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APPOINTMENTS:

September 2013–present: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, London School of Economics
August 2009–2013: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, American University
September 2011–August 2012: Deutsche Bank Member, Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, NJ)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS:

Economic Growth, Economic History, Innovation, Political Economy, Applied Econometrics.

PUBLICATIONS:

“Information Technology and Economic Change: The Impact of the Printing Press” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Volume 126, Issue 3, August 2011, pp. 1133-1172.

“Religious Competition and Reallocation: The Political Economy of Secularization in the Protestant Reformation” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Volume 133, Issue 4, November 2018, pp. 2036-2096 (with Davide Cantoni and Noam Yuchtman)

“Public Goods Institutions, Human Capital, and Growth: Evidence from German History” forthcoming at *Review of Economic Studies*, forthcoming 2019 (with Ralf Meisenzahl)

“New Media and Competition: Printing and Europe’s Transformation After Gutenberg,” conditionally accepted at *Journal of Political Economy*, 2019 (with Skipper Seabold)

“Book Prices in Early Modern Europe: An Economic Perspective,” in Shanti Graheli ed., *Buying and Selling: the Business of Books in Early Modern Europe* (Leiden: Brill, 2019)

“Historical Analysis of Legal Opinions with a Sparse Mixed-Effects Latent Variable Model,” *Proceedings of the 50th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics* (2012), pp. 740-749 (with William Wang, Elijah Mayfield, and Suresh Naidu).

WORKING PAPERS:

“The Emergence of Zipf’s Law” revise and resubmit at *Explorations in Economic History*

“Economic Origins of Modern Science: Technology, Institutions, and Markets”

“The Welfare Impact of a New Good: The Printed Book”

WORK IN PROGRESS:

“The Research University, Invention, and Manufacturing: Evidence from Germany 1760-1800”

“Conflict and Economic Geography: Evidence from the Thirty Years War” (with Russell Gasdia)

“Contested Property: Fugitive Slaves in the Antebellum US South” (with Suresh Naidu)

EDUCATION:	DEGREE	DATE	FIELD
University of California, Berkeley	PhD	2009	Economics
London School of Economics	MSc. (With Distinction)	1998	Economic History
Swarthmore College	BA (With High Honors)	1997	English and History

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

2015-2020	European Research Council Starting Grant (€1,274,044) “Information Technology and Institutions Supporting Human Capital Accumulation and Exchange”
2011-2013	Institute for New Economic Thinking Research Grant (\$143,910) “Peculiar Institutions: A New Approach to Estimating the Economic Incidence of Slavery” (PI jointly with Suresh Naidu of Columbia University)
2011-2012	Member Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, NJ).
2010-2012	National Science Foundation Grant SES #1023380 (\$163,257) “Ideas, Technology, and Economic Change: The Impact of the Printing Press”
2010-2011	National Science Foundation Grant BCS #1039497 (\$260,745) “MRI: Acquisition of HPC at AU” (Co-PI, PI is Mary Hansen of AU)
2010	Arthur Cole Research Grant (Economic History Association \$5,000)
2009	Mellon Research Grant
2009	Institute for Business and Economic Research, Dissertation Research Grant
2005-2008	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.
2008	UC Berkeley Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship.
2004	Certificate for Outstanding Examinations in Mathematics – City University of New York.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS:

NBER Summer Institute (2019), Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (2019), CEPR Wealth of Nations Conference (2019), LSE-Stanford-Uniandes Conference (2019), Brown University (2019), Columbia University (2019), LSE Economic History & Economics Workshop (2019), RIDGE (2018), Hong Kong University (2018), NYU Stern School of Business (2018), Brown University (2018), Oxford-LSE-Warwick Economic History Conference (2018), LMU Munich (2018), Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (2018), LSE-Stanford-Uniandes Conference (2018), LSE Labour Workshop (2018), Aix-Marseille (2017), NBER Economics of Culture and Institutions Conference (2017), Essex University (2017), International Economic Association Congress (2017), University of Stockholm (2017), Uppsala (2017), Trinity College Dublin (2017), Toulouse (2016), Paris School of Economics (2016), University of Toronto (2016), NBER (2016), Economic History Society Conference (2016), Reading University (2016), Berkeley Haas School of Business (2016), Columbia-NYU Media Seminar (2015), Michigan (2015), World Economic History Congress (2015), American Historical Association (2015), Barcelona GSE (2015), Sussex (2015), Stanford (2014), UC Berkeley (2014), Becker-Friedman Institute at University of Chicago (2014), Barcelona GSE (2014), Columbia University (2014), Oxford (2014), UC San Diego (2014), University of Chicago Business School (2013), University of London (2013), University of Munich (2013), NBER Summer Institute (2013), LSE (2012), Warwick (2012), UCLA (2012), Harvard (2012), Northwestern (2012), NBER Summer Institute (2012), Economic History Association (2012), Institute for Advanced Study (2012), AEA Conference (2012), CalTech (2011), LSE (2011), Pompeu Fabra (2011), Universiteit Utrecht (2011), UC Davis (2011), UC Berkeley (2011), Washington Area Economic History Workshop (2011), World Bank (2010), Economic History Association (2010), George Mason (2010), European Economic Association (2010 – invited), Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (2010), NBER Summer Institute (2010), Northwestern (2010), George Washington (2010), American Economic Association Conference (2010), Yale (2009), Harvard (2009), American University (2009), Stanford (2009), All-University of California Conference (2009), UC Davis (2009), Queens College (2009), Dartmouth College (2009), University of British Columbia (2009), UC Berkeley (2008), UC Berkeley (2007).

REFEREE FOR:

Quarterly Journal of Economics, *American Economic Review*, *Journal of Political Economy*, Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), *Journal of Economic History*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Economica*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *American Political Science Review*.