

Dr. Donna L. Feir

Curriculum Vitae

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Work Experience

2018 – Present, Center for Indian Country Development, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States
Research Economist

2013 – Present University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada
Assistant Professor, Economics

Education

2007-2013 PhD Economics, University of British Columbia
2006-2007 MA Economics, University of Calgary
2002-2006 BA Honours, Economics, University of Calgary

Research

Fields

Economic History, Labour Economics, Indigenous Policy, Applied Econometrics

Peer Reviewed Publications

“First People Lost: Determining the State of Status First Nations Mortality in Canada using Administrative Data” (with Randall Akee). (forthcoming) *Canadian Journal of Economics* (2019 May, Volume 52, Number 2)

“Return to the Homeland? The Impact of the Great Recession on Employment Outcomes and Labor Mobility for Native Americans” *Journal of Economics, Race, Ethnicity, and Policy* (2018, Volume 1, Issue 1, pp.1-15)

“Estimating Institutionalization and Homelessness for Status Indians in Canada: A Method and Implications” (with Randall Akee). *International Indigenous Policy Journal* (2018, Volume 9, Number 4, pp.60-67)

“Answering the Call: An Empirical Social Scientist’s Guide to Reconciliation” (with Robert Hancock). *Canadian Public Policy* (September 2016, Vol. 42, No. 3, 350-365)

“The Intergenerational Effect of Forcible Assimilation Policy on School Performance.” *International Indigenous Policy Journal* (2016, Vol. 7, Iss. 3, 1-44)

“The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” *Canadian Journal of Economics* (2016, Vol. 49, No. 2, 433-480)

“Weak Identification in Fuzzy Regression Discontinuity Designs.” (with Vadim Marmer and Thomas Lemieux). *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics*. (2016, Vol. 34, No. 2, 185-196. [Posted online April 2015])

"Size, Structure, and Change: Exploring the Sources of Aboriginal Earnings Gaps in 1995 and 2005," *Canadian Public Policy* (2013, Vol. 32, No. 2, 309-334)

Working Papers

“The Impact of Introducing Formal Child Care Services in Inuit Communities: on Traditional Child Care and Labour Force Participation” (with Jasmin Thomas) (August 2017) (Revise and Resubmit at *Canadian Public Policy*)

“Illuminating Indigenous Economic Development” (with Rob Gillezeau and Maggie Jones) (October 2017) (Revise and Resubmit at the *Canadian Journal of Economics*)

“The Long-run Effects of Residential Schooling on Health,” (with Christopher Auld) (Updated February 2019) (Revise and Resubmit at the *Canadian Journal of Economics*)

“Slaughter of the North American Bison and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains.” (with Rob Gillezeau and Maggie Jones) (January 2018) (Under Review)

Works in Progress

“American Indian Treaties, Bargaining Power, and the Decline of the Bison (with Rob Gillezeau and Maggie Jones)

“Historical Treaty Making and Long Term Economic Prosperity” (with Rob Gillezeau and Maggie Jones)

"Why Communities Disappear: Modelling Access to Land, Traditional Economic Activity, and Community Survival" (with Peter Kennedy and Alyssa Savage)

“The Historical Causes of Modern Tuberculosis Rates: The Case of Canadian First Nations” (with Anke Kessler)

Invited Lectures

“The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” University of Regina, February 8, 2019.

“Economic History, Indigenous North America and the Path to Economic Resurgence,” University of Regina, February 7, 2019.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Ryerson University, October 10, 2018.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” University of Manitoba, March 9, 2018.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Harvard University, February 16, 2018.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Brock University, November 6, 2017.

“Decolonizing Research and Indigenizing Data” (co-presented with Jacqueline Quinless), University of Victoria, September 27th, 2017

“The Slaughter of the Bison and the Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Leicester University, June 13, 2017.

“The Destruction of the Bison, Treaty-Making, and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Simon Fraser University, Economics Department, March 20, 2017.

“The Destruction of the Bison, Treaty-Making, and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” University of Saskatchewan, November 30, 2016.

