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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Economics
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Research Fields

Canadian Economic History
Law and Economics
Natural Resource, Environmental and Ecological Economics

Teaching Fields

North American and International Economic History
Natural Resource, Environmental and Ecological Economics

Education

1993–1999 Ph.D. (Economics), University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC
1992–1993 M.A. (Economics), McGill University, Montreal QC
1988–1992 B.A.H. (Economics), Queen's University, Kingston ON

Employment History

2016–Present Professor, Department of Economics, Queen's University
2020–2021 Visiting Professor, Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia
2013–2014 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado at Boulder
2006–2007 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Yale University
2006–2016 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Queen's University
2000–2006 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and School of Environmental Studies, Queen's University
1998–2000 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Department of Economics and Institute for the Study of Canada, McGill University
1996–1998 Undergraduate Instructor, Department of Economics, University of British Columbia

Academic Awards and Prizes

2024 Excellence in Refereeing Award, *Journal of Economic History*
2024 Undergraduate Teaching Award, Queen’s Economics Department
2022 John Vanderkamp Prize, *Canadian Public Policy*
2014 Harry Johnson Prize, *Canadian Journal of Economics*
2006 Department Research Prize, Queen’s Economics Department
2004 John Vanderkamp Prize, *Canadian Public Policy*
1999 Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize, Economic History Association
1993 Newcomen Award, McGill University

Research Funding

2021–2024 S.S.H.R.C. Insight Development Grant (collaborator), “The Economic Impact of Historical Treaties, Land Cession, and Land Occupation on Indigenous Outcomes”
2017–2024 Canadian Foundation for Innovation Grant (collaborator), “The Canadian Peoples Project, 1861-1921”
2007–2011 S.S.H.R.C. Standard Research Grant (principal investigator), “The Impact of Culture and Institutions on Performance: Manufacturers’ Responses to Shifting Economic Environments, 1870-1999”
2002–2007 Initiative for the New Economy Collaborative Research Grant (collaborator), “Team for Advanced Research on Globalization, Education, and Technology”
2002–2006 S.S.H.R.C. Standard Research Grant (principal investigator), “Understanding the Early Exploitation and Extinction of Marine Mammals”

Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

Kris Inwood, Ian Keay and Blair Long (2025) “Racial Bias in Criminal Sentencing: Historical Evidence from Chinese Railroad Workers in British Columbia” forthcoming in *Canadian Journal of Economics*.

Kris Inwood, Ian Keay and Blair Long (2025) “Institutional Formalism and Criminal Sentencing on the Frontier: Evidence from British Columbia’s Jails, 1864-1913” *Journal of Law Economics and Organization* <https://doi.org/10.1093/jleo/ewaf002>.

Kris Inwood and Ian Keay (2024) “The Well-Being of Indigenous Communities in the Pacific Northwest: Anthropometric Evidence from British Columbia’s Jails, 1864-1913” *Economics and Human Biology* 55(4): 101442.

Ian Keay and Brian Varian (2024) “The Impact of Preferential Market Access: British Imports into Canada, 1892-1903” *Canadian Journal of Economics* 57(1): 140-64.

Taylor Jaworski and Ian Keay (2022) “Globalization and the Spread of Industrialization in Canada, 1871–1891” *Explorations in Economic History* 86(4): 101466.

Ian Keay and Cherie Metcalf (2021) “Recognizing Indigenous Rights in Canada: Property Rights and Natural Resource Values” *Canadian Public Policy* 47(1): 18-55.

Ian Keay (2019) “Trade Protection for Maturing Industries: Canadian Trade Patterns and Trade Policy, 1870-1913” *Canadian Journal of Economics* 52(4): 1464-95.

