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## EDUCATION

<b>The University of Arizona</b>	Tucson, AZ
Ph.D., Economics	May 2022
M.A. in Economics	January 2017
<i>FIELDS OF INTEREST: Applied Env. Economics, Economic History, Law &amp; Economics</i>	
<b>University of Queensland</b>	Brisbane, Australia
Master of Economic Studies	December 2007
<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

## WORKING PAPERS AND PROJECTS

"How Damaging is Uncertainty? Strategic Bargaining and Water Pollution in the American West"  
[Under Review]

"Risky Business: Preferences for Risk and Uncertainty in Water Markets" [Working Paper]

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

## PUBLICATIONS AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

"A Framework for Thinking About Landback" (*Forthcoming*). Landback Policy Brief No. 2: Non-peer reviewed policy brief for the Harvard Project on Indigenous Governance and Development, with Miriam Jorgensen.

"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

"Considerations for Federal and State Landback" (2021): Non-peer reviewed policy brief for the Harvard Project on Indigenous Governance and Development, with Miriam Jorgensen  
(<https://indigenousgov.hks.harvard.edu/publications/considerations-federal-and-state-landback>)

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

Caltech Linde Institute Grant	2024-2025
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 (\$25,000, Award Number 2117274)	2021
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 Commemorative Fellowship (\$20,000 AUD), granted for the completion of my Master's thesis on the impacts of state Indigenous welfare policies.	2007

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2024:** Transportation, Urban and Environmental Seminar Speaker, University of California, Irvine.  
**2024:** Panelist, *Innovations in the Science & Policy of Water Quality Management*, Caltech  
**2022:** Economic History Association (Presenter)  
**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

Ec 101, Economic History of American Western Expansion: Natural Resources, Land Rights, and Socio-Economic Institutions	Expected: Spring, 2025
Ec 11, Introduction to Economics (Caltech)	Fall, 2023
Ec 101, Introduction to Environmental Economics (Caltech)	Spring, 2023
ECON 325, Historical Development of Financial and Economic Institutions (UA)	Summer, 2018
ECON 300, Microeconomics Analysis (UA, <i>Online Course</i> )	Summer, 2018

### Teaching Assistant, University of Arizona

ECON 550, <i>Economics for Managers</i> (Executive MBA)	Several Semesters, 2019-2021
ECON 200, <i>Basic Economic Issues</i>	Fall 2021, Spring 2020

ECON 300, *Microeconomic Analysis for Business Decisions*  
ECON 382, *Labor and Public Policy*

Spring 2021, Spring 2020  
Fall 2020

**Research Assistant**

Graduate Research Assistant for Price Fishback, University of Arizona  
Graduate Research Assistant for Cihan Artunç, University of Arizona

8/18 – 2022  
8/16 – 5/19

**SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE**

*Postdoctoral Researcher, Resnick Scholar, California Institute of Technology* 8/22-present

*Research Fellow, The Harvard Project on Indigenous Governance and Development* 10/16-present  
*Since 2021, this work experience has involved running and overseeing the “Landback” research project, focused on Indigenous land loss and return in the U.S. This includes the construction of a database of landback examples (with over 3,000 examples coded from the public record), written policy briefs, Interfacing with tribal and governmental leaders on the topic of landback and economic, environmental, and institutional impacts. Project to date has garnered \$800k in funding.*

*Independent Economic Consultant* New York, NY  
Analysis and coaching for variety of firms, including in-house CEO services for a multi-million-dollar retail and manufacturing business (giant teddy bears). 8/14 – 1/17

*Economic Researcher, Economic Cycle Research Institute* New York, NY  
Forecast turning points in U.S. and international economic cycles; wrote published reports on business cycles for a wide range of strategic uses (see addendum for listing); conducted statistical and mathematical analysis; created publication graphics and charts for data visualization; edited and fact-checked monthly publications; and managed research projects. Routinely provided original research ideas for publication and in-house development. 8/10 – 7/14

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 air pollution and created educational brochures for NY residents and federal facilities for pollution prevention and water reduction.

**COMPUTER SKILLS:** STATA, QGIS, ArcGIS, R, Microsoft Excel, and others.

## 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

### **Jean-Laurent Rosenthal**

Rea A. and Lela G. Axline Professor of  
Business Economics; Director, Ronald & Maxine  
Linde Institute of Economic and Management Sciences  
California Institute of Technology  
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Regents Professor,  
APS Professor of Economics  
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Political Economy, Emeritus  
Harvard Kennedy School  
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