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Appointments Professor, Department of Economics, University of Winnipeg, 2023 – Present.
Adjunct Professor, Department of Environment & Geography, University of Manitoba, 2022-present.
Research Affiliate, Department of Economics, University of Manitoba, 2021 - Present.
Visiting Scholar, Institute of African Studies, Carleton University, 2012-13.
Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Winnipeg, 2011 – 2023.
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Winnipeg, 2006 – 2011.

Education Ph.D, Economics, University of Toronto, 2007.
Thesis: *Accounting for Disparity: Essays on Agricultural Development and Racial Earnings Inequality*.
Committee: Shouyong Shi, Diego Restuccia and Albert Berry.
M.A., Economics, Queen's University, 2000.
Major Research Paper: *Sunspots, Self-fulfilling Prophecies and the East Asian Crisis*.
Supervisor: Allen Head.
B.A. (Honours), International Development Studies, University of Guelph, 1999.

Publications *Peer-Reviewed Papers*
O'Gorman, M. (2024), "Explaining educational achievement among Indigenous individuals: how important are culture and language?", *Education Economics*, 1-36
O'Gorman, M., McLachlan, S., Oldroyd, A., McKay, G. & Rad-Spice, M. (2023). Business Development for Value-Added Fishery Products in Misipawistik Cree Nation. In Andrews, E. (Ed.), *Thinking BIG about Small-Scale Fisheries in Canada*. TBTI Global.
O'Gorman, M. & Carpenter, H. (2022). How Do You Double the Number of High School Graduates? A Snapshot of Schooling in Tuktoyaktuk, NWT, *The Morning Watch: Educational and Social Analysis 48(1): 41-65*. Memorial University of Newfoundland.
O'Gorman, M. & Buckland, J. (2022). The Keeyask Model from a Community Development Perspective. In A. Craft and J. Blakley (Eds.), *In Our Backyard: Keeyask and the Legacy of Hydroelectric Development*, (pp. 293-316). University of Manitoba Press. <https://uofmpress.ca/books/detail/in-our-backyard>

- O’Gorman, M.** (2021). Mental and physical health impacts of water/sanitation infrastructure in First Nations communities in Canada: An analysis of the Regional Health Survey, *World Development*, 145. [10.1016/j.worlddev.2021.105517](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2021.105517)
- Snow, K., Miller, T., & **O’Gorman, M.** (2020). Strategies for culturally responsive assessment adopted by educators in Inuit Nunangat. *Diaspora Indigenous and Minority Education*, 15(1), 61-76 (July 2020). [10.1080/15595692.2020.1786366](https://doi.org/10.1080/15595692.2020.1786366)
- Islam, K. & **O’Gorman, M.** (2019). Microcredit Contract Design: A Macroeconomic Evaluation, *World Development*, 124 (December 2019). [10.1016/j.worlddev.2019.104634](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2019.104634)
- Snow, K., Tulloch, S., Ochalski, H., & **O’Gorman, M.** (2018). Reconciliation, resilience and resistance in Inuit teacher’s professional development and practices, *Education in the North*, 25(1-2), 108-134. <https://doi.org/10.26203/zm8m-wa24>
- O’Gorman, M.** & Penner, S. (2018). Water infrastructure and well-being among First Nations, Métis and Inuit individuals in Canada: what does the data tell us?, *Environmental Science and Pollution Research*, 25(33), 33038-33055. [10.1007/s11356-018-1258-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11356-018-1258-1)
- O’Gorman, M.** & Buckland, J. (2017). The Keeyask Hydro Dam in Northern Canada: A Model for Inclusive Indigenous Development? *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, 38(1), 72-90. [10.1080/02255189.2016.1224969](https://doi.org/10.1080/02255189.2016.1224969)
- O’Gorman, M.** (2015). Africa’s Missed Agricultural Revolution: A Quantitative Study of the Policy Options, *B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics*, 15(2), 561-602 (July 2015). [10.1515/bejm-2013-0016](https://doi.org/10.1515/bejm-2013-0016)
- O’Gorman, M.** & Pandey, M. (2015). Explaining low high school attainment in Northern Aboriginal Communities: An analysis of the Aboriginal Peoples’ Surveys, *Canadian Public Policy/Analyses de Politiques*, 41(4), 297-308 (December 2015). [10.3138/cpp.2015-002](https://doi.org/10.3138/cpp.2015-002)
- O’Gorman, M.** (2012). Why the CCM Won’t Lose: The Roots of Single Party Dominance in Tanzania, *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*, 30(2), 313-333 (April-May 2012). <https://doi.org/10.1080/02589001.2012.669566>
- O’Gorman, M.** (2010). Racial Earnings Inequality in South Africa: A Quantitative Assessment of the Policy Options, *Journal of Policy Modeling*, 32(6), 703-718 (November-December 2010). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpolmod.2010.08.006>
- O’Gorman, M.** & Pandey, M. (2010). Cross-Country Disparity in Agricultural Productivity: Quantifying the Role of Modern Seed Adoption, *Journal of Development Studies*, 46(10), 1- 18 (November 2010). [10.1080/00220388.2010.492862](https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2010.492862)
- O’Gorman, M.** (2010). Education Finance and the Persistence of Racial Earnings Inequality in the Post-Brown Era, *Economics of Education Review*, 29(4), 526-542 (August 2010). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econedurev.2009.11.003>