- Patrick Alexander and Ian Keay (2019) "Responding to the First Era of Globalization: Canadian Trade Policy, 1870-1913" *Journal of Economic History* 79(3): 826-61.
- Patrick Alexander and Ian Keay (2018) "A General Equilibrium Analysis of Canada's National Policy" *Explorations in Economic History* 68(1): 1-15.
- Gillian Hamilton, Ian Keay and Frank Lewis (2017) "Contributions to Canadian Economic History: The Last Thirty Years" *Canadian Journal of Economics* 50(5): 1632-57.
- Ian Keay (2015) "Immunity from the Resource Curse? The Long Run Impact of Commodity Price Volatility: Evidence from Canada, 1900-2005" *Cliometrica* 9(3): 333-58.
- Richard Harris, Ian Keay and Frank Lewis (2015) "Protecting Infant Industries: Canadian Manufacturing and the National Policy, 1879-1913" *Explorations in Economic History* 56(2): 15-31.
- Kris Inwood and Ian Keay (2015) "Transport Costs and Trade Volumes: Evidence from the Trans-Atlantic Iron Trade, 1870-1913" *Journal of Economic History* 75(1): 95-124.
- Kris Inwood and Ian Keay (2013) "Trade Policy and Industrial Development: Iron and Steel in a Small Open Economy, 1870-1913" *Canadian Journal of Economics* 46(4): 1265-94.
- Kris Inwood and Ian Keay (2012) "Diverse Paths to Industrial Development: Evidence from Late Nineteenth Century Canada" *European Review of Economic History* 16(3): 311-33.
- Ian Keay and Cherie Metcalf (2011) "Property Rights, Resource Access and Long Run Growth" *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 8(4): 792-829.
- Marina Adshade and Ian Keay (2010) "Technological Change, Organizational Change, and the Employment of Women: Early Twentieth Century Evidence from the Ohio Manufacturing Sector" *Feminist Economics* 16(1): 129-57.
- Ian Keay (2009) "Resource Specialization and Economic Performance: A Canadian Case Study, 1970-2005" *Canadian Public Policy* 35(3): 291-313.
- Kris Inwood and Ian Keay (2008) "The Devil is in the Details: Assessing Early Industrial Performance across International Borders using Late Nineteenth Century North American Manufacturers as a Case Study" *Cliometrica* 2(2): 85-118.
- Ian Keay (2007) "The Engine or the Caboose? Resource Industries and Twentieth Century Canadian Economic Performance" *Journal of Economic History* 67(1): 1-32.
- Robert Allen and Ian Keay (2006) "Bowhead Whales in the Eastern Arctic, 1611-1911: Population Reconstruction with Historical Whaling Records" *Environment and History* 12(1): 89-113.
- Kris Inwood and Ian Keay (2005) "Bigger Establishments in Thicker Markets: Can We Explain Early Productivity Differentials Between Canada and the United States?" *Canadian Journal of Economics* 38(4): 1327-63.
- Ian Keay and Angela Redish (2004) "Financial Markets and Industrialization: Evidence from U.S. and Canadian Steel Producers, 1910-1990" *Explorations in Economic History* 41(4): 377-403.
- Robert Allen and Ian Keay (2004) "Saving the Whales: Lessons from the Extinction of the Eastern Arctic Bowhead Whale" *Journal of Economic History* 64(2): 400-32.
- Ian Keay and Cherie Metcalf (2004) "Aboriginal Rights, Customary Law, and the Economics of Renewable Resource Exploitation" *Canadian Public Policy* 30(1): 1-27.

Ian Keay (2003) “An Empty Promise: Average Cost Savings and Economies of Scale among Canadian and American Manufacturers, 1910-1988” *Southern Economic Journal* 70(2): 374-88.

Ian Keay (2003) “Who Is to Blame? Canadian Manufacturers and the Absence of Income Per Capita Convergence” *Review of Economics and Statistics* 85(1): 166-77.

Robert Allen and Ian Keay (2001) “The First Great Whale Extinction: The End of the Bowhead Whale in the Eastern Arctic” *Explorations in Economic History* 38(4): 448-77.

Ian Keay (2000) “Canadian Manufacturers’ Relative Productivity Performance: 1907-1990” *Canadian Journal of Economics* 33(4): 1049-68.

Ian Keay (2000) “Scapegoats or Responsive Entrepreneurs: Canadian Manufacturers, 1907-1990” *Explorations in Economic History* 37(3): 217-40.

Book Chapters, Book Reviews and Other Published Work

Ian Keay (2022) “Regulating Natural Monopolies in Canada” in *Regulatory Failure and Renewal: The Evolution of the Natural Monopoly Contract* by John R. Baldwin, McGill-Queen’s University Press: Montreal, xi-xxxiv.

Ian Keay and Frank Lewis (2019) “Cliometrics and the Study of Canadian Economic History” in *Handbook of Cliometrics: Volume 2*, Claude Diebolt and Michael Hauptert (Eds.), Springer-Verlag: Berlin, 123-44.

Ian Keay (2014) “Comment: Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize” *Journal of Economic History* 74(2): 583-90.

Ian Keay (2013) “Book Review: Development Success: Historical Accounts from More Advanced Countries, Augustin Fosu (Ed.)” *Journal of Economic History* 73(4): 1177-79.

Ian Keay (2008) “Book Review: Natural Resources: Neither Curse nor Destiny, Daniel Lederman and William F. Maloney (Eds.)” *Journal of Economic History* 68(4): 1183-85.

Ian Keay (2008) “Book Review: The British Whaling Trade, by Gordon Jackson” *Journal of Economic History* 68(1): 303-05.

Ian Keay (2004) “Contributions to Economic Growth and Development: Canada’s Natural Resource Industries in Historical Perspective” *Natural Resources Canada: Internal Research Report Series*, Natural Resources Canada: Corporate Policy and Portfolio Coordination Branch: Ottawa, 1-56.

Ian Keay (2003) “Book Review: Environmental Politics in Canada, by Judith I. McKenzie” *Canadian Public Policy* 29(2): 275-76.

Ian Keay (2000) “Thesis Abstract: Assessing the Performance of Canada’s Manufacturers” *Journal of Economic History* 60(2): 497-501.

Papers Currently Under Review

Ian Keay and Daniel Teeter “Immigrant Assimilation in Canada during the Early Twentieth Century”.

Ian Keay and Daniel Teeter “Immigrants’ Labour Market Experiences in Early Twentieth Century Canada”.

Kris Inwood, Ian Keay and Blair Long “Understanding Judicial Paternalism: Historical Evidence on Public Sentiment and Criminal Sentencing in Canada” (SSRN Working Paper No. 5141950).

Bill Dorval, Ian Keay and David Rosé “British Home Children in Canada: The Assimilation of Unaccompanied Minors” (SSRN Working Paper No. 5660690).

Courses Taught

Graduate Economic History – ECON 831 (Queen’s)

Issues in North American Economic History – ECON 430 (Queen’s)

North American Economic History Since 1865 – ECON 332 (Queen’s)

Diffusion of Modern Economic Growth – ECON 232 (Queen’s)

Emergence of the Modern Industrial Economy – ECON 231 (Queen’s)

Economic History of Europe – ECON 4514 (Colorado)

Industrial Revolution and Economic Development – ECON 344 (McGill)

Economic History of Modern Europe – ECON 334 (UBC)

Economics of Sustainable Development – ENSC 490 (Queen’s)

Introduction to Ecological Economics – ENSC 290 (Queen’s)

Environmental Economics and Assessment – ECON 290 (Queen’s)

Environmental Economics and Public Policy – ECON 482 (Yale)

Economics of the Environment – ECON 225 (McGill)

Politics, Philosophy, and Economics Research Seminar – PPEC 400 (Queen’s)

Canadian Economic Policy Topics – ECON 219 (McGill)

Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory – ECON 202 (UBC)