

Statement of Qualification – Jerry Buckland

Jerry Buckland received his Masters of Arts in economics in 1986 from Carlton University, specializing in development economics and development studies. He received his Doctor of Philosophy in economics in 1995 from the University of Manitoba, specializing in development economics and history of economic thought. Jerry Buckland is currently Professor of International Development Studies at Menno Simons College in Winnipeg, Canada and Adjunct Professor in Economics at the University of Manitoba. His research and teaching areas include micro-finance / financial inclusion / financial literacy and community-based development. His research and teaching concentrates on social and institutional aspects of economic development. One key avenue of research is the field of financial inclusion and its intersection with financial literacy studies. Dr. Buckland has been involved in both qualitative and quantitative research methods.

In the past twenty years he has written three books, six book chapters, 18 peer-reviewed articles, and eight policy reports. He has completed a number of research contracts related to this field for several federal and Manitoba government departments, made numerous presentations in academic and popular forums, and he is interviewed regularly by major media outlets such as CBC and the Globe and Mail. Since 2010 he has written 5 peer-reviewed articles and one government contracted report on this topic.

Dr. Buckland has provided expert opinion to the Public Utilities Board in the 2006-2007 hearing to determine allowable fee for cashing government cheques, in the 2007-2008 hearing to determine maximum fees for payday loans, and in the 2013 payday loans review.

Dr. Buckland will rely on his expertise in economics, including qualitative and quantitative research methodology, with particular specialization in micro-finance, micro-community development, economic development and interdisciplinary development theory.