“The Destruction of the Bison, Treaty-Making, and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia, November 21, 2016.

“Avoidable Deaths, Incarceration, and Homelessness: Accounting for Missing Indigenous Women and Men,” Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, June 2, 2016.

“The Long-run Effect of Residential Schooling Health” Simon Fraser University 25th, 2015.

“The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” Lakehead University, November 14th, 2014.

“The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” University of Laval, October 17th, 2014

“The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” Population Research Group, University of Victoria, Cornett A317, March 12th, 2014

Conferences

“The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Symposium on Natural Resource Governance for Young Scholars, Indiana University Bloomington, Ostrom Workshop. 16 November 2018.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains,” Economics of Indigenous Peoples and Institutions, National Bureau of Economic Research. 8 November 2018.

“Research and Relationship: The Work of the CICD,” Tribal Leaders Forum. Hoover Institution at Stanford University. 24 September 2018.

“The Determinants and Long Run Impacts of Historical First Nations Treaty-Making in Canada,” Renewing Indigenous Economies Research Workshop. Hoover Institution at Stanford University. 21 September 2018.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy. 23 June 2018.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” American Economics Association Annual Conference. 5 January 2018.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” Canadian Public Economics Group Annual Conference. 4 November, 2017.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” Canadian Economics Association. 3 July 2017.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” Northwest Development Workshop. 6 May 2017.

“The Slaughter of the Bison and Reversal of Fortune on the Great Plains,” Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, Economic Issues Facing Indigenous People in Canada and the United States Workshop. 27 April 2017.

“Answering the Call: An Economists Guide to Reconciliation,” Western Economics Association International. 1 July 2016.

“Answering the Call: An Economists Guide to Reconciliation,” Canadian Economics Association. 4 June 2016.

“Avoidable Deaths, Incarceration, and Homelessness: Accounting for Missing Indigenous Women and Men,” Canadian Economics Association. 3 June 2016.

“The Intergenerational Effects of Forcible Assimilation on School Performance.” Society of Labour Economists Annual Conference. Seattle. 7 May 2016.

“Missing Women: The Case of Canadian First Nations,” Workshop: Economic Issues Facing Aboriginal People in Canada and the USA. SFU. 18 September 2015.

“The Intergenerational Effects of Forcible Assimilation on School Performance.” Midwest Economic Annual Meeting. 28th March 2015.

“The Intergenerational Effect of Forcible Assimilation Policy on School Performance” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, SFU, Vancouver, May 30th, 2014

“The Effects of Forcible Childhood Assimilation on Adult and Next Generation Health” joint with Chris Auld. Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, SFU, Vancouver, May 31th, 2014.

“The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings, May 2, 2014

“The Long Term Effects of Forcible Assimilation Policy: The Case of Indian Boarding Schools,” Presented Poster at Poster Session at the 2014 *Good Native Governance: Research in Law, Education, and Economic Development* Conference, March 7th, 2014.

“The Intergenerational Effects of Indian Residential Schools” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, HEC, Montreal, June 1, 2013.

“The Long Term Effects of Indian Residential Schools on Human and Cultural Capital” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Calgary, Calgary, June 8, 2012.

“Ten Years After the Royal Commission on Aboriginal People: A Wasted Decade?” Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, University of Quebec, Quebec City, May 28, 2010.

Referee

American Indian Culture and Research Journal, February 2019
American Indian Culture and Research Journal, November 2018
Social Indicators Research, February 2018
Canadian Public Policy, December 2017
Routledge Publishing, October 2017
Journal of Development Economics, May 2017
Journal of Applied Econometrics, December 2016
Journal of Development Economics, December 2016
Social Indicators Research, September 2016
Population Research and Policy Review, July 2016
Humanities, September October 2015

Journal of Development Economics, December 2015
Journal of Development Economics, October 2013
Canadian Public Policy, September 2013
Canadian Public Policy, March 2011
Canadian Journal of Economics, January 2010

**Scholarships,
Fellowships and
Awards**

2018 Community Engaged Learning Grant for “Supporting reconciliation through Community-Engaged Learning: Developing a community-led project for students in economics.” Grant amount: \$6,500.

