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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Boston University , Boston, MA Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, 2017- National Bureau of Economic Research , Cambridge, MA Faculty Research Fellow, 2016- Princeton University , Princeton, NJ Postdoctoral Research Associate, Industrial Relations Section, Department of Economics, 2016– 2017	
EDUCATION	Harvard University , Cambridge, MA Ph.D. in Economics, 2016 A.M. in Economics, 2012 Wesleyan University , Middletown, CT B.A. with High Honors in Economics and Mathematics, 2008	
PUBLICATIONS	“How the Other Half Died: Immigration and Mortality in US Cities.” Joint with Philipp Ager, Casper Worm Hansen, and Huiyen Tan. Forthcoming, <i>The Review of Economic Studies</i> . “Organizational Frictions and Increasing Returns to Automation: Lessons from AT&T in the Twentieth Century.” Joint with Daniel Gross. Accepted, <i>Management Science</i> . “Racial Inequality in the Prime of Life: Infectious Disease Mortality in U.S. Cities, 1906-1933.” 2023. Joint with Aja Antoine-Jones, Lauren Hoehn-Velasco, Christopher Muller, and Elizabeth Wrigley-Field. <i>Social Science History</i> , 47(3):491-504. “Capital Destruction and Economic Growth: The Effects of Sherman’s March, 1850-1920.” 2022. Joint with James Lee and Filippo Mezzanotti. <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i> , 14(4):301-42. “Racial Disparities in Mortality During the 1918 Influenza Pandemic in United States Cities.” 2022. Joint with Martin Eiermann, Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, Jonas Helgertz, Elaine Hernandez, and Courtney E. Boen. <i>Demography</i> , 59(5):1953-1979. <i>Awarded the 2023 Evolution, Biology and Society Section’s Best Article Award</i> “1918 Every Year: Racial Inequality in Infectious Mortality, 1906-1942.” 2022. Joint with Lauren Hoehn-Velasco, Christopher Muller, and Elizabeth Wrigley-Field. <i>American Economic Association: Papers and Proceedings</i> , 112:199-204. “Automated Linking of Historical Data.” 2021. Joint with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, Katherine Eriksson, and Santiago Perez. <i>Journal of Economic Literature</i> , 59(3):865-918. “Childhood cross-ethnic exposure predicts political behavior seven decades later: Evidence from linked administrative data.” 2021. Joint with Jacob Brown, Ryan Enos, and Soumyajit Mazumder. <i>Science Advances</i> , 7(24).	

“The Return to Education in the Mid-20th Century: Evidence from Twins.” 2020. Joint with Hui Ren Tan. *Journal of Economic History*, 80(4), 1101-1142.

“Regional and Racial Inequality in Infectious Disease Mortality in U.S. Cities, 1900–1948.” 2019. Joint with Christopher Muller and Elizabeth Wrigley-Field. *Demography*, 56(4): 1371-1388.

“Multiple Measures of Historical Intergenerational Mobility: Iowa 1915 to 1940.” 2018. *Economic Journal*, 128(612): F446-F481.

“Majority-Party Disadvantage: Revising Theories of Legislative Organization.” 2017. Joint with Alexander Fourinaies and Andrew B. Hall. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 12(3): 269-300.

“Tenancy, Marriage, and the Boll Weevil Infestation of the US South, 1892-1920.” 2017. Joint with Deirdre Bloome and Christopher Muller. *Demography*, 54(3): 1029-1049.

“Racial Inequality in the Annual Risk of Tuberculosis Infection in the United States, 1910-1933.” 2017. Joint with Jon Zelner and Christopher Muller. *Epidemiology and Infection*, 145(9): 1797-1840.

“Lead Exposure and Violent Crime in the Early Twentieth Century.” 2016. Joint with Christopher Muller. *Explorations in Economic History*, 62: 51-86.

Awarded the 2017 Larry Neal Prize for best article

“How Legislators Respond To Localized Economic Shocks: Evidence From Chinese Import Competition.” 2015. Joint with Andrew B. Hall. *Journal of Politics*, 77(4): 1012-1030.

“The Vicious Cycle: Fundraising and Perceived Viability in US Presidential Primaries.” 2013. Joint with Cameron A. Shelton. *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 8(1): 1-40.

WORKING PAPERS

“Answering the Call of Automation: How the Labor Market Adjusted to the Mechanization of Telephone Operation.” Joint with Daniel Gross. Conditionally Accepted, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“‘Descended from Immigrants and Revolutionists’: How Family Immigration History Shapes Representation in Congress.” Joint with Maxwell Palmer and Benjamin Schneer. Reject and Resubmit, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

“Intergenerational Mobility during the Great Depression”

“Automated Census Record Linking: A Machine Learning Approach”

“From the Bargaining Table to the Ballot Box: Downstream Effects of Right to Work Laws.” Joint with Alexander Hertel-Fernandez and Vanessa Williamson.

“Who Becomes a Member of Congress? Evidence From De-Anonymized Census Data.” Joint with Daniel M. Thompson, Andrew B. Hall, and Jesse Yoder.

“When Coercive Economies Fail: The Political Economy of the US South After the Boll Weevil.” Joint with Soumyajit Mazumder and Cory Smith.

“After the Burning: The Economic Effects of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.” Joint with Alex Albright, Jeremy A. Cook, Laura-Thorne Kincaide, Jason Long, and Nathan Nunn.

“Why Does Education Increase Voting? Evidence from Boston’s Charter Schools.” Joint with Sarah Cohodes.

“Examining the Role of Training Data for Supervised Methods of Automated Record Linkage: Lessons for Best Practice in Economic History.” Joint with Jonas Helgertz and Joseph Price.

