

Kevin Laughren

<http://www.kevinlaughren.com>

+1 778 867 7399 | kevinlaughren@gmail.com | klaughre@sfu.ca | Citizenship: Canada

Professional Academic Experience

- 2024 – 2026 Lecturer, Simon Fraser University, Department of Economics
Designed new course: ECON484 Applied Machine Learning for Economics (2025 x2, 2026)
Designed new course: ECON383 Financial Economics (2025)
ECON455W Seminar in Development Economics (2024, 2025, 2026)
ECON342 International Trade (2024, 2025, 2026)
ECON220W Communication in Economics (2025)
ECON201 Microeconomic Theory I (2025, 2026)
Teaching evaluations at <http://www.kevinlaughren.com>
- 2026 Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia, Master of Food and Resource Economics
Designed new course: FRE521E Economic Analysis using Machine Learning (2026)
- 2021 – 2024 Postdoctoral Fellow, Queen’s University, Smith School of Business
Research with Henry Schneider: adaptive experimentation and machine learning
- 2021 – 2024 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Queen’s University, Smith School of Business
Designed new course: COMM171 Principles of Economics for Business (2021, 2022, 2023)
Revised with machine learning focus: MGMT885 Economics Seminar (2023)
Directed readings in “Blockchain for Development” (2024)
- 2020 Sessional Instructor, Simon Fraser University, Department of Economics
ECON342 International Trade (2020)

Education

- 2016 – 2021 Simon Fraser University – Ph.D, Economics
- 2014 – 2015 California Institute of Technology – Master of Science, Social Sciences
- 2012 – 2013 University of Calgary – Master of Arts, Economics
- 2004 – 2008 Queen’s University, Smith School of Business – Bachelor of Commerce

Research

Refereed Publications

Freeman, David J., and Kevin Laughren, Forthcoming. "Task Completion Without Commitment." *Experimental Economics*. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10683-024-09824-2>

Kimbrough, Erik, Kevin Laughren, and Roman Sheremeta, 2020. "War and Conflict in Economics: Theories Applications and Recent Trends." *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jebo.2017.07.026>

Working Papers

Laughren, Kevin, and Henry Schneider 2023. "Adaptive Sampling for Customer Segmentation." Presented at North American *Economic Science Association* meetings in October 2023. http://kevinlaughren.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Adaptive_Experiments_for_Customer_Segmentation-1.pdf

Laughren, Kevin, 2023. "Decomposing Inattention." *Under review*. <http://kevinlaughren.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Laughren-decomposing-inattention-16Jun2023.pdf>

Laughren, Kevin, Lara Aknin, Dai Heide, Panayiotis Pappas, and Milan Singh, 2023. "Demonstrating Selection Effects in Evaluation of a First Year Seminar Program." *Under review*. http://kevinlaughren.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/FYS_selection_effects_Dec2023.pdf

Invited Conference Presentations

2021-2023 Economic Science Association (Charlotte 2023, Boston 2022, Online 2021)
Canadian Economic Association (Ottawa 2022)
Queen's Smith School of Business Brown Bag (2022)
Econometric Society (Online 2021)

Other Academic Experience

2022 – 2025 Referee for *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*
2021 – 2022 Referee for *European Economic Review*
2021 – 2022 Academic Supervisor, Mitacs Business Strategy Internships

Professional Experience

2013 – 2014 Senior Manager, Strategy, BMO Capital Markets
2011 – 2012 Manager, Strategy, BMO Financial Group
2008 – 2011 Consultant, Monitor Group (now Monitor Deloitte)

Computer Skills

- Design and program online experiments for oTree with interactive Javascript interfaces
- Machine learning, including teaching *An Introduction to Statistical Learning (with Applications in R)* by James, Witten, Hastie, and Tibshirani to MSc and undergrad students
- Languages: Javascript (with course certificate), Python, R, oTree