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EDUCATION

B.A., Dartmouth College, 1994; M.A., Yale University, 1996; M.A., Harvard University, 2003 and Ph.D., Harvard University, 2006.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Senior Economist, Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President, 2022-2023
Associate Professor, University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Public Policy and American Indian Studies, 2018-current. (*On leave*, 2022-2023)
Co-Editor, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, 2022-current.

PRIOR POSITIONS

Chair, University of California, Los Angeles, American Indian Studies Interdepartmental Program, 2020-2022
Editor, American Indian Culture and Research Journal, University of California, Los Angeles, 2019-2022.
Rubenstein Fellow, Brookings Institution, Economic Studies, Washington, DC, 2017-2019.
Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Public Policy, 2013-2018.
Assistant Professor, Tufts University, Department of Economics, 2009-2012.
Visiting Fellow, Center for Labor Economics, University of California, Berkeley, September 2011-June 2012.
Visiting Fellow, Center for Global Development, June 2011-September 2011.
Research Associate, Institute for the Study of Labor, Bonn, Germany, 2006-2009.

AFFILIATIONS

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), 2018-2022. (*On leave*, 2022-2023)
Non-Resident Fellow, Brookings Institution, 2019-2022. (*On leave*, 2022-2023)
Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), University of Wisconsin, 2022-Current.
Council Member, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2022-2026.
President, Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples (AERIP).
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Economic Literature, 2022-current
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Economics, Race and Policy, 2020-current.
Research Associate, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Center for Indian Country Development, 2020-2022.
Trustee, The Association for Social Economics, 2023-Current.

International Advisory Board, Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Futures, The University of Queensland Australia, 2022-Current.

Faculty Affiliate, UCLA Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice & Health.

Research Fellow, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.

Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).

Faculty Fellow, California Center for Population Research (CCPR), UCLA.

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), UC Berkeley.

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

“Return Migration Decisions and Declining Earnings: Immigrants in Linked Survey and Administrative Data.” (with Maggie R. Jones) *revise and resubmit at Journal of Human Resources.*

“Child Mental Health, Family Circumstance, and Long-Term Success: The Effect of Household Income.” (with E. Simeonova and William Copeland) *revise and resubmit at Journal of Human Resources.*

“Earnings Inequality and Immobility for Hispanics and Asians: An Examination of Variation Across Subgroups.” (with Sonya R. Porter and Emilia Simeonova).

“The Effect of Foreign and Domestic Graduate Degrees on the Earnings of Immigrants to the U.S.” (with Maggie R. Jones) *revise and resubmit at International Migration Review.*

“Pre-K Schooling and Adult Outcomes: Evidence from Lottery Admissions.” (with Leah Clark)

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Replacing Medicaid with an Imperfect Substitute: Implications for Health Inequality.” (with Teresa Molina and Timothy Halliday) Russell Sage Foundation, RSF Journal issue on “Symposium on Administrative Burdens, 2023.
2. “Data Equity in American Indian/Alaska Native Populations: Respecting Sovereign Nations’ Right to Meaningful and Usable COVID-19 Data.” (with Vickie M. Mays, Abigail Echo-Hawk, Susan D. Cochran) American Journal of Public Health, 2022, 112, 1416_1420.
3. “Indigenous Peoples’ Earnings, Inequality, and Well-Being: Known and Unknown Components.” The Oxford Handbook of Indigenous Sociology, Edited by Maggie Walter, Tahu Kukutai, Angela A. Gonzales, and Robert Henry Subject: Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Social Theory Online Publication Date: Jan 2022 DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780197528778.013.17
4. “Native American Age at Death in the United States.” (with Gorzig, Marina Mileo and D. L. Feir, Samuel Myers Jr., Mariam Navid, Kai Tiede, Olivia Matzke) Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, 2022, pp.1-16.
5. “Adequacy of Existing Surveillance Systems to Monitor Racism, Social Stigma and COVID Inequities: A Detailed Assessment and Recommendations.” (with Ford, C.L.; Amani, B.; Harawa, N.T.; Gee, G.C.; Sarrafzadeh, M.; Abotsi-Kowu, C.; Fazeli, S.; Le, C.; Nwankwo, E.; et al.) *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health* 2021, 18, 13099. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph182413099>
6. “The Great Recession and Economic Outcomes for Indigenous Peoples in the United States.” In “*What has happened to the American Working Class since the Great Recession?*”, The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Volume #695, May 2021.