- Chamberlain, J. & **O’Gorman, M.** (2023). Exploring the Social Return on Investment of Small Grants in Winnipeg’s North End: A Community-Based Study of Impact and Potential. Report prepared for the North End Community Renewal Corporation.
- Neill, C. & **O’Gorman, M.** (2022). Economic Returns to First Nations Post-Secondary Education in Ontario: A Report for the Chiefs of Ontario (Contract # 053-5300-135).
- O’Gorman, M.** (2021). Expert report for McCarthy Tétrault LLP for Manitoba Court of Queen’s Bench File No.: CI-19-01-24661 Federal Court File No.: T-1673-19 - Drinking Water Advisories class action lawsuit.
- O’Gorman, M.** (2019). A Health Care System in Transition: Present and Future Funding for Health Care in MKO Communities. Prepared for Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak (MKO).
- O’Gorman, M.,** Tulloch, S. & Snow, K. (2018). Enhancing Access to Quality K-12 Education in Inuit Nunangat. Report published by Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK).
- O’Gorman, M.,** Tulloch, S. & Snow, K. (2018). (re)Visioning Success in Inuit Education: a report of the 2017 Inuit Education Forum. Report published by ITK.
- O’Gorman, M. &** Pandey, M. (2015). Cultivating the Arctic’s Most Valuable Resource: An Analysis of the Barriers to High School Completion Among Arctic Youth. Submitted to the Nunavut Department of Education and other education stakeholders in Nunavut.

Grants,
Honours,
& Awards

- SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant (2024-5) for the project “Impact Analysis of Educational Practices in the Beaufort Delta Divisional Education Council (BDDEC)”, \$24,782 (Awarded March 2024), **Principal Investigator** with Co-Investigators Christine Neill and Devin Roberts.
- Mitacs Accelerate Internship Award for the project “Capitalizing Indigenous Youth Entrepreneurs Across Canada”, \$30,000 (Awarded February 2024) to support Master of Development Practice (MDP) Student Brent Wennekes.
- SSHRC Insight Grant (2022-25) for the project “How Important are Water and Sanitation? Investigating the Associations between Water/Sanitation and Well-being in First Nations in Manitoba”, \$211,624 (Awarded March 2022), **Principal Investigator** with Co-Investigators Kerry Black and Luc Clair.
- University of Winnipeg Travel Grant (\$1250)
- Mitacs Accelerate Internship Award for the project “What is the Economic Benefit of Recreation in Manitoba?”, \$30,000 (Awarded March 2022) to support MAE students Fathma Mehjabin, Vaishali Dhingra and Khoa Nguyen.

- Mitacs Accelerate Internship Award for the project “Assessing Consumer Preferences for By-Catch Fishery Products”, \$11,250 (Awarded March 2021) to support Master of Development Practice (MDP) Student Alex Oldroyd.
- Mitacs Business Strategy Initiative (BSI) awards for Alex Oldroyd (MDP student) and Richard Cure (Business student) for projects with the Social Entrepreneurship Enclave, \$15,000 each (Awarded March 2021)
- ArcticNet Grant (2019-22) for the project “Effective teachers for successful students: An investigation of the preparation and resiliency of Northern educators”, \$369,000 (Awarded March 2019), Co-Investigator, with Principal Investigators Kathy Snow and Ruth Kane.
- Merit Award, University of Winnipeg, 2018-19
- Marsha Hanen Global Dialogue and Ethics grant (2019-20) (Global College, University of Winnipeg) for the seminar “Do Manitoba Hydro’s Dams Represent ‘Green Energy’? The View from Members of Hydro-Affected First Nations Communities”, \$3000 (Awarded November 2018), **Principal Investigator**
- ArcticNet Grant (2016-18) for the project “Foundations for Student Persistence and Success in Inuit Nunangat”, \$200,000 (Awarded June 2016), **Principal Investigator**.
- SSHRC Partnership Grant (2016-2023) for the project “Wa Ni Ska Tan: cross-regional research alliance on the implications of hydro development for environments and indigenous communities in Northern Canada”, \$2.5 million (Awarded April 2016), Co- Investigator, with Principal Investigator Stephane McLachlan.
- SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant (2016-17) for the project “Forum on research in Inuit education: a gathering to harness knowledge of Inuit education leaders”, \$24,728 (Awarded November 2016), **Principal Investigator**.
- Marsha Hanen Global Ethics and Dialogue program (Global College, University of Winnipeg) (2017) for the project “Forum on research in Inuit education: a gathering to harness knowledge of Inuit education leaders”, \$6,900 (Awarded January 2017), **Principal Investigator**.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Partnership Development Grant (2013-16) for the project “The right to clean water in First Nations: the most precious gift”, Co-investigator with Principal Investigator Karen Busby.
- Merit Award, University of Winnipeg, 2014-15
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Planning Grant, “Cherishing water, claiming health: a planning symposium on water as a holistic health right”, Co-Investigator with Principal Investigator Brenda Elias (October 2011).
- SSHRC Insight Development Grant for the project “Cultivating the Arctic’s Most Valuable Resource: An Analysis of the Barriers to High School Completion Among Aboriginal Youth in Northern Communities”, **Principal Investigator** with Co-investigator Manish Pandey (2011-13)

Faculty of Business and Economics Chartered Accountants of Manitoba Excellence in Teaching Award (2011)

Merit Award, University of Winnipeg, 2010-11

Major Research Grant, University of Winnipeg (2007)

Student
Supervision

Bryan Osborne - PhD, Department of Environment and Geography (UManitoba) - Thesis entitled "Nature-Based Solutions in the Canadian Prairies and Parklands" (joint with Steph McLachlan and John Sinclair)

Bobbie Mang'eli - Master of Environment and Geography (UManitoba) - Thesis entitled "Keepers of the Land and Water, in whose hands?" (joint with Steph McLachlan and Mya Wheeler)

Hassan Abdulkadir - Master of Arts in Applied Economics (MAE) (UWinnipeg) - Research Project entitled "Does Rainfall Cause Food Security? The Nexus Between Rainfall and Food Insecurity in the Horn of Africa"

Olivia Kehler - Master of Arts in Environmental and Social Change (UWinnipeg) - Thesis entitled "Community-Engaged Research as Empowerment" (2022-24)

Kohinur Akter - MAE (UWinnipeg) Research Project entitled "Entrepreneurship in Emerging Markets: A Quantitative Evaluation of the Determinants of Profitability"

Gerald Beta - Master of Environment (UManitoba) - Thesis entitled "An evaluation of health and environmental impacts of hydro dams and COVID-19 in O-Pipon-Na-Piwin Cree Nation and Tataskweyak Cree Nation, Manitoba" (2021-23)

Andrea Dsouza - Master of Development Practice (MDP - UWinnipeg) Program, Major Research Paper entitled "Genuine Concern or Cheap Talk? Exploring Canadians' Willingness to Pay for Socio-economic Investments in Water and Sanitation" (2021-22)

Patrick Harney - Master of Environmental and Social Change (UWinnipeg) (co-supervisor with Ian Mauro) (2021-22) for the project "Climate Change Risk Perception on the Canadian Prairies" (2021-present)

Dr. Maya Rad-Spice (Mitacs Post-Doctoral Fellow) (co-supervisor with Stephane McLachlan) for the project "Integration of Indigenous and Western science to produce value-added fishery products in Grand Rapids/Misipawistik Cree Nation" (2020-22)

Alex Keoni Oldroyd - MDP Program, Major Research Paper entitled "Assessing Consumer Preferences for By-Catch Fishery Products" (2020-21)

Jack Lovell, Ph.D. thesis committee member, University of Manitoba (Environment & Geography) on community economic development in northern Manitoba First Nations (2017-2019)

John Sobkovich and Courtney Bear - Supervisor for these two students in the Indigenous Summer Scholars Program (ISSP), UWinnipeg (2018 and 2017 respectively)

Khan Islam, Ph.D. thesis committee member (joint with Pinaki Bose and Ryan Cardwell) at the University of Manitoba (Department of Economics) on “Three Essays on Microcredit and Payday Lending” (2014-2017).

Sana Amjad’s M.A. Research Project (Department of Economics, UWinnipeg) (joint with Kirit Patel) on the “Determinants of Food Insecurity in South Asia” (2016)

Saheed Olawoyin’s M.A. Research Project (Department of Economics, UWinnipeg) (joint with James Townsend) on “Ethnic Enclaves and Immigrants’ Location Decision” (2016)

Abdul Baten’s M.A. Research Project (Department of Economics, UWinnipeg) on “Education and the Economics of Identity in Nunavut” (2013)

**External
Examiner**

Lacina Diarra, Ph.D. thesis, “Essays on Structural Change, Agricultural and Economic Development” (Laval University, January 2021)

Mohammad Jahangir Alam, Ph.D. thesis, “Three Essays in Economic Growth and Development” (University of Calgary, April 2017)

Presentations *Panel Presentations*

“Teaching Indigenous Economics: How to Bring Indigenous Content into Economics Classrooms” - CEA Meetings (Carleton University, June 2022)

“Culture Shift in Inuit Education” at the Inuit Studies Conference 2022: Auviqsaqtut (University of Winnipeg, June 2022)

“Teacher Development and Indigenous Education (Inuit and Sami) within the Arctic Region” (with Kathy Snow, Kirk Anderson and Sylvia Moore) – Invited panel presentation at Memorial University of Newfoundland, Department of Education - November 27, 2019.

Plenary Panel presentation with Aimee Craft and Katherine Starzyk at ‘Under Western Skies’ Conference - Mount Royal University (Calgary - September 2016).

Paper Presentations

“Human capital impacts of cultural discontinuity: Exploring the cross-country data” - Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Meetings (Toronto Metropolitan University, June 2024)

“First Nations’ Water and Sanitation Infrastructure: The Links between Financing, Health and Governance”, The Last Drop: Water Researchers Speakers Series (Online presentation) with Stewart Hill, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakinak

“Explaining educational achievement among Indigenous individuals: how important are culture and language?” - University of Manitoba Seminar Series (February 2024)

“Primary, Secondary or Tertiary? Evaluating the Allocation of Public Education Expenditures in Emerging Market Economies” - CEA Meetings, Carleton University, June 2022

- “How Do You Double the Number of High School Graduates? A Snapshot of Schooling in Tuktoyaktuk, NWT” at the University of the Arctic Congress (online presentation, May 2021)
- “What is Needed to Ensure Inuit Students are Taught by Inuit Educators?” at the ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting (online presentation, December 2020)
- “Mental and Physical Health Impacts of Water Infrastructure on Reserve in Canada: An Analysis of the Regional Health Survey”
- First Nations Information Governance Centre (Ottawa) – June 2020.
 - Invited seminar at Infrastructure Canada (Ottawa) – January 2020.
 - Sustainability and Development Conference (University of Michigan) – October 2019.
- “Hydroelectric Benefit-Sharing Across Canada” (with Julio Lucchesi Moraes) at Ki Ta Ski Naw: Reflecting & Acting on Hydropower & Energy Justice Conference (University of Winnipeg) – November 2019.
- “Case studies of Inuit education: Aklavik and Tuktoyaktuk, NWT” (with Holly Carpenter) at Inuit Studies conference (Montreal, QC) – October 2019
- “Supporting Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit in schools for student persistence and success in Inuit Nunangat”
- Inuit Studies Conference (Montreal – October 2019)
 - ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting (Ottawa – December 2018)
 - Sustainability and Development Conference (University of Michigan - November 2018)
- “From Research to Action on Clean Water and Sanitation in First Nations Communities in Canada”
- Sustainability and Development Conference (University of Michigan – October 2019)
 - University Women’s Club (Winnipeg – October 2017)
 - ‘Right to Water and Sanitation in First Nations Communities’ Seminar Series (Centre for Human Rights Research – November 2017).
 - Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) conference – Ryerson University (Toronto - June 2017).
- “Socio-economic Well-being and Water Infrastructure: An Analysis of the Aboriginal Peoples Survey (APS) and Regional Health Survey (RHS)”
- Water Innovations for Healthy Arctic Homes (WIHAH) conference (Anchorage, Alaska - September 2016)
 - CREATE-H2O/Water Rights Research Consortium conference at the University of Manitoba - June 2015 (presented by co-author Khan Islam)
 - Canadian Water Resources Association Conference - Winnipeg, June 2015 (presented by co-author Khan Islam)

- Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) Conference
- “Understanding Educational Achievement in Inuit Nunangat: An Analysis of the Aboriginal Peoples Survey”
 - ArcticNet Annual Scientific Meeting (Winnipeg - December 2016).
 - CEA conference (Antigonish - June 2017).
- “Microcredit Contract Design: A Macroeconomic Evaluation”
 - Sustainability and Development Conference (University of Michigan - November 2018) (presented by co-author Khan Islam)
 - CEA Meetings (Toronto, June 2015)
 - CASID conference (Calgary, June 2016)
- “Cultivating the Arctic’s Most Valuable Resource: An Analysis of Barriers to High School Completion Among Inuit Youth in Nunavut” - CEA Meetings (Vancouver, June 2014)
- “An Examination of Gendered Agricultural Policy in Ethiopia”
 - Institute of African Studies Seminar Series, Carleton University (January 2013).
 - Canadian Association of African Studies Annual Conference, Carleton University (May 2013).
- “Explaining low high school attainment in Northern Aboriginal Communities: An analysis of the Aboriginal Peoples’ Surveys” - Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta’s Research Data Center Annual Conference (Atlanta, September 2013).
- “Africa’s Missed Agricultural Revolution: A Quantitative Study of the Policy Options” - African Economic Conference, Kigali, Rwanda, October 2012.
- “Experiential Learning and Microfinance Mechanisms” - CEA meetings in Ottawa (June 2011)
- “Why the CCM Won’t Lose: The Roots of Single Party Dominance in Tanzania” - Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference in Oxford, England (March 2009)
- “The Political Economy of Rural Neglect in Tanzania”
 - CEA Meetings in Vancouver (June 2008)
 - Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS) conference in Edmonton (May 2008)
- “Accounting for Productivity Differences in Developing Country Agriculture” CEA Meetings (Halifax, June 2007)
- “Educational Disparity and Racial Earnings Inequality: Insights from South Africa and the U.S.”
 - University of Manitoba, Department of Economics Seminar, October 2006
 - 12th Annual Graduate Research Conference in African Studies, Boston University (March 2004)

- University of Toronto Macroeconomics Workshop (April 2004)
- CEA Meetings (Toronto, June 2004)

“Africa’s Missed Agricultural Revolution: Examining the Links between Factor Endowments, Government Investment and Technology Adoption in Agriculture”

- Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference, Oxford, England (March 2007).
- Canadian Council of Area Studies Learned Societies Conference (Montreal, May 2005)
- CEA Meetings (Hamilton, June 2005)

Reviewer

Aboriginal Policy Studies
 Agricultural Economics
 Basic Income Studies
 Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
 Canadian Journal of African Studies
 Canadian Journal of Development Studies
 Canadian Public Policy
 Economics of Education Review
 Education Economics
 Environmental Science and Pollution Research
 Feminist Economics
 Environmental Science and Pollution Research
 Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies
 Journal of Contemporary African Studies
 PLOS One
 Taylor and Francis Books
 World Development

Teaching

University of Winnipeg (2006-present)
 ECON-1102 – Introductory Microeconomics
 ECON-1103 – Introductory Macroeconomics
 ECON-1104 – Introduction to Economic Theory
 ECON-1106 – Introductory Economic Development
 ECON-2102 – Intermediate Macroeconomics
 ECON-2302 – Monetary Economics and Banking
 ECON-2301 – Financial Systems
 ECON-2315 – Indigenous Economic Development
 ECON-3120 – Microfinance in Theory and Practice
 ECON-3305 – Economic Development
 ECON-4104 – Macroeconomics

ECON-4306 – Topics in Economic Development
 ECON-4412 – Advanced Reading Course in Economics
 GDP-7711 – Macroeconomic Policy and Sustainable Development
 GDP-7707 – Indigenous Economic Development
 GECON-7305 – Development Economics

Trent University (2005-2006)

IDST-310 - International Development in an Economic Context

Administrative Duties (University of Winnipeg)¹ Research Nomination Committee, University of Winnipeg (January 2024 - present)
 Member of Senate (2020-present)
 Acting Chair, Department of Economics (July 1 - December 31, 2022)
 Indigenous Advisory Committee to the Vice-President Academic (2022 - present)
 The Indigenous Course Requirement (ICR) Committee (2021-present)
 Northern Studies Committee (University-level, member) (2019-present)
 Vice-President Research and Innovation Review Advisory Committee (2020)
 Member of Decanal Review Committee – Faculty of Graduate Studies (2018)
 Internal Examiner for M.A. in Indigenous Governance (MAIG) Program Review (2018)
 Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) (2008-2023)
 Graduate Program Committee – Department of Economics (Chair) (2008-2023)
 Urban and Inner-City Studies Advisory Board (member) (2010-present)
 Honours Advisor – Department of Economics (2009-2012)
 Departmental Curriculum Committee (2012, 2020)
 Departmental Personnel Committee – Department of Economics (2008-present)
 SSHRC Master’s Scholarships Departmental Representative (2007-2010)
 Planning Committee, Summer Institute on Infectious Diseases, Global College (2009, 2011)
 Departmental Review Committee – Department of Economics (2007, 2008, 2017)
 Library Representative – Department of Economics (2007-2009)
 Senate Advisory Subcommittee on the Library (SASOL) (2007-2009)
 Senate Library Committee (2007-2008)

Other Scholarly Work NSERC-SSHRC Sustainable Agriculture Research Initiative Selection Committee (2023-2024)
 External Examiner, Lakehead University Master of Arts in Economics (March 2024)
 Canadian Economics Association, 2023 Conference Organizing Committee (June 2023)
 Auviqsaqtut: Inuit Studies Conference 2022 Organizing Committee (June 2022)
 Member, University of Manitoba Working Group on United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) (2022-present)
 Chair, SSHRC Doctoral Awards Competition adjudication committee (2020-2022)
 Member, SSHRC Doctoral Awards Competition adjudication committee (2018-2019)

Ki Ta Ski Naw Conference Organizing Committee (November 2019)

Member of Research Manitoba's Social Sciences and Humanities Master's Studentship review committee (2017; 2019)

Treasurer, Canadian Association for the Study of International Development (CASID) (2012-2020)

Member of the Research sub-committee for the Wa Ni Ska Tan Hydro Research Alliance (<http://www.hydroalliance.ca/>) (2016-present)