2017 Dean’s Conference Support Fund for “Unsettling Economics” Conference. Grant amount: \$1,200. *(Support from the Department of Economics, and Global Studies. We also applied for a SSHRC connection grant. More details regarding the conference are available upon request.)*

2017 Fred Bateman Award for Best Paper at the Annual Economics and Business History Society Conference for “The Slaughter of the North American Bison and Reversal of Fortunes on the Great Plains.” [presented by Rob Gillezeau]. Award amount: \$500.

SOSC Indigenous Research Support Fund. [with Robert Gillezeau] January 2017 to August 2017. Grant amount: \$1,500.

Social Sciences and Humanities Insight Grant. “Institutions and Human Development: The Case of Canada’s First Nations.” July 2015 to July 2018. Grant amount: \$50,650. [with Anke Kessler (primary) and Fernando Aragon – role: collaborator]

VPR 4A Grants in the Social Sciences and Humanities, October 2014 to October 2015. Grant amount: \$9,500.00 [with Anke Kessler (primary) and Fernando Aragon – role: collaborator]

Internal Research Grant. Project Title: “The Impact of Race Specific Legislation on Group Affiliation and Behaviour: The Implications of the Canadian Indian Act” April 2014 to March 2015. Grant amount: \$4,734.00

SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship, September 1, 2008 – May 31, 2011, grant amount: \$160,000

Teaching

Courses Taught

Intermediate Microeconomics I (Economics 203): Fall 2013; Fall 2014; Fall 2015; Fall 2017

Intermediate Microeconomics II (Economics 313): Winter 2014; Winter 2015; Winter 2016; Winter 2017; Winter 2018

Graduate Labour Economics (Economics 515): Winter 2016

Indigenous Economics (Economics 495): Fall 2017

Feminist Economics (Economics 495): Winter 2018

University 102: Winter 2018

Students Supervised

Ben Paterson 2018. (MA Essay) Completed.
Maya Krayan. 2018. (MA Essay) Completed.
Ahmed Ishtiaq 2017. (MA Essay) Continuing.
Rebecca Wortzman, 2017. (MA Essay) Completed.

Kim Webber (LE, NONET Research Internship) Completed.
Tessa Devakos 2017 (Honours Essay) Continuing.
Luke Frymire 2017 (Honours Essay) Continuing.
Sydney Rowe 2017 (Honours Essay) Continuing.
Alyssa Savage, 2017 (Honours Essay) Completed.
Grace Montemurro, 2016 (Honours Essay) Completed.
Sabrina Staples, 2015 (Honours Essay) Completed.

Media

Research Featured on CBC News. "Buffalo slaughter led to Indigenous people getting shorter though the years, economist says." February 7, 2019. By Chelsea Laskowski.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/bison-slaughter-tied-to-indigenous-people-s-heights-1.5009951>

Research Featured on MinnPost. "The effects of near-extinction of the bison are still being felt by Native Tribes today." January 31, 2019. By Greta Kaul.

<https://www.minnpost.com/economy/2019/01/the-effects-of-near-extinction-of-the-bison-are-still-being-felt-by-native-tribes-today/>

Research Featured on Inside Science. "Bison Slaughter's Destructive Legacy for Native Americans." March 1, 2018. By

Katharine Gammon. <https://www.insidescience.org/news/bison-slaughter%E2%80%99s-destructive-legacy-native-americans>

Research Featured in Brookings, Upfront. “Why are Canada’s First Nations women dying at such an alarming rate?” by Randall Akee. February 28, 2018.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2018/02/28/why-are-canadas-first-nations-women-dying-at-such-an-alarming-rate/>

Research Featured in Indian Country Today. “The Good(?) and Bad of Boarding Schools,” by Randall Akee. March 3, 2016.

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2016/03/03/good-and-bad-boarding-schools>