

## Alexander G. James

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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS	<b>Associate Professor of Economics (with Tenure)</b> Department of Economics College of Business University of Wyoming <b>Affiliate Associate Professor</b> Department of Economics University of Alaska Anchorage <b>External Research Associate</b> Center for the Analyses of Resource-Rich Economies Department of Economics University of Oxford, Oxford UK <b>Member of Steering Committee</b> Resilient Fossil Energy Economies Project <b>Representative for the University of Wyoming</b> Rocky Mountain Data Research Center	2023—Present    2015—Present   2014—Present   2024—Present 2024—Present
PAST ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>Visiting Scholar</b> Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics University of California Davis, Davis CA <b>Assistant Professor of Economics</b> <b>Associate Professor of Economics</b> Department of Economics College of Business & Public Policy University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage AK <b>Post Doctoral Research Fellow</b> Center for the Analysis of Resource-Rich Economies Department of Economics University of Oxford, Oxford UK <b>Junior Research Fellow</b> New College University of Oxford, Oxford UK <b>Pre Doctoral Research Fellow</b> Department of Economics WP Carey School of Business Arizona State University, Tempe AZ	2021-2022   2014—2018 2018—2023   2012—2014   2012—2014  2011
EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS	<b>Member, Editorial Council</b> <i>Journal of Environmental Economics &amp; Management</i> <b>Associate Editor</b> <i>Journal of Resources Policy</i> <i>Economics of Governance</i>	2021—Present  2019—Present 2025—Present

## EDUCATION

**University of Wyoming**, Laramie, WY

Ph.D., Economics, Summer 2012

- Dissertation Title: *Essays in Environmental & Resource Economics*
- Advisors: Jason F. Shogren, Ph.D and Klaas van 't Veld, Ph.D

**California State University, Chico**, Chico, CA

B.A., Economics (Mathematics Minor), December 2006

- *Honors*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Natural Resource and Development Economics, Public Economics, Behavioral Economics & Experimental Methods

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

**Alexander James** and Brett Watson. (2026). “Cash Transfers and Migration”. Accepted for publication at *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*

**Alexander James**, Nathaly Rivera, and Brock Smith. 2024. “Cash Transfers & Voter Turnout” Forthcoming, *Economic Inquiry*.

Hannah Hennighausen and **Alexander James**. 2024. “Catastrophic Fires, Human Displacement, and Real Estate Prices in California.” Conditionally accepted, *Journal of Housing Economics*.

Clark, Leon, et al. 2024. “A Research Agenda for Economic Resilience in Fossil Fuel-Dependent Communities”. In Press at *Environmental Research: Energy*

David Fleming-Muñoz, et al. 2024. “50 years of *Resources Policy* — What is next? Key areas of future research”. In Press at *Resources Policy*

Berry, Kevin, **Alexander James**, Brock Smith, and Brett Watson. 2022. “Geography, Geology, and Regional Economic Development”. *Journal of Environmental Economics & Management*, 115, 102715.

**Alexander James**, Timothy Retting, Jason F. Shogren, Brett Watson, and Samuel Wills. 2022. “Natural Resource Funds: in theory and practice”. *Annual Review of Resource Economics*, 14, 621-646.

**Alexander James** and Nathaly Rivera. 2021. “Oil, Politics, and ‘Corrupt Bastards’”. *Journal of Environmental Economics & Management*, 111, 102599.

Charlton, Diane, **Alexander James**, and Brock Smith. 2021. “Seasonal agricultural Activity and Crime”. *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 104(2), 530549.

Todd Cherry, **Alexander James**, and James Murphy. 2021. The impact of public health messaging and personal experience on the acceptance of mask wearing during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 187, 415-430.

List, J., Murphy, J., Price, M., and **James, A.** 2021. Do appeals to donor benefits raise more money than appeals to recipient benefits? Evidence from a natural field experiment with Pick.Click.Give. *Nature Human Behavior*, 5(10), 1339-1348.

Jacquemet, N., **James, A.**, Luchini, S., Murphy, J., and Shogren, J. 2021. Do truth-telling oaths improve honesty in crowd-working? *PloS One*, 16(1), e0244958.

Guettabi, Mouhcine, and **Alexander James**. 2020. Who Benefits from an Oil Boom? Evidence From a Unique Alaskan Data Set. *Resource & Energy Economics*, 62, 101200.

**James, Alexander**, and Brock Smith. 2020. The Geographic Dispersion of Economic Shocks: Evidence from the Fracking Revolution: Comment. *American Economic Review*, 110(6), 1905-1913.

**Alexander James**. 2019. Fata Morganas in Oil-Rich, Institution-Poor Economies. *Resources Policy*, 60, 234-242.

Johanna Richter<sup>1</sup>, Alliana Salanguit<sup>1</sup>, and **Alexander James**. 2018. "The (Uneven) Spatial Distribution of the Bakken Oil Boom." *Land Economics*, 94(4), 577-592.

Gilbert, Ben, **Alexander James**, and Jason Shogren. 2018. Corporate Apology for Environmental Damage. *Journal of Risk & Uncertainty*, 56(1), 51-81.

**James, Alexander**. 2017. Natural Resources and Education Outcomes in the United States. *Resource & Energy Economics*, 49, 150-164.

**James, Alexander** and Brock Smith. 2017. There Will Be Blood: Crime Rates in Shale-Rich U.S. Counties. *Journal of Environmental Economics & Management*, 84, 125-152.

**James, Alexander**. 2016. The Long-Run Vanity of Prudhoe Bay *Resources Policy*, 50, 270-275.

Jacquemet, Nicolas, **Alexander James**, Stephane Luchini, Jason Shogren. 2016. Referenda Under Oath. *Environmental & Resource Economics*, 1-26.

**James, Alexander**. 2015. The Resource Curse: A Statistical Mirage? *Journal of Development Economics*, 114:55-63.

**James, Alexander**. 2015. U.S. State Fiscal Policy and Natural Resources. *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 7(3): 238-257.

**James, Alexander** and Robert James. 2011. Do Resource Dependent Regions Grow Slower Than They Should? *Economics Letters*, 111(3):194-196.

Jacquemet, Nicolas, **Alexander James**, Stephane Luchini, Jason Shogren. 2011. Social Psychology & Environmental Economics: A New Look At Ex-Ante Corrections of Biased Preference Evaluation. *Environmental & Resource Economics*, 48(3):413-433.

**James, Alexander** and David Aadland. 2010. The Curse of Natural Resources: An Empirical Investigation of U.S. Counties. *Resource & Energy Economics*, 33(2):440:453.

REFEREED BOOK  
CHAPTERS

**James, Alexander** and Jason F. Shogren. 2015. "Revisiting the Effect of Voter Isolation." In *Replication In Experimental Economics* (pp. 137-152). Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

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<sup>1</sup>Undergraduate Student

WORKING PAPERS

Thunstrom, L., van 't Veld, K., Shogren, J.F. , and **Alexander G. James**. (2022). “Do people use thoughts and prayers as complements or substitutes for material aid?” Revise and Resubmit (2<sup>nd</sup> round), *Journal of Political Economy*.

**Alexander James**, James J. Murphy, Maroš Servátka, and Robert Slonim. (2024). “Multi-Step Solicitations for Charitable Donations”. Revise and Resubmit *Economic Journal*

Chandler Hubbard, Nino Abashaidze, Hannah Hennighausen, and **Alexander James**. “Catastrophic Wildfires & Suicide” *Under Review*.

Booms, Busts, & Suicide (with Chandler Hubbard and Makenzi Scott). *Under Review*.

Factors that Influence Perceptions of Research Quality (with Tyler Kjorstad). Revise and Resubmit *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*.

WORK IN  
PROGRESS

Natural-Resource Windfalls and Demand for Government Accountability: Experimental Evidence (With James J. Murphy, Maroš Servátka)

Fracking booms and Voting Behavior (with Nathaly Rivera and Chandler Hubbard)

Fairweather Protesters (with Sam Nonemaker)

FUNDED PROJECTS      Regional Economic Impacts of Energy Transition Capital Investment (Co PI), 2022 (\$70,000)

                                 Cash Transfers & Strategic Migration (Co PI), 2022 (\$19,000)

                                 UAA Category 2 Research Travel Grant, 2019 (\$750)

                                 IFREE Small Grants Program (PI), 2019 (\$9,700)

                                 Anchorage Economic Association, 2019 (\$1,000)

                                 UAA Category 2 Research Travel Grant, 2018 (\$500)

                                 UAA Category 1 Research Grant, 2018 (\$600)

TEACHING                      University of Wyoming

EXPERIENCE                  Environmentql & Natural Resource Economics (PhD)                      Fall 2025

                                 Principles of Micro Economics    Spring 2024

                                 Causal Inference (PhD)    Spring 2024

                                 Principles of Microeconomics    Fall 2023

                                 Intermediate Microeconomics    Spring 2012

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics    Fall 2011

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics    Spring 2010

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics    Fall 2010

                                 University of Alaska Anchorage

                                 Principles of Microeconomics (3)    Spring 2023

                                 Urban & Regional Economics    Fall 2022

                                 Urban & Regional Economics    Fall 2021

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics (2, online)    Spring 2021

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics (2, online)    Fall 2020

                                 Natural Resource Economics    Spring 2020

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics    Spring 2020

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics (online)    Fall 2019

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics (2)    Spring 2019

                                 Seminar in Economic Research    Fall 2018

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics    Fall 2018

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics (2)    Spring 2018

                                 Natural Resource Economics    Fall 2017

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics    Fall 2017

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics (2)    Spring 2017

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics (2)    Fall 2016

                                 Natural Resource Economics    Fall 2016

                                 Intermediate Macroeconomics    Spring 2016

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics    Spring 2016

                                 Natural Resources & Economic Development    Spring 2015

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics    Spring 2015

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics (3)    Fall 2015

                                 Principles of Macroeconomics (2)    Fall 2014

AWARDS &                      ● Researcher of the Year Award (Winner), CBPP                                      2022

RECOGNITIONS                  ● Researcher of the Year Award (Runner-up), CBPP                                      2021

                                 ● Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Academic Research/Creative Activity  
                                 (Sole recipient, University-wide honor)    2019

                                 ● Mapworks Teaching Award, University of Alaska Anchorage                                      2016

                                 ● Nominated for the University of Wyoming Outstanding Dissertation Award                                      2013

- Inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma 2013
- Best Economics Ph.D. Graduate Student Award, University of Wyoming 2012
- William E. Morgan Graduate Award, University of Wyoming 2012
- Honors in the Major, California State University Chico 2006

ACADEMIC  
PRESENTATIONS

- University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. Jun 2025
- University of Stavanger, Stavanger, Norway. Apr 2025
- Western Economic Association, Seattle, WA. Jun 2024
- Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. Oct 2023
- University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Jan 2023
- University of Nevada Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV. Apr 2022
- University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Apr 2022
- University of California, Davis, Davis, CA. Mar 2022
- University of Nevada Reno, Reno, NV. Feb 2022
- Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia. (Online lecture) Oct 2021
- University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Sep, 2021
- University of São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil (Online lecture) May 2021
- University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Nov, 2019
- APPAM Fall Research Conference, Denver, CO. Nov, 2019
- Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Jan, 2019
- University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa AL. Jan, 2019
- Northeast Normal University, Changchun, China. Jun, 2018
- Institute for Social and Economic Research, Anchorage, AK. Sep, 2017
- CU Boulder Environmental Workshop, Vail, CO. Sep, 2017
- Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO. Apr 2017
- Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. Feb 2017
- Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. Jan 2017
- Montana State University, Bozeman, MT. Jan 2017
- University of Oregon, Eugene, OR. Jan 2017
- Institute of Social and Economic Research, Anchorage, AK. Nov, 2016
- University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO. Feb 2016
- University of Alaska, Brown Bag Seminar, Anchorage, AK. Oct 2015
- CSU Chico, Chico, CA. Nov 2015
- 4th Annual AERE Summer Conference, San Diego, CA. Jun 2015
- University of Hawaii Manoa, Honolulu, HI. Feb 2015
- Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO. Oct 2014
- University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK. Sep 2014
- 7th Annual OxCarre Conference, Oxford, UK Jun 2014
- University of Miami, Miami, FL. Feb 2014
- University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK. Feb 2014
- CSU Long Beach, Long Beach, CA. Feb 2014
- University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. Mar 2013
- University of Manchester, Manchester, UK. Apr 2013
- Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. Feb 2013
- Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO. Feb 2013
- University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Feb 2013
- University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. Dec 2012
- CSU Chico, Chico, CA. Dec 2012
- University of Oxford, Oxford, UK. Mar 2011
- University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta. Mar 2011
- University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. Dec 2011

PUBLIC  
PRESENTATIONS

- Econ After Hours, Anchorage, AK. Mar, 2023

- Econ After Hours, Anchorage, AK. Dec, 2022
- College of Business & Public Policy, Anchorage, AK. Feb, 2021
- Service High School, Anchorage, AK. Mar, 2019
- Kenai Peninsula College, Homer, AK. Mar, 2019
- Cook Inlet Historical Society, Anchorage, AK. Feb, 2019
- Alaska World Affairs Council, Anchorage, AK. Jan, 2019
- Campus Bookstore, University of Alaska Anchorage, Anchorage, AK. Oct, 2018
- Fairbanks Economic Development Corporation, Anchorage, AK. Nov, 2017
- UAA Faculty Research & Creative Activity Symposium, Anchorage, AK. Apr 2015

SELECTED MEDIA  
REFERENCES &  
CONTRIBUTIONS

- Living in a Natural Resource Economy, *Western Confluence*, May, 2022.
- How do we build the Alaska we want?, *Anchorage Daily News*, November, 2021
- Alaska will broaden its tax base. When?, *Anchorage Daily News*, September, 2021
- Enthusiasm for research benefits undergraduates in the Department of Economics, *Green and Gold News*, April, 2021.
- Oil booms do not boost wages or employment for locals, *The Academic Times*, December 2020.
- Giving up on fighting COVID-19 is Alaska's worst option, *Anchorage Daily News*, August 20, 2020.
- Masks make sense. The economy won't recover until people feel safe, *Anchorage Daily News*, June 22, 2020.
- Episode 007 with Alexander James, *Crude Conversations*, September 2018.
- The oil boom made Alaskans richer, right? An economist says no, *Anchorage Daily News* August, 2018.
- Oil and ANCSA were crucial to improving conditions in rural Alaska, *Anchorage Daily News* August, 2018.
- Is growth always good?, *Anchorage Daily News* August, 2018
- How the Collapse of Oil Hurts Poor Countries, *Bloomberg News*, January 2015
- Home Values Drop Amid Energy Booms *Wyoming Public Media*, May, 2014.
- Governments of resource-rich states lower income taxes and restrict public expenditure in response to revenue shocks. *LSE US Centre*, 2014.
- Can Appalachia survive when the coal runs out? *Washington Post*, September, 2011.

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American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Constitutional Political Economy, Eastern Economic Journal, Ecological Economics, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economic Systems, Economics Bulletin, Economics of Education Review, Economics of Governance, Energy Economics, Energy Journal, Environment and Development Economics, Environmental and Resource Economics, European Economic Review, European Journal of Political Economy, Extractive Industries and Society, Growth and Change, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Journal of Environmental Management, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of Natural Resources Policy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Risk and Uncertainty, Land Economics, Labour Economics, Management Science, Mineral Economics, National Tax Journal, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Public Health, Resource and Energy Economics, Resources Policy, Review of Economics and Statistics, Southern Economic Journal, World Development.

SERVICE

University of Wyoming  
College  
Workplace Experience Committee, Spring 2024-  
Department  
Co-Organizer of Speaker Series, Fall 2023-Current  
Hiring Committee, Department of Economics, Fall 2023-Spring 2024

University of Alaska Anchorage  
University  
Member, Dean Search Committee Spring 2021  
College  
Member, Standards Committee Fall 2022-Current  
Member, Assurance of Learning Committee Fall 2020  
Member, Interim Dean Search Committee Spring 2020  
MPP Curriculum Committee Fall 2018  
Graduate Program Strategies Fall 2018  
Promotion & Outreach Task Force Fall 2016 - 2017  
Undergraduate Student Adviser ( $\approx$  13 students) Fall 2015-Current  
Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Committee Fall 2014-Spring 2015

Department  
Member, Post-Doctoral Hiring Committee Fall 2022-Spring 2023  
Member, Assistant/Associate Professor Hiring Committee Fall 2021  
Member, Post-Doctoral Hiring Committee Spring 2020  
Member, Post-Doctoral Hiring Committee Fall 2018-Spring 2019  
Member, Post-Doctoral Hiring Committee Fall 2017-Spring 2018  
Faculty Advisor to the Economics Club Fall 2015-Present  
Assessment of the Major Fall 2015-Present

REFERENCES

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PROFESSIONAL  
MEMBERSHIPS

American Economic Association  
Association of Environmental and Resource Economists  
Southern Economic Association  
International Association of Energy Economists

HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE SKILLS STATA, ArcGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X