CHAPTERS

Inequality and the Safety Net in American Cities Throughout the Income Distribution, 1929-1940. Joint with Price Fishback and Keoka Grayson. 2022. In R. Chetty, J. Friedman, J. Gornick, B. Johnson, and A. Kennickell, eds. *Measuring Distribution and Mobility of Income and Wealth*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Health in Historical Political Economy. 2022. In J. Jenkins and J. Rubin, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

2024 (including scheduled)
LSE Economic History Larry Epstein Memorial Lecture

2023
Harvard, NBER DAE Program Meeting, Yale, Chicago Booth, Werner Troesken Memorial Conference

2022
Harvard, NYU

2021
Chicago Fed, Oz Virtual Econ Research Seminar, NBER DAE Summer Institute, NBER IT and Digitization Workshop, Social Science History Association

2020 (including COVID-cancelled)
Virtual Seminar in Economic History, NBER DAE Summer Institute, UCLA Anderson, Vassar College, St. Andrews, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

2019
Brown, Florida State, University of Maryland, Organization of American Historians, Wesleyan, University of Southern Denmark, University of Copenhagen, University of Montreal, Northwestern Economic History Record Linkage Conference, University of Pittsburgh

2018
American Economic Association, William & Mary, Harvard Law School, Boston University Political Science, Russell Sage Foundation Inequality Conference, World Economic History Congress, Harvard Political Economy, Brigham Young University, George Mason, Brown, UMass Amherst

2017
Case Western, Princeton, Stanford, NBER DAE Spring Meeting, Northwestern, Toulouse School of Economics, Economic History Association, Auburn, UC Davis, UC Berkeley Haas, Harvard, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Yale

2016
NYU Stern, Carnegie Mellon Heinz, Princeton, Stanford, Chicago Booth, Vanderbilt, Cornell, UCLA, Boston University, Dartmouth, University of Colorado Boulder, Bowdoin College, Minnesota Population Center, New York City Department of Health, Southern Economic Association

	2015	
	NBER DAE Summer Institute, University of Michigan, Social Science History Association, UC Berkeley Population Center	
GRANTS	BU Initiative on Cities	2020-2021
	Russell Sage Foundation Grant (with Maximilian Hell, Robert Manduca, and Jimmy Narang)	2017-2018
	Robert Wood Johnson Seed Grant (with Christopher Muller, Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, and Jon Zelner)	2015
	Harvard IQSS Research Grant	2015
	Harvard Warburg Research Fund	2014
	Harvard LEAP Research Grant (with James Lee and Filippo Mezzanotti)	2014
	Harvard Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy Research Grant (with Christopher Muller)	2013
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	BU Graduate Economic Association Advisor of the Year	2023
	Hariri Institute for Computing Junior Faculty Fellow, Boston University	2019–2023
	Gitner Prize for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Boston University	2019
	Alan Nevins Prize, best dissertation in US economic history, Economic History Association	2016
	Sokoloff Dissertation Fellowship, Economic History Association	2015
	Thomas Cochran Fellow in Economic History, Harvard University	2013–2016
	NSF-IGERT Doctoral Fellow, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University	2012–2016
	Burton C. Hallowell Prize, awarded to the top student in the Social Sciences at Wesleyan	2008
	Frazar B. Wilde Prize, awarded to the top student in the Wesleyan Economics department	2008
	John M. Plukas Prize, awarded to support the publication of an outstanding honors thesis	2008
	Phi Beta Kappa	2007
	Horace White Jr. Prize	2007 and 2008
	John M. Plukas Teaching Apprentice Award	2006–2008
TEACHING	Boston University, Department of Economics	
	CAS EC 365 Economic Institutions in Historical Perspective (Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023)	
	CAS EC 565 Economic Institutions in Historical Perspective (Spring 2020)	

GRS EC 764 Topics in Economic History (Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Spring 2024)

PROFESSIONAL
ACTIVITIES

Referee

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*; *American Economic Review: Insights*; *American Economic Review*; *American Economist*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Sociological Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Bulletin of Economic Research*; *Demography*; *Econometrica*; *Economic History Review*; *Economic Inquiry*; *Economic Journal*; *Economic Policy*; *Economica*; *Economics & Politics*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *Explorations in Economic History*; *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*; *Journal of Comparative Economics*; *Journal of Development Economics*; *Journal of Economic History*; *Journal of Economic Literature*; *Journal of Human Resources*; *Journal of Labor Economics*; *Journal of Law and Economics*; *Journal of Political Economy*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Journal of the European Economic Association*; *Journal of Urban Economics*; *Labor Studies Journal*; *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics*; *PLOS ONE*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*; *Public Choice*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Regional Science and Urban Economics*; *Review of Economic Studies*; *Review of Economics and Statistics*; *Science*; *Science: Advances*; *Social and Economic Studies*; *Social Forces*; *Sociological Quarterly*

Grant Reviewer

National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation

Discussant

Economic History Association Annual Meeting (2016, 2023), NBER Urban (2016, 2023), USC PIPE Workshop (2022), NBER SI Conference on Research in Income and Wealth (2022), American Economic Association Annual Meeting (2017, 2018, 2020, 2022), George Washington University's Annual Series on U.S.-China Economic Relations (2021), BU Center for Antiracist Research Symposium (2021), NBER Cities, Labor Markets, and the Global Economy (2019), Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2016), National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation (2015), Cliometrics Congress (2013)

Departmental and Professional Service

Editorial Board, *Explorations in Economic History*, 2024-2027
BU Initiative on Cities Faculty Advisory Board Member, 2022-
Editorial Board, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, 2020-2022
BU Micro Seminar Co-Coordinator, 2018-2020, 2022
SSRC Working Group on Big Data and History, 2015-2020