7. "Data Disaggregation Beyond Race: Identifying Differences in Health Outcomes and Mortality for Tribally Enrolled American Indian and Alaska Native Populations." (with Small-Rodriguez, Desi) *American Journal of Public Health* 111, no. S2 (2021): S126-S132.
8. "Indigenous Peoples' Data During COVID-19: From External to Internal," (with Stephanie Russo Carroll, Pyrou Chung, Donna Cormack, Tahu Kukutai, Raymond Lovett, Michele Suina, Robyn Rowe) *Frontiers in Sociology* 6 (2021): 62.
9. "Stolen Lands and Stolen Opportunities." *Native American and Indigenous Studies* 8, no. 1 (2021): 123-128.
10. "Gaming Opportunities: American Indian Casinos, Cash Transfers, and Income Mobility on the Reservation," (with M. Jones and E. Simeonova) *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, vol. 111, pp. 221-26. 2021.
11. "Pandemic Protocols, Native Nutrition: Grocery-Store Access from American Indian Reservations During COVID-19," (with L. Quintero and E. Simeonova) *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, vol. 111, pp. 602-06. 2021.
12. "The Impact of Medicaid on Medical Utilization in a Vulnerable Population: Evidence from COFA Migrants." (with T. Halliday) *Health Economics*, 2020, Volume 29, pp. 1231-1250.
13. "American Indian Reservations and COVID-19: Correlates of Early Infection Rates in the Pandemic." (with D. Rodriguez-Lonebear, N. E. Barceló, S. R. Carroll) *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*, Volume 26, No. 4, July/August 2020.
14. "The Mortality Effects of Reduced Medicaid Coverage among International Migrants in Hawai'i (2012-2018)." (with T. Halliday, T. Molina, T. Sentell, B. Horiuchi and A. Onaka) *American Journal of Public Health*, 110(8), 1205-1207.
15. "Gender Ratios on First Nations Reserves in Canada." (with D. Feir) *Canadian Studies in Population*, April 2020.
16. "The EITC and Linking Data to Examine Multi-Generational Effects," (with E. Simeonova and M. Jones) in Measuring and Understanding the Distribution and Intra/Inter-Generational Mobility of Income and Wealth, edited by Raj Chetty, John N. Friedman, Janet C. Gornick, Barry Johnson, and Arthur Kennickell, University of Chicago Press, 2020.
17. "Hispanic and Asian Earnings Inequality and the Role of Labor Market Entrants and Immigrants" (with E. Simeonova, M. Jones and S. Porter) *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, Volume 110, May 2020, pp. 442-446.
18. "Human Capital and Voting Behavior Across Generations: Evidence from an Income Intervention" (with J. Holbein, E. Simeonova, W. Copeland) *American Political Science Review*, 2020, Volume 114, No. 2, pp. 609-616.
19. "Opportunities to Diversify: Reservation Workplaces and Job Numbers Compared to Nearby County Areas," 2019 (with Elton Mykerezi and Richard Todd) in Creating private sector economies in Native America: Sustainable development through entrepreneurship, edited by Miller, R. J., Jorgensen, M., & Stewart, D., Cambridge University Press.
20. "Land Titles and Dispossession: Allotment on American Indian Reservations" 2019. *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, 1-21.
21. "Race Matters: Income Shares, Income Inequality, and Income Mobility for All U.S. Races" (with M. Jones and S. Porter), 2019. *Demography*, 56(3), 999-1021.
22. "Unintended Consequences of China's New Labor Contract Law on Unemployment and Welfare Loss of the Workers" with (Zhao, Liqui and Zhao, Zhong), 2019, *China Economic Review*, 53, 87-105.

23. "From Gaming to Justice? A Note on the Effect of American Indian Casinos on Tribal Judicial Systems," (with Dimitrova-Grajzl, V. and Grajzl, P. and Todd, R.) 2019, *Native American and Indigenous Studies*, 6(1), 32-42.
24. "First People Lost: Determining the State of Status First Nations Mortality in Canada using Administrative Data," (with D. Feir) 2019, *Canadian Journal of Economics/Revue canadienne d'économique*, 52(2), 490-525.
25. "Estimating Institutionalization and Homelessness for Status First Nations in Canada: A Method and Implications," 2018. (with Donna Feir) *International Indigenous Policy Journal*, October, 9(4): Article 2.
26. "Socioeconomic Outcomes for Indigenous Students attending a High Performing School" 2018. *Journal of American Indian Education*, 57.2: 58-85
27. "How Does Household Income Affect Child Personality Traits and Behaviors?" 2018. (with E. Simeonova, J. Costello, and B. Copeland) *American Economic Review*, 108(3), 775-827.
28. "The Role of Race, Ethnicity and Tribal Enrollment on Asset Accumulation: An Examination of American Indian Tribal Nations" 2017. (with S.K. Stockly, W. Darity. Jr., D. Hamilton, and P. Ong), *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 40(11): 1939-1960.
29. "Critical Junctures and Economic Development—Evidence from the Adoption of Constitutions Among American Indian Nations." (with Miriam Jorgensen and Uwe Sunde), *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 43:4 (November 2015): 844-861.
30. "The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and Its Effects on American Indian Economic Development" (with K. Spilde and J. Taylor), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 29:3 (Summer 2015): 185-208.
31. "Social and Economic Changes on American Indian Reservations in California: an Examination of Twenty Years of Tribal Government Gaming" (with Katherine Spilde and Jonathan Taylor), *UNLV Gaming Research & Review Journal*, 18:2 (2014): 39-64.
32. "Investigating the Effects of Furloughing Public School Teachers on Juvenile Crime in Hawaii" (with T. Halliday and S. Kwak), *Economics of Education Review*, 42 (October 2014): 1-11.
33. "Property Institutions and Business Investment on American Indian Reservations" (with M. Jorgensen), *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 46 (May 2014): 116-125.
34. "Transnational Tracking, Law Enforcement and Victim Protection: A Middleman Tracker's Perspective" (with A. Basu, A. Bedi and N. Chau), *Journal of Law and Economics*, 57 (May 2014): 349-386.
35. "Young Adult Obesity and Household Income: Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers." (with E. Simeonova, J. Costello, W. Copeland, and A. Angold), *American Economics Journal: Applied Economics*, 5:2 (2013):1-28.
36. "The Persistence of Self-Employment Across Borders: New Evidence on Legal Immigrants to the United States" (with D.A. Jaeger and K. Tatsiramos), *Economics Bulletin*, 33:1 (January-March 2013): 126-137.
37. "The Decreasing Effect of Skin-Tone on Women's Full Time Employment" (with M. Yuksel), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 65:2 (April 2012): 398-426.
38. "'Counting Experience' among the Least Counted: The Role of Cultural and Community Engagement on Educational Outcomes for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Students" (with T. Yazzie-Mintz), *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, 35:3 (2011): 119-150.

39. “Errors in Self-Reported Wages: The Role of Previous Earnings Volatility and Individual Characteristics.” *Journal of Development Economics*, 96:2, (November 2011): 409-421.
40. “Ethnic Fragmentation, Conflict, Displaced Persons and Human Trafficking: An Empirical Analysis” (with A. Basu, N. Chau, and M. Khamis), in *Frontiers of Economics and Globalization: Migration and Culture*, edited by G.S. Epstein and I. Gang, Volume 8, (Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2010): 691-716.
41. “Parents’ Incomes and Children’s Outcomes: A Quasi-Experiment with Casinos on American Indian Reservations.” (with J. Costello, W. Copeland, G. Keeler, and A. Angold), *American Economics Journal: Applied Economics*, 2:1 (January 2010): 86-115.
42. “Who Leaves? Deciphering Immigrant Self-Selection from a Developing Country” *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 58:2 (January 2010): 323-344.
43. “Combating Trafficking in Women and Children: A Review of International and National Legislation, Coordination Failures, and Perverse Economic Incentives” (with A. Basu, A. Bedi, and N. Chau), *Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society*, 2 (Fall 2009):1-24.
44. “Checkerboards and Coase: Transactions Costs and Efficiency in Land Markets.” *Journal of Law and Economics*, 52 (May 2009): 395-410.

