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

Courses Taught

EC 202 – Principles of Macroeconomics

EC 435WX – Institutions and Economic Development

EC436X: Economic Development in Indian Country

Recent Publications

"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)

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

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"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*.

"Fostering Financial Inclusion by Ensuring Cultural Fit: The Case of the Native CDFI Industry" with Michou Kokodoko, Peter Grajzl, and Laurel Wheeler, *accepted at American Indian Culture and Research Journal*.

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*.

"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)

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

"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

Additional Information

President, Association for Economic Research of/by/for/with Indigenous Peoples

Faculty Co-Advisor, Building BRIDGEs Club

Faculty Fellow, College Debates and Discourse Program, Braver Angels