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- ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **Boston University**, Boston, MA
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, 2017-
- Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ
Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer, Industrial Relations Section, Department of Economics, 2016–2017
- National Bureau of Economic Research**, Cambridge, MA
Faculty Research Fellow, 2016-
- 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 Capital Destruction and Economic Growth: The Effects of Sherman’s March, 1850-1920. Joint with James Lee and Filippo Mezzanotti. Accepted, *AEJ: Applied Economics*.
- Automated Linking of Historical Data. 2021. Joint with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, Katherine Eriksson, and Santiago Perez. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 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. *Science Advances*, 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 Zelter 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 How the Other Half Died: Immigration and Mortality in US Cities. Joint with Philipp Ager, Casper Worm Hansen, and Huiyen Tan. Revise and Resubmit at *The Review of Economic Studies*.

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.

Automation and the Fate of Young Workers: Evidence from Telephone Operation in the Early 20th Century. Joint with Daniel Gross.

‘Descended from Immigrants and Revolutionists’: How Family Immigration History Shapes Representation in Congress. Joint with Maxwell Palmer and Benjamin Schneer.

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

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

CHAPTERS Inequality and the Safety Net in American Cities Throughout the Income Distribution, 1929-1940. Joint with Price Fishback and Keoka Grayson. Forthcoming 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.

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS 2021 (including scheduled)
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, 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

Hariri Institute for Computing Junior Faculty Fellow, Boston University	2019–
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)
 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)

Princeton University, Department of Economics
 Junior Independent Writing Advisor (2016-2017)

Harvard University, Department of Economics
 Teaching Fellow, ECON 1393 Poverty and Development (Spring 2013)
 Teaching Fellow, ECON 1357 Historical Perspectives on Economic Ascendancy (Fall 2012)

PROFESSIONAL
 ACTIVITIES

Referee
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; 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 Journal; Economica; Economics & Politics; Explorations in Economic History; Journal of Business & Economic Statistics; 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; 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
 American Economic Association Annual Meeting (2017, 2018, 2020, 2022), George Washington University's Annual Series on U.S.-China Economic Relations (2021), NBER Cities, Labor Markets, and the Global Economy (2019), Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2016), Economic History Association Annual Meeting (2016), NBER Urban (2016), National Tax Association Annual Conference on Taxation (2015), Cliometrics Congress (2013)

Departmental and Professional Service
 Editorial Board, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, 2020-
 BU Micro Seminar Co-Coordinator, 2018-2020
 SSRC Working Group on Big Data and History, 2015-2020