

# 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)

### Koi Tū Centre for Informed Policy

Auckland, New Zealand  
2025 - Present

### Policy Fellow

- Conduct applied economic analysis and design economic models
- Work with large datasets including Stats NZ's Integrated Data Infrastructure (IDI).

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

### Workforce Development Council

Auckland, New Zealand  
2024 - 2025

### 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

### 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**

### **Artificial Intelligence Developer Professional Certificate, IBM, 2025**

#### **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: MS Office, Visio, LaTeX, Stata, SQL, R, Python, QGIS
- 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

### **Sir Peter Gluckman**

Co-Director, Kōi Tū Centre for Informed Futures  
President, International Science Council  
Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Auckland  
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### **Dr. Nancy López**

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