program, since September 2019
Faculty Facilitator, VMI Inclusive Excellence Training, since September 2021
Faculty participant, VMI Gender Diversity and Inclusion Program, since July 2021
Habitat for Humanity Initiative "VMI Women Build with Habitat", Spring 2013-Summer 2014
Academic Advisor for Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honor Society, May 2013 – May 2021

SERVICE

Service at Virginia Military Institute *Institute-level committees*

Current committees: VMI Institute Awards Committee (since August 2021), VMI Institute Scholarship Selection Committee (since August 2021)

Past - Follett Access Committee (ad hoc), AY2021-2022; VMI Committee on Academic Technologies, AY2020 – 2021; 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); VMI Faculty Committee to Review Tenure and Promotions and Faculty Expectations/evaluation, August 2019 – May 2020; VMI Institute Honors Committee, August 2018 – May 2020; VMI Faculty Handbook Committee, Academic Program Subcommittee, March 2018 – May 2019; VMI Faculty Development Committee, August 2017 – August 2018; Coordinator, VMI Brown Bag Seminar, August 2017 – May 2019' Distinguished Speaker Committee, 2011 – 2017 (Chair of committee, Fall 2013 – Spring 2017); IWP Publication Board Committee, 2013 – 2015; Committee on Academic Advising, 2012 - 2013

Department-level committees

Current committees: Co-chair, AACSB Strategic Planning Committee, since 2023; Member, ECBU Department Curriculum Revision Committee, since 2023; Program Coordinator, Watjen Leadership Development Program (WELD), since 2020; Member, ECBU committee on minors and concentrations, since November 2019; Robert Research Assistantship Grant Committee, since 2015 (chair from 2015 to 2022); Department Honors Committee, 2017 – present (chair from 2017 to 2020); Goal Assessment Team on Critical Thinking, ECBU, 2011-present; Mentor to junior faculty member, since May 2013

Past: Co-chair, ECBU website review committee, 2021-2023; Chair, Watjen Fund Committee, 2019 – 2020; AACSB Accreditation Departmental Committee: Learning and Teaching, 2018 – 2023; Program Director, Summer Study Abroad Program in Europe "The Economics and Politics of the European Union" (launched in Summer 2019); ECBU Hiring Committee, 2011/2012; 2012/2013, 2018/19, 2019/20; AACSB Accreditation Departmental Committee: Participants – Students, 2012 – 2016

Service 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/by/for/with Indigenous Peoples Secretary, 2019 – 2021 President-Elect, since 2021 (July)

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

Planning Committee, Freedom and Justice Conference

- 2023-2024 Fundraising Sub-Committee, Call for proposals Sub-Committee
- 2022-2023 Fundraising Sub-Committee, Call for proposals Sub-Committee

User Advocate, Census Bureau Opportunity Project (TOP) Fall Sprints (joint with EDA) on "Improving Access to Capital in Indigenous Communities through Data", Fall 2023

Member, Selection Committee for the Kenneth G. Elzinga Distinguished Teaching Award, Southern Economic Association, 2023

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, World Medical and Health Policy, Business and Politics, International Journal of Law and Economics.

- 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, 2022
- Session organizer: Southern Economic Association: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022 APPAM, 2023

Reviewer, SCHEV OFA Peer Review Panel, 2021-2023

Service to the community:

Co-Organizer, Math Circle After School Program for Middle Schoolers, Spring 2023 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 2017-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