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CONTACT INFORMATION

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CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor, Simon Fraser University, Department of Economics (1997-)

PAST POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Simon Fraser University, Department of Economics (1991-97)

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Director, Centre for Education Research and Policy (2007-)
Academic Director, B.C. Inter-University Research Data Centre, SFU Branch (2010-)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Economics, University of Toronto (1991)
M.A. Department of Economics, University of Toronto (1984)
B.A. (Hons) Department of Economics, University of British Columbia (1981)

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Ethnic identity and discrimination among children (with Jasmina Arifovic, Stephen C. Wright, Andreas Ludwig, Lisa Giamo and Gamze Baray), 2012. *Journal of Economic Psychology* 33: 1156-1169.
- How student disability classifications and learning outcomes respond to special education funding rules: Evidence from British Columbia (with Michele Battisti and Ross Hickey), 2012. *Canadian Public Policy* 38(2): 147-66.
- How do school 'report cards' affect school choice decisions? (with Mohsen Javdani, Justin Smith and Simon Woodcock), 2012. *Canadian Journal of Economics* 45(2): 784-807.
- Ethnic enclaves in the classroom (with Brian Krauth), 2011. *Labour Economics* 18: 656-663.

- Non-standard English dialects and the effect of supplementary funding on educational achievement (with Michele Battisti, Mark Campbell and Brian Krauth), 2011. *Canadian Journal of Language and Speech Pathology* 35(2): 190-197.
- Sorting, peers and academic achievement of aboriginal students in British Columbia, (with Brian Krauth), 2010. *Canadian Journal of Economics* 43(4).
- Disabled peers and academic achievement (with Ross Hickey and Brian Krauth), 2010. *Education Finance and Policy* 5(3): 317–348.
- Sorting and inequality in Canadian schools (with Brian Krauth), *Journal of Public Economics* 91(11-12), 2007: 2185-2212.
- Engendering evidence: Transforming economic evaluations (with Olena Hankivsky), in O. Hankivsky, M. Morrow and C. Varcoe, eds., *Women's Health in Canada: Critical Theory, Policy and Practice*, 2007. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.
- Statutory firing costs and lay-offs in Canada, *Labour Economics* 12(2), 2005: 147-168.
- Gender, diversity and economic costing in health care (with Olena Hankivsky, Colleen Varcoe, Fiona MacPhail, Lorraine Greaves and Charmaine Spencer), *Canadian Public Policy*, 2004.
- The effect of Unemployment Insurance on weekly hours of work in Canada, *Canadian Journal of Economics* 35(2), 2002: 363-84.
- Overtime pay regulation and weekly hours of work in Canada, *Labour Economics* 8(6), 2001: 691-720.
- The dynamic demand for part-time and full-time labor, *Economica* 64(255), 1997: 495-507.
- Mandatory notice and the unemployment durations of displaced workers, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 50(4), 1997: 652-66.
- The Response of Wages to Protective Labor Legislation: Evidence from Canada, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 49(2), 1996: 243-255.
- The use of labor market policies to redress the gender gap in compensation, *Georgetown Law Review* 82(1), 1993: 31-68.
- Dynamic factor demand equations in U.S. and Canadian agriculture (with Susan Capalbo and Michael Denny), *Agricultural Economics* 6, 1992: 251-266.

Testing dynamic factor demand models for U.S. manufacturing, *Review of Economics and Statistics* 74(2), 1992: 240-250.

Testing short-run factor demand models in Canadian and US agriculture (with Susan Capalbo and Michael Denny), *Canadian Journal of Economics* 24(3), 1991: 624-637.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Key Issues in Aboriginal Education: An Evidence-based Approach. Part 1: Identifying Data and Evidence Gaps. Part 2: Strengthening Data and Evidence. (with Brian Krauth), 2012. Council of Ministers of Education, Canada.

The Impacts of the Pilot Project for calculating Benefit rate Based on Claimants' 14 Highest Weeks of Insurable Earnings – Update, 2011. Evaluation and Monitoring Branch, Human Resources Development Canada.

Education outcomes of Chinese and Punjabi students in British Columbia: Do Immigrant Enclaves Matter? (with Brian Krauth), 2011. *Our Diverse Cities*. Ottawa: Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

The Impacts of the Pilot Project for Calculating Benefit Rate Based on Claimants' 14 Highest Weeks of Insurable Earnings, 2009. Evaluation and Monitoring Branch, Human Resources Development Canada.

Communities and economic prosperity: Exploring the links, in Lars Osberg, ed., *The Economic Implications of Social Cohesion*, 2003. Toronto: University of Toronto Press.

