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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT	Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California, Irvine	2018 —
PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT	Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Essex Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Columbia Business School	2016 - 2018 Fall 2017
EDUCATION	D.Phil. Economic & Social History, University of Oxford Associate of the Department of Economics, Harvard University M.Sc. Economic & Social History, University of Oxford B.A. (with honors) Economics, University of Southern California	2016 2015 2012 2009
FIELDS OF INTEREST	Primary: Health Economics, Economic History Secondary: Development Economics, Labor Economics, Economic Demography	
PUBLICATIONS	“The Dust Was Long In Settling”: Human Capital and the Lasting Impact of the American Dust Bowl,” <i>Journal of Economic History</i> , 2018, 78(1): 196-230.  “Not Your Average Job: Measuring Farm Labor in Tanzania,” (with Kathleen Beegle, Joachim De Weerd, & Amparo Palacios-López), <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> , 2018, 130: 160-172.  “Polygamy and Child Mortality: Historical and Modern Evidence from Nigeria’s Igbo,” (with James Fenske), <i>Review of Economics of the Household</i> , 2018, 16(1): 97-141.  “Intra-Household Labor Allocation in Colonial Nigeria,” (with James Fenske), <i>Explorations in Economic History</i> , 2016, 60: 69-92.	
WORKING PAPERS	“Can Migration Make Deadly Recessions Look Healthy? Evidence from Large-scale Linked Microdata” (with Brian Beach & W. Walker Hanlon), 2018.  “Estimating the Recession-Mortality Relationship When Migration Matters” (with Brian Beach & W. Walker Hanlon), <i>NBER Working Paper #23507</i> , 2017.  “Infant Feeding and Cohort Health: Evidence from the London Foundling Hospital” (with Eric B. Schneider), <i>CEPR Discussion Paper #12165</i> , 2017.	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	“Deportation Risk, Public Health, & Local Labor Markets: Evidence from the English Poor Law” (with Brian Beach & W. Walker Hanlon)  “Sewage Infrastructure, Labor Markets, and Inequality in 19th Century London” (with Myra Mohnen)	

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

“Health and Development,” in *An Economist’s Guide to Economic History* (ed. Matthias Blum & Chris Colvin), London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.

“Human Capital Formation and the American Dust Bowl” (Dissertation Summary), *Journal of Economic History*, 2018, 78(2): 575-610.

Book review of *Prelude to the Dust Bowl: Drought in the Nineteenth-Century Southern Plains* (by Kevin Z. Sweeney), *EH.Net*, 2017.

Book review of *Female Economic Strategies in the Modern World* (ed. Beatrice Morring), *EH.Net*, 2013.

“Mobile Financial Services in Tanzania,” (with Lara Fleischer and Martina Song), *Internal report to the Bank of Tanzania*, 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

**2018; Past & Scheduled** • World Economic History Congress [Presenter & Dissertation Session] (Boston) • Economic History Association Annual Conference [Discussant] (Montreal) • All-California Labor Economics Conference (Los Angeles) • Class, Gender, and Childhood in Economic Development (Oxford) • Economic History Society Annual Conference (Keele) • Sound for Seniors Economic History Workshop [Keynote] (Helsinki) • Bristol History Workshop (Bristol) • Queen’s University Belfast (Belfast) • Dondena Centre, Università Bocconi (Milan)

**2017** • AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting [Presenter & Session Co-Organizer] (Chicago) • NBER Cohort Studies Meeting (Los Angeles) • Economic History Association Annual Conference [Dissertation Session & Discussant] (San Jose) • Economic History Society Annual Conference (Egham) • SDU Workshop on Applied Microeconomics (Odense) • Conference on Labour Markets and Living Standards in Britain, 1870-1960 (Colchester) • University of Warwick (Coventry) • University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Amherst) • University of California, Davis (Davis) • University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) • Columbia University (New York) • Cornell University (Ithaca) • RAND (Santa Monica)

**2016** • AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting [Presenter & Session Co-Organizer] (San Francisco) • Economics and Human Biology Conference (Tuebingen) • IZA/DFID Growth and Labour Markets in Low-Income Countries Research Conference (Oxford) • European Social Science History Conference (Valencia) • Health and Gender: Global and Economic Perspectives Workshop (Colchester) • University of Essex (Colchester) • University of Oxford (Oxford)

**2015** • Northeast Universities Development Consortium (Providence) • World Economic History Congress (Kyoto) • Economic History Society Annual Conference (Telford) • Economic History Association Annual Conference [Poster] (Nashville) • Royal Economic Society PhD Presentation Meetings (London) • Oxford-Warwick-LSE Research Workshop (Oxford) • Centre for the Study of African Economies Research Workshop (Oxford) • Harvard University (Cambridge) • Royal Holloway, University of London (Egham) • University of Oxford (Oxford)

**2014** • AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia) • Economic History Association Annual Conference (Columbus) • Cliometrics Annual Conference (Clemson) • European Social Science History Conference (Vienna) • World Bank (Washington, D.C.) • University of Cambridge (Cambridge) • London School of Economics (London) • Paris School of Economics (Paris) • University of Oxford (Oxford)

**2013** • Centre for the Study of African Economies Annual Conference (Oxford) • Economic History Society Annual Conference (York) • BFWG Research Presentation Day (London) • Centre for Economic and Business History Postgraduate Conference (Nottingham) • Economic History Society Residential Training Course (Manchester) • University of Oxford (Oxford) • Merton College (Oxford)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Short Term Consultant, World Bank	2014 - 2016
	ERC Research Assistant, Professor Kevin O'Rourke, Oxford	2012 - 2015
	Development Strategy Intern, United Nations Development Programme	2013
	Research Assistant, Dr James Fenske, Oxford	2011 - 2012
	Consultant, Bank of Tanzania	2011 - 2012
	Research Assistant, Dr Kristin Diehl, USC	2006 - 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>UC Irvine Teaching</b>	
	Health and Development in Historical Perspective (PhD)	2019
	Development Economics (Undergraduate)	2019
	Economics of the Environment II (Undergraduate)	2019

	<b>Essex Teaching</b>	
	Strategies of Economic Development (Undergraduate)	2016 - 2018
	Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate)	2016

	<b>Oxford Teaching</b>	
	Microeconomics (Undergraduate)	2016
	British Economic History Since 1870 (Undergraduate)	2016
	Development Economics (Undergraduate)	2013 - 2016
	Quantitative Methods 2 (Masters/PhD)	2015
	Labor Economics (Undergraduate)	2014
	International Economics (Undergraduate)	2012 - 2014
	Econometrics (Undergraduate)	2013
	Approaches to History: Economics (Undergraduate)	2013
	Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)	2012

	<b>Training &amp; Certification</b>	
	Associate Fellow, Higher Education Academy (UK Teaching Accreditation)	2014
	Oxford Divisional Teaching Training	2013

	<b>Advising</b>	
	Ph.D. Co-Supervisor, Pierre Riolland, Essex (Expected: