

# Christopher Erwin

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## OBJECTIVE

Secure a position that challenges me to apply my quantitative, research, and interpersonal skills.

## PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am a researcher and teacher by nature who enjoys gleaned useful insights from observational and experimental data. I combine my communication and technical analytical skills to produce actionable, policy relevant research across various fields.

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## WORK HISTORY (PREVIOUS 10 YEARS)

**Workforce Development Council**  
Auckland, New Zealand  
2024 - Present

### **IDI Analyst, Muka Tangata (People, Food and Fibre) Council**

- Steering labour market research to support the primary industry workforce in New Zealand
- Preparing econometric studies of the labour market returns to vocation and education training qualifications
- Forecasting the employment outcomes and demographic composition of primary industry workers out to 2050

**University of New Mexico**  
(Remote Position)  
2024 – Present

### **Research Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology**

- Developing and executing research agenda for a \$3M USD National Science Foundation grant studying student university outcomes along racial, ethnic, gender, and class lines

**Auckland University of Technology (AUT)**  
Auckland, New Zealand  
2018 – 2023

### **Research Fellow, New Zealand Work Research Institute**

- Conducted studies for ministries and academia
- Mentored PhDs, Masters, and Bachelor's economics students
- Published articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals

### **Lecturer, School of Economics**

- Taught Economic Policy Evaluation (ECON 711), Economics for Business Managers (ECON 846), and Capstone in Economics (ECON 702)

**University of New Mexico**  
Albuquerque, New Mexico  
August 2011 – March 2018

### **Policy Analyst, Center for Education Policy Research**

- Led childcare market rate study used to set subsidy rates for providers in New Mexico, USA
- Led evaluation of a publicly funded organization focusing on the welfare of vulnerable children
- Conducted annual evaluation of New Mexico's statewide home visitation program

### **Statistician, Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy**

- Advised on statistical and econometric issues

**New Mexico House of Representatives**

Santa Fe, New Mexico  
2017 – 2018 Sessions

**Committee Analyst (nonpartisan)**

- Analyzed bills, conducted research, and aided in policy development

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**QUALIFICATIONS**

**University of New Mexico (UNM)**

Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA  
2011 – 2017

**Ph.D. Economics**

Major Fields: Labor Economics, Econometrics  
Minor Field: Development Economics

**California State University, Fullerton**

Fullerton, California, USA  
2009 – 2011

**M.A. Economics**

**Arizona State University**

Tempe, Arizona, USA  
2002 – 2006

**B.S. Economics (Hons.)**

Minor: Sociology  
Certificate: International Business

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**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

- Technical writing (e.g., grant writing, RFPs, government reports, academic journal articles)
- Software: Office, Project, Visio, Power BI, Stata, SQL, Visual Basic, R
- Econometric modelling (i.e., using data to answer difficult causal and non-causal questions)

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

- **Oral and written communication** – I enjoy public speaking and have experience on live television and radio programs in NZ. As an economist, I am accustomed to distilling technical concepts to a non-technical audience.
- **Project management** – I managed several research projects in current and previous positions, including collaborations among coauthors across several institutions, disciplines, and countries.
- **Problem-solving** – I employ experimental and quasi-experimental methods designed to answer challenging questions about causal relationships.

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**COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

**Auckland LandSAR**

Auckland  
2023 – Present

**Operational Member**

- Assist in rescuing parties that are lost, injured, or deceased in the broader Auckland area

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**AWARDS**

- Falling Walls Lab New Zealand, Finalist, Royal Society, 2023
  - Business Research Translation Award, Overall Runner-Up (\$750 NZD), AUT, 2022
  - Research Team Excellence (\$10,000 NZD), AUT, 2020
  - Graduate Student Excellence Award (\$10,000 USD), UNM, 2018
  - Gerald Boyle Memorial Prize in Public Economics (\$10,000 USD), UNM, 2016
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## INTERESTS

I enjoy tramping, canyoning, and camping with my family. I have completed all of New Zealand's Great Walks and am working on completing my personal 'to-do' list of other classic New Zealand walks.

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## REFEREES

### **Nichola Shackleton**

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