The Impact of the Small Weeks Project on EI Program and Labour Market Outcomes, 2000. Evaluation and Monitoring Branch, Human Resource Development Canada.

The Impact of Bill C-12 on the Weekly Hours of Work Distribution, 2000. Evaluation and Monitoring Branch, Human Resource Development Canada.

The Influence of UI Legislative Changes on the Economy, 1971-1994: A Full-system Simulation Study, (with Dennis Maki and Tom Siedule) 1997. Human Resource Development Canada.

WORKING PAPERS

Jane Friesen

Non-standard English at school: Can targeted funding improve student achievement?
(with Michele Battisti and Brian Krauth), 2013. Under review.

Open enrolment and student achievement (with Benjamin Harris and Simon Woodcock),
2013. Under review.

Full-day Kindergarten and the development of non-cognitive skills (with Brian Krauth).

WORK IN PROGRESS

The effect of test-based school achievement measures on enrolment growth (with
Mohsen Javdani and Simon Woodcock).

School choice and integration: evidence from B.C. schools (with Benjamin Harris and
Simon Woodcock).

Discrimination among children: The role of school and neighborhood characteristics
(with Jasmina Arifovic and Steve Wright).

The impact of full-day kindergarten on children's health and development: Evidence from
a natural experiment (with Brian Krauth).

GRANTS

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Grant (Co-investigator), 2012-
2017. *Full-day Kindergarten and Human Capital Formation*: \$233,000. Principal
Investigator Brian Krauth.

Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (Principal Investigator), 2011. *Key Issues in
Aboriginal Education: An Evidence-based Approach*: \$104,000. Co-investigator
Brian Krauth.

MITACS British Columbia Hot Topic Event Grant (Principal Investigator), 2009.
Standardized testing in British Columbia school: \$10,000.

Metropolis British Columbia (Principal Investigator), 2009-10. *School choice and
integration: evidence from British Columbia*: \$15,000. Co-investigator Simon
Woodcock.

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Simon Fraser University Community Trust Endowment Fund (Principal Investigator), 2006-2011. *Education Organization and Outcomes in Diverse Communities*: \$1,300,000. With five co-investigators.

Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network (Co-investigator), 2006-07. *Exploring the correlates and causes of academic achievement among off-reserve aboriginal children in British Columbia*: \$15,000. Principal Investigator Brian Krauth.

Metropolis British Columbia (Co-investigator), 2005-06: *Enclaves, peer effects and student learning outcomes in British Columbia*: \$15,000. Principal Investigator Brian Krauth.

Social Science and Humanities Research Council Small Institutional Grant (Co-investigator), 2005-06: \$8,800. Principal Investigator Brian Krauth.

Simon Fraser University Discovery Parks Research Grant (Principal Investigator), 2005-2006. *Rising university entrance standards in British Columbia: grading practices, selection rules and accessibility*: \$10,000.

Metropolis British Columbia (Co-investigator), 2005-07. *How does student diversity in BC classrooms shape the attitudes of children and youth towards their visible minority peers? A cross-disciplinary investigation*: \$21,000. Principal Investigator Jasmina Arifovic.

Simon Fraser University Discovery Parks Research Grant (Co-investigator), 2004-05. *An empirical investigation of the effects of immigration on residential sorting and school choice in British Columbia*: \$10,000. Principal Investigator Brian Krauth.

Canadian Foundation for Innovation Infrastructure Grant (Collaborator), 2000. *An Education Information Data Centre for British Columbia*. Principal Investigator David Robitaille

Social Science and Humanities Research Council Small Institutional Grant (Co-investigator), 2002. *Peer effects in Canadian Schools*: \$8,000. Principal Investigator Brian Krauth.

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Research Development Initiative Grant (Co-investigator), 2000-2003: \$75,000. Principal Investigator Olena Hankivsky.

Social Science and Humanities Standard Research Grant (Principal Investigator), 1994-97. *The impact of protective legislation on labour markets*: \$49,000.

Simon Fraser University President's Research Grant, 1990: \$5,000.

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

Ph.D. Samuel Laryea (committee member, 1996); Samer Kherfi (committee member, 1998); Eugenia Amporfu (co-supervisor, 2004); Michele Battisti (committee member, 2012); Mohsen Javdani (co-supervisor, 2012); Andreas Ludwig (co-supervisor, in progress); Benjamin Harris (co-supervisor, 2013); Ebrahim Azimi (committee member, in progress); Yang Wang (committee member, in progress)

M.A. Greg Simmons (Senior Supervisor, 1994); Sonya Plater (1995); Yiwen Yin (1995); Tony Anderson (1995); Christina Chun (1995); Charmaine Buskas (1995); David Williams (1995); Christy Gaetz (Senior Supervisor, 1995); Robert Gorter (1995); Freda Eddy Sumeke (1996); Stuart Choo (1996); Tanya Jansma (Senior Supervisor, 1996); Dallas Yeulett (1997); Susan Mowbray (1997); Jamie Struth (1997); David Vickers (1999); Toi-yu Mak (1999); Richard Choi (1999); Anders Lam (2000); Vincent Chee (Senior Supervisor, 2002); Monique Mizoguchi (2002); Yali Wang (Senior Supervisor, 2005); Kristin Dust (Senior Supervisor, 2005); Dongxia Xu (2006); Amber Gschwend (2006)

External Examiner

Kelly Chen, PhD, Economics, Dalhousie University (2012)
Raymond Mapuranga, Masters in Public Policy, Simon Fraser University (2011)
Lawrence So, PhD, Economics, University of Calgary (2009)
Jennifer Hove, Masters in Public Policy, Simon Fraser University (2007)
Lara Peters, Masters in Public Policy, Simon Fraser University (2007)

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

School choice and integration: evidence from B.C. schools
European Society for Population Economics (Berne, 2012)
Association for Education Finance and Policy (Seattle, 2011)

Key issues in Aboriginal education: An evidence-based approach.
Aboriginal Educators' Forum, Council of Ministers of Education, Canada
(Winnipeg, 2011)
Strategic Management Committee, Council of Ministers of Education, Canada
(Ottawa, 2012)

School choice and integration: evidence from B.C. schools

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European Society for Population Economics (Berne, 2012)
Association for Education Finance and Policy (Seattle, 2011)

Ethnic identity and discrimination among children

European Society of Population Economics (Essen, 2010)
Economic Science Association (Copenhagen, 2010)

Does public information about school quality lead to flight from low-achieving schools?

CLSRN Workshop (Toronto, 2009)
Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting (Boston, 2009)

Non-standard English at school: Can targeted funding improve student achievement?

European Society for Population Economics Annual Meeting (Seville, 2009)
Canadian Economics Association (Quebec City, 2010)

Discrimination among children: Evidence from the dictator game

Workshop on The Economic Child (Milan, 2009)
Metropolis BC/CREAM Workshop: Children of Immigrants and Temporary
Migration (Vancouver, 2009)

Sorting, peers and academic achievement of Aboriginal students in British Columbia

Aboriginal Policy Research Conference (Ottawa, 2009)
Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting (Toronto, 2009)

Enclaves, peer effects and student learning outcomes in British Columbia

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings (Boston, 2006)
Canadian Employment Research Forum (Montreal, 2006)

Sorting and inequality in Canadian schools

Society of Labor Economists Annual Meetings (San Francisco, 2005)
Canadian Employment Research Forum (Ottawa, 2003)
TARGET Workshop, University of British Columbia (Vancouver, 2003)

Gender, diversity and economic costing in health care

Workshop on Expanding Economic Costing in Health Care: Values, Gender and
Diversity, Centre of Excellence on Women's Health (Vancouver, 2004)

Overtime pay regulation and weekly hours of work in Canada

Society of Labor Economists (Austin, 2001)
University of Victoria (2001)
University of Lethbridge (2002)

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- Communities and Economic Prosperity: Exploring the Links
Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Toronto, 1999)
Policy Research Initiative Conference (Ottawa, 1998)
- Minimum Wage Increases and Employment Dynamics: Evidence from Canada
American Economics Association (New York, 1999)
Canadian Economics Association Meetings (Ottawa, 1998)
- The Impact of Bill C-12 on the Weekly Hours of Work Distribution
Conference on Evaluation of the Employment Insurance Program (Ottawa, 1997)
- Mandatory notice and the unemployment durations of displaced workers
European Economics Association Meetings (Istanbul, 1996)
- The dynamics of part-time and full-time labour
Conference on Changes in Working Time in Canada and the United States
(Toronto, 1996)
- Advance notice, firing costs and labour demand
European Economics Association Meetings (Prague, 1995)
- Mandatory notice and the unemployment durations of displaced workers
Conference on Displaced Workers (McMaster University, 1995)
- Advance notice, firing costs and labour demand
Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings (1994)
- The impact of protective legislation on wages
Canadian Employment Research Forum on Income Support (1993)
- The gender gap in compensation
Principal paper, Symposium on the Gender Gap in Compensation (Georgetown
University Law Center, 1992)
- Dynamic factor demand equations in U.S. and Canadian agriculture
American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meetings (1991)
- Testing dynamic factor demand models for U.S. manufacturing
Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings (1989)

SELECTED UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Undergraduate Chair, Department of Economics (2001-2004)

Associate Chair, Department of Economics (2001-2004)

SFU Research IT Committee (2011-)

Faculty Structure Task Force (2005-2006)

Faculty Structure Task Force, Phase II (2006-2007)

Search Committee for the Dean of Arts (2001-2002)

University Tenure Committee (2000-2001)

SELECTED EXTERNAL SERVICE

Associate Editor, *Canadian Public Policy* (2003-07)

Editorial Advisor, *Canadian Journal of Economics* (2002-05); (2010-)

Selection committee and session organizer, Canadian Economics Association Annual Meeting, education sessions (2013)

Research Advisory Board, Education Research Policy Initiative (SSHRC-funded Partnership) (2011-)

Research Advisory Committee, Measuring the Effectiveness of Student Aid Project, Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation (2006-10)

Invited participant/rapporteur. Information and Communications Technology Talent Workshop. Education Policy Research Initiative, University of Ottawa (2013)

Program Committee, Canadian Labour Market and Skills Research Network Annual Meeting, Quebec City (2010)

External Reviewer, Center for Advanced Research in Education, Santiago, Chile (2010)

Executive Council, Canadian Economics Association (2000-03)

Board Member, Canadian Employment Research Forum (2000-03)

Co-organizer, CERF Conference on Families and Labour Markets, Vancouver, (2000)

Purvis Prize Committee of the Canadian Economics Association (2000, 2001)

Harry Johnson Prize Committee of the Canadian Economics Association (2001- 2004)

Invited Speaker, Roundtable on Economic Gender Equality Research, B.C. Ministry of Women's Equality (1998)

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Invited Speaker, Economic Gender Equality Indicators: Public Concerns and Public Policies. Symposium sponsored by Status of Women, HRCD, Health and Statistics Canada (1998)

Invited speaker, Queen's Summer Institute on Social Policy, Kingston (1996)

Invited Speaker, Association of Professional Economists of British Columbia Conference (1995)

Invited presentation to the Canadian House of Commons Committee on Poverty (1994)

Expert witness, Brenda Schaff versus Her Majesty the Queen. Provided expert *pro bono* testimony on poverty measurement and economic incentives in the inclusion/deduction system of taxing child support payments (1994)

Vice-president and Treasurer, Women Economists' Network of the Canadian Economics Association (1992)

REFEREEING

Journals

American Economic Review
Canadian Journal of Economics
Canadian Public Policy
Contemporary Economic Policy
Economic Journal
Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
Review of Economics and Statistics
Journal of Economics Education
Journal of Human Resources
Journal of Labor Economics
Labour Economics
Review of Economics and Statistics

Other

Vancouver Center of Excellence on Women's Health
HRSDC Applied Research Branch
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
Canadian Labour Market and Skills Researcher Network

RECENT COVERAGE IN MEDIA AND BLOGS

Interview, CBC Radio "On the Coast," January 2013 re: FSA testing.

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- Interview, CBC Radio, Victoria morning show. January 2013 re: FSA testing.
- Interview, CBC Radio “On the Coast,” February 2013 re: B.C. Budget.
- Interview, CBC Radio “Almanac,” January 2011 re: standardized testing in schools.
- Interview, CBC Radio “The Early Edition,” Feb. 7 2011 re: Fraser Institute Rankings.
- Interview, CBC Radio “Almanac,” Jan. 18 2010 re: standardized testing in schools
- Interview, OMNI multicultural broadcasting, Jan. 13 2010 re: research on effect of Fraser Institute rankings on school choice.
- Op-ed, *Vancouver Sun*, Jan. 13 2010. ‘Don’t write off the controversial skills assessment tests before you check the facts.’
- Quoted in *Vancouver Sun* story reporting research results, January 2010. ‘Chinese-speaking parents more likely to take their kids out of low-ranked schools.’ These research results were also covered by the *Victoria Times-Colonist*, the *Regina Leader-Post*, and the *Prince George Citizen*.
- CBC Radio 1 coverage of research into Aboriginal education outcomes. September 10 2009.
- Research featured as the weekly ‘Report Worth Reading’ by the Educational Policy Institute in Education This Week on three separate occasions (“Study Allays Concerns about Peer Effects Among Aboriginal Students”, November 20 2009; “Inclusion of special education students doesn’t affect classmates’ education”, December 11 2009; “Some B.C. Students Left Schools When Test Scores Brought ‘Bad News’”, January 15 2010).
- Research was featured on several occasions on the *Vancouver Sun*’s “Report Card” education blog, including coverage of school choice and test information research, Aboriginal peer effect research and disabled peer research.