BOOK REVIEW

Hawai’i: Eight Hundred Years of Political and Economic Change. By Sumner La Croix (Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 2019), *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, (2020): 605-607.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “Business Dynamics on American Indian Reservations over the Great Recession: Evidence from Longitudinal Datasets,” (with Elton Mykerezi)
- “Tribal Casinos, Economic Success, and Intergenerational Mobility.” (with Maggie R. Jones and Emilia Simeonova).
- “The EITC and Intergenerational Mobility.” (with Maggie R. Jones and Emilia Simeonova)
- “Child Behavioral and Mental Health, Family Circumstance, and Long-Term Success: The Effect of Household Income. (with Bill Copeland and Emilia Simeonova)
- “Immigrant Earnings Assimilation in the Age of Modern Mass Migration.” (with Daniel Crown)
- “Native American Health Care Utilization during a Pandemic – Lessons from Flu Seasons and the First Year of COVID-19.” (with Emilia Simeonova, Sherry Glied, and Charlotte Wang)
- “Native American Mortality using Administrative Data.” (with Emilia Simeonova)
- “Poverty and Disadvantage among Native American Children: How Common Are They and What Has Been Done to Address Them?” (with Emilia Simeonova)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“An Updated Measure of Poverty: (Re)Drawing the Line.” 2023. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. 2023. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press, Committee Member. <https://doi.org/10.17226/26825>.

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“Economic Outcomes for Indigenous Peoples in the United States Following the Great Recession,” in Focus on Poverty & Classroom Supplement 38(1), March 2022 – One Recession, Disparate Recoveries: Assessing Change and Stability Following the Great Recession, Edited by James T. Spartz, Institute for Research on Poverty, March 2022. <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/economic-outcomes-for-indigenous-peoples-in-the-united-states-following-the-great-recession/>

“Oil And Blood: Race, Wealth, And Violence In Tulsa, Oklahoma.” 2021 (with C. Aujean Lee, Raffi E. García, Lauren Russell, Jorge Zumaeta, William Darity, Jr.)

“Sovereignty and improved economic outcomes for American Indians: Building on the gains made since 1990.” In Sovereignty and improved economic outcomes for American Indians: Building on the gains made since 1990, Washington Center for Equitable Growth, January 2021. <https://equitablegrowth.org/boosting-wages-for-u-s-workers-in-the-new-economy-book/>

“Counting Race and Ethnicity for Small Populations during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” AAPI Nexus: Policy, Practice and Community: 2020, Vol. 17, No. 1 & 2 (with Natalie Ah Soon, Marjorie Kagawa, Brittany N. Morey, Elena Ong, Paul Ong, Ninez Ponce, Raynald Samoa, and Sora P. Tanjasiri).

“Indigenous Data in the Covid-19 Pandemic: Straddling Erasure, Terrorism, and Sovereignty.” Items, Social Science Research Council Website, June 11, 2020 (with Stephanie Russo Carroll, Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear, Annita Lucchesi and Jennifer Rai Richards). <https://items.ssrc.org/covid-19-and-the-social-sciences/disaster-studies/indigenous-data-in-the-covid-19-pandemic-straddling-erasure-terrorism-and-sovereignty/>

“Proposal for a Fair and Feasible Formula for the Allocation of CARES Act COVID-19 Relief Funds to American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal Governments.” May 22, 2020, Policy Brief No. 3 (with Eric Henson, Joseph Kalt and Miriam Jorgensen) <https://ash.harvard.edu/news/harvard-project-releases-proposal-fair-distribution-response-funds-native-nations>

