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EDUCATION

University of Wyoming 2022-2027

Ph.D. in Economics

Committee: Todd Cherry (Chair), David Finnoff, George Loewenstein, Linda Thunström, and Jacob Hochard

University of Wyoming 2024

M.Sc. in Economics

University of Wyoming 2022

B.S. in Mathematics, B.S. in Economics, and Minor in Honors

PUBLICATIONS

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.

WORKING PAPERS

Experiencing carbon pricing (NBER Working Paper #34559)

Stefano Carattini, **Ian M. Fletcher**, Chad Kendall, Michael K. Price, and Arthur Vu

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: Political Invisibility of Prevention

Ian M. Fletcher and Todd L. Cherry

The Illusion of Suboptimal Dam Management: The Role of Ecology in Managed Systems

Ian M. Fletcher, David Finnoff, and Sean Bertalot

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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

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

University of Wyoming Department of Economics, Outstanding Ph.D Teaching Student 2025

University of Wyoming Department of Economics, Charles “Chuck” Mason Graduate Research Award 2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Ph.D

Experimental Economics, University of Wyoming, College of Business

Fall 2024

Guest Lecturer for Professor Todd Cherry

Undergraduate

Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Wyoming, College of Business (Primary Instructor) 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.

Principles of Finance, University of Wyoming, College of Business (Primary Instructor)

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.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES AND AFFILIATIONS

Participant, Russell Sage Foundation Summer Institute in Behavioral Economics

2026

Assistant Director, Teton Behavioral and Economic Science Lab

2025-

Participant, the Chicago School in Experimental Economics

2024

Visiting Doctoral Student with Prof. John List, University of Chicago

2024

Field Researcher, Grand Teton National Park, The Teton Group

2023

Research Assistant for Prof. David Finnoff, University of Wyoming, WyACT NSF Grant

2022-2025

Researcher, the Teton Behavioral and Economic Science Lab

2022-

PRESENTATIONS

2026: Appalachian Environmental and Experimental Economics Workshop

2025: Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference; Colorado State University and University of Wyoming Research Symposium

2024: Souther Economic Association Annual Meeting; Colorado State University and University of Wyoming Research Symposium; Second Summer Paper Symposium, University of Wyoming

Other Professional Presentations

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Referee

Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Academic

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

2025-

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](#).

Community

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

2025-

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 in sharing their stories and connecting 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. Since 2025, we have raised over \$180,000 and reached over 13,000 students with our workshops. For more information, see our website [here](#).

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