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EDUCATION & AFFILIATIONS

Education

- University of Wyoming** *Expected May 2027*
Ph.D. in Economics
Committee: Todd Cherry (Chair), David Finnoff, George Loewenstein, Linda Thunström, and Jacob Hochard
- University of Wyoming** *December 2024*
M.Sc. in Economics
- University of Wyoming** *May 2022*
B.S. in Mathematics & Economics, Minor in Honors

Affiliations and Research Experiences

- Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics Participant** *2026*
Endicott House, Russell Sage Foundation
- Teton Lab Assistant Director** *2025-*
Behavioral Economics Lab at the University of Wyoming
- Chicago School in Experimental Economics Participant** *2024*
Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics, The University of Chicago
- Visiting Doctoral Student** *2024*
with Dr. John List, The University of Chicago
- Field Researcher** *2023*
AMK Research Station at Grand Teton National Park for the Teton Group, University of Wyoming
- Graduate Researcher** *2022-2025*
Member of the Wyoming Anticipating the Climate-Water Transition National Science Foundation Grant's research team, University of Wyoming

RESEARCH

Research Interests

Experimental Economics, Environmental Economics, Behavioral Economics, the Economics of Education

Published Manuscripts

- 1 Chandler Hubbard, **Ian M. Fletcher**, Todd L. Cherry, David Finnoff, and Jacob Hochard. 2025. The public overestimates and prefers greater tolerance for grizzly bear encounters than defined by the United States management guidelines. *Communications Earth & Environment* 6, 1022.

Manuscripts Under Review

Experiencing carbon pricing (NBER Working Paper #34559)
Stefano Carattini, **Ian M. Fletcher**, Chad Kendall, Michael K. Price, and Arthur Vu

Manuscripts in Preparation

From survival to Learning: The Evolution of Early Childhood Investment Over the Development Cycle
Faith Fatchen, **Ian M. Fletcher**, Udit Karna, Faisal Kattan, and John A. List

Natural Disasters and the Intangibility of Risk Reduction: Theory and Experimental Evidence
Ian M. Fletcher, Todd L. Cherry, and George Loewenstein

Heterogeneous Risks and the Intangibility of Risk Reduction: Theory and Experimental Evidence
Ian M. Fletcher, Todd L. Cherry, and George Loewenstein

Education Spending and the Intangibility of Investing: Theory and Experimental Evidence
Ian M. Fletcher and Todd L. Cherry

The Curse of Intangibility: Why Prevention Policies Fail
Ian M. Fletcher and Todd L. Cherry

Non-autonomous Management of Dam Releases in Response to Climate Change
Ian M. Fletcher, Sean Bertalot, and David Finnoff

Academic Presentations

2026 Appalachian Environmental and Experimental Economics Workshop

2025 Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference, University of Wyoming (Occasional Workshop)

2024 Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Colorado State University and University of Wyoming Joint Research Day, University of Wyoming's Second Summer Paper Symposium, University of Wyoming (Occasional Workshop)

Other Professional Presentations

2026 Wyoming School Counselors Association Annual Meeting, Wyoming Joint Symposium on Children & Youth

TEACHING

Principles of Finance

Spring 2025

Studies the management of capital in a business. Students learn how to use the time value of money to value cash flows and how to perform a financial valuation of a firm's assets and liabilities.

Intermediate Microeconomics

Summer 2025

Relative to a beginning course, this is a more advanced course on the theory of demand, production, cost and supply; and the theory of the firm, including market price under monopoly, monopolistic competition and oligopoly. Attention is given to the theory of factor prices and topics on welfare economics.

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Awards

2026 University of Wyoming College of Business, Three-Minute Thesis Winner

2026 University of Wyoming College of Business, Department of Economics, Graduate Scholar of the Year

2025 University of Wyoming College of Business, Department of Economics, Outstanding PhD Teaching Student

Scholarships

2025 UWYO Department of Economics Charles “Chuck” Mason Graduate Research Award – Student Success and the Intangibility of Investment Returns: Experimental Evidence (\$4,000)

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DUTIES

Referee: Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management

Co-Executive Director of Tele-Hope 501(c)(3) non-profit

A non-profit that uses a grassroots approach to suicide prevention in Wyoming. Our mission: To ensure that everyone feels supported and knows someone has their back. We strive to empower individuals aged 10-24 to understand what it means to be a good friend and to be there for others. By fostering confidence to share their stories and connect with others, we aim to create a community where no one faces challenges alone. We believe in the power and uniqueness of every individual's story and the hope that genuine connections can bring.

Member of the University of Wyoming's Wellness in the WEST Coalition

Advisory member, as Co-Director of Tele-Hope, to the University of Wyoming's campus-wide holistic approach to mental health and wellness. For more information, see their website [here](#).

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