“Dissecting the US Treasury Department’s Round 1 Allocations of CARES Act COVID-19 Relief Funding for Tribal Governments.” May 15, 2020, Policy Brief No. 2 (with Eric Henson, Joseph Kalt and Miriam Jorgensen) <https://sites.google.com/g.harvard.edu/covid-19-resources/home>

“The Need for a Significant Allocation of COVID-19 Response Funds to American Indian Nations.” May 18, 2020, Policy Brief No. 1 (with Eric Henson, Joseph Kalt and Miriam Jorgensen) <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yQ4PdxxBb7VFx-SrWEWIlmJfQptOi61i/view>

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. *A roadmap to reducing child poverty*. National Academies Press. National Academies of Science Commissioned Paper on “Poverty and Disadvantage among Native American Children: How Common Are They and What Has Been Done to Address Them?” (with E. Simeonova), 2019. <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25246/a-roadmap-to-reducing-child-poverty>

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

University Committee Experience. UCLA California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) Multicultural Technical Advisory Committee, 2022-2024. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty Advisory Committee, 2021-2023. UCLA Office of Research and Creative Activities Research and Diversity Committee Member, 2021-2022. UCLA Public Policy Racial Justice Working Group Chair, 2021-2022. Institute of American Cultures, American Indian Studies Center, Institute of American Cultures Faculty Hiring Committee (2021-2022), American Indian Studies Center Director Review Committee (2020). American Indian Studies Center, UCLA, Awards Committee 2021. Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice & Health’s COVID Task Force on Racism and Equity, 2020. UCLA Public Policy Recruitment Committee 2020. Luskin School Racial Justice Curriculum Committee (2021). UCLA Public Policy Department Racial Justice Course Content Group (2020-2021). UC Office of the President’s (UCOP) Postdoctoral Fellowship On-Site Review Committee, 2019-2020. UC Office of the President’s (UCOP) Postdoctoral Fellowship Off-Site Review Committee, 2019-2020. UC Office of the President’s (UCOP) Native American Advisory Councilmember for the University of California, 2019-2022. UCLA Public Policy Recruitment Committee 2017; UCLA Public Policy Academic Personnel Committee 2017; UCLA 2017 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship (GSRM) Review Committee; Vice Provost Robin Garrell, Dean, Graduate Division. American Indian Studies Center, UCLA, Awards Committee 2017. Institute for American Cultures, UCLA, Awards Committee 2017.

External Committee Experience. National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine, Planning Committee for Potential Study on “Understanding the Status and Well-Being of American Indians and Alaska Natives” 2022. National Academies of Sciences Engineering and Medicine, Planning Committee for “Public Workshop on the Demographic and Housing Characteristics Files,” June 21-22, 2022. UCLA California Health Interview Survey (CHIS) Multicultural Technical Advisory Committee 2022. Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan Council Member (2022-2026). Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), University of Wisconsin-Madison, National Center on Poverty and Economic Mobility Research Advisory Committee (2021-2022). Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) National Academy of Sciences Study on Supplemental Poverty Measure (2021-2022). American Economic Association Committee on Economic Statistics (2021-2023). 2021 National Academies of Sciences Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education Study on Exploring the Opportunity Gap for Young Children from Birth to Eight. 2021 Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs Review Committee. Lever for Change Economic Opportunity

Challenge Grant Reviewer, 2020. Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grants Competition Reviewer, 2019-2020. Center for Equitable Growth Letter of Inquiry Reviewer, 2020. President-Elect, Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples (AERIP) 2019. Senior Researcher, Racial Data: Demographic Data and Policy Research about Communities of Color; Native American Advisory Group for the Opportunity Study, Stanford University and Princeton University and American Institutes for Research, 2018-2019. National Science Foundation Dissertation Reviewer. External Review Group (ERG) member for the research project sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation (DHHS/ASPE): Improving Data Capacity for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Populations, 2017-2018. US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network (USIDSN) Advisory Council Board, Founding Member, 2016. National Asset Scorecard and Communities of Color (NASCC) project leader for Native American subgroup, Duke University July 2014. Harvard University's Honoring Nations Evaluation Committee for Excellence in Tribal Governance, July 2014. US Census Bureau National Advisory Committee on Race, Ethnic, and Other Populations, 2013-2019. American Indian College Fund Review Committee for Mellon Research, Mellon Faculty Fellowship and Sloan STEM Fellowships. April 2012, March 2013.

Community Service and Student Support. California Coalition for Women Prisoners, Data Analyst. Economists for Equity at Berkeley (BEE) Small Grant Program Reviewer, UC Berkeley Economics Department, 2021. Office of Hawaiian Affairs Panelist for "Building Hawaii's Economic Future," October 2020. National Congress of American Indians Webinar Speaker for "U.S. Census Bureau Tribal Consultation on Differential Privacy." Panel on "Pursuing the PhD? Choosing a Program and Application Tips." UCLA Panel for American Indian and Pacific Islander undergraduates. February 2015, November 2015. White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and Empower Pacific Island Communities, Webinar Speaker, "Next Generation NHPI Leaders' Dialogue on Higher Education," April 29, 2015. Empower Pacific Island Communities (EPIC) Pacific Islander Leaders of Tomorrow Program, University of Southern California, August 13, 2014. UCLA Native American and Pacific Islander Summer Intensive Transfer Experience (SITE) Program, Center for Community College Partnerships, July 2013.

Conference and Research Event Organizing. Freedom and Justice Conference 2023 Organizing Committee; National Bureau of Economic Research 2024 Conference on Research in Income and Wealth (CRIW) "Measurement of Race and Ethnicity" Organizing Committee; National Bureau of Economic Research One-Day Workshop, "Health and Well-Being of Native Americans and other Indigenous Populations", November 1, 2019 (<http://conference.nber.org/sched/IPf19>). Brookings Symposium "Data Disaggregation as a Means to Improved Health Research and Policy-Making", September 29, 2019. Brookings Symposium "The future of American Indian gaming: The next 30 years." (<https://www.brookings.edu/events/the-future-of-american-indian-gaming-the-next-30-years/>). "Economics of Indigenous Peoples and Institutions" National Bureau of Economic Research One-Day Workshop (with E. Simeonova) November 1, 2018, Cambridge, MA (<http://conference.nber.org/sched/IPf18>). "Policy Forum: The Governance of Indigenous Data" May 18-19, 2017 UCLA.

NEWS ARTICLES, BLOG POSTS

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Randall Akee. “Racial equity in U.S. data collection improves the accuracy of research, policy evaluation, and subsequent policymaking.” Washington Center for Equitable Growth. September 28, 2021. <https://equitablegrowth.org/racial-equity-in-u-s-data-collection-improves-the-accuracy-of-research-policy-evaluation-and-subsequent-policymaking/>

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Randall Akee and Marcus Casey. “Measuring racism and discrimination in economic data.” Brookings Blog, March 30, 2021. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2021/03/29/measuring-racism-and-discrimination-in-economic-data/>

Randall Akee and Sarah Reber. “American Indians and Alaska Natives are dying of COVID-19 at shocking rates.” Brookings Blog, February 18, 2021. <https://www.brookings.edu/research/american-indians-and-alaska-natives-are-dying-of-covid-19-at-shocking-rates/>

Robert Maxim and Randall Akee. “What Deb Haaland’s historic nomination as interior secretary means for Indigenous peoples.” Brookings Blog, December 18, 2020. <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/the-avenue/2020/12/18/what-deb-haaland-s-historic-nomination-as-interior-secretary-means-for-indigenous-peoples/>

MEDIA COVERAGE

Tebor, Celina. “On Native American reservations, the push for more clean water and sanitation.” Los Angeles Times, June 26, 2021. <https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2021-06-26/native-americans-clean-water>

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“Small Groups, Big Economic Stories” Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession, 2020. <https://www.aeaweb.org/about-aea/committees/csmgep/profiles/randall-akee>

Richardson, Susan Smith. “Native Americans and the Racial Reckoning.” The Moment Newsletter, The Center for Public Integrity, October 2020.

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Donovan-Smith, Orion. “Inland Northwest tribes race to avoid undercount after Census Bureau moves cuts door-to-door outreach by a month.” The Spokesman Review, August 23, 2020.

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DeParle, Jason. “The Coronavirus Generation.” New York Times, August 22, 2020.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/22/sunday-review/coronavirus-poverty-child-allowance.html?action=click&module=Opinion&pgtype=Homepage>

HONORS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

NBER Retirement and Disability Research Center, Social Security Administration grant #RDR18000003, Project NB22-05 "How Do Increases in Earned and Unearned Income Affect Health? Evidence from Native American Tribal Casinos" Project Dates: September 30, 2021 - September 29, 2022. Randall Akee (Co-PI), Emilia Simeonova (Co-PI).

UCLA Transdisciplinary Research Acceleration Grants (TRAG) program. \$25,000. “Special Circumstances Conviction Project.” Randall Akee (Co-PI), Grace Kong (Co-PI). 2021-2022.

WT Grant Foundation. \$432,136. “Do Tribal Casinos Affect Intergenerational Socio-economic Mobility and Reduce Inequality in Native American Children?” Randall Akee (PI) Grant MG-201352. July 1, 2021-July 1, 2024.

National Institutes of Health. National Institutes for Minority Health Disparities. \$2,517,547. “The Impacts of Mitigation Strategies to Prevent COVID-19 Transmission in American Indian Communities.” Randall K.Q. Akee (PI) Grant R01MD016338. Project Period: 05/25/2021-02/28/2026.

Social Security Administration (2020) \$138,637. “Determinants of the Use of Supplemental Security Income by American Indian and Alaska Natives.” Subaward through University of Wisconsin’s Center for Financial Security (with E. Simeonova and C. Stoddard).

Washington Center for Equitable Growth for “*Business Dynamics on American Indian Reservations – Understanding the Role of the Gaming Industry and Secondary Employment Growth*” (with E. Mykerezi) \$70,000.

National Bureau of Economic Research. Research on “*Native American Health and Health Care*”. Virtual Research Data Center access. NBER Center for Aging and Health Research Grant number: P30AG012810, PI: Anne Case and David Cutler. (with Emilia Simeonova). \$37,200.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

AM IND M200D/PUB PLC M270 “Economic Principles and Economic Development in Indigenous Communities,” UCLA American Indian Studies. Winter 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022.

PUB PLC 203 “Microeconomics I,” UCLA Public Policy. Fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

PUB PLC 290 “Program Evaluation in Developing Countries and American Indian Communities, UCLA American Indian Studies / Public Policy. Fall 2013, Fall 2016.

AM IND 187 Pacific Island Economic Development, UCLA American Indian Studies. Winter 2016.

PUB PLC 290 Migration Policy and Analysis, UCLA Public Policy. Spring 2013, Winter 2016.

PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

2023. Georgetown McCourt School of Public Policy Seminar. Johns Hopkins Carey School of Business Seminar.

2022. U.S. Department of Interior, Office of Policy Analysis Seminar, Invited Speaker. Invited Panelist, Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Conference, “Perspectives on Equity and Justice from Across Economics.” Keynote Panelist, Indigenous Political Economy Workshop 2022, Santiago, Chile. National Center for Research on Poverty and Economic Mobility Early-Career Mentoring Institute Guest Speaker, University of California, Davis. University of Washington Population Center Seminar Speaker. OECD Webinar on Income Inequality Panelist. Family Stability and Economic Mobility Research Consortium, UC Berkeley and Urban Institute. NBER Economics of Immigration, Discussant. University of Chicago Political Science Department Speaker. Harvard University PIER Seminar. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Committee on National Statistics Speaker for “Issues in Data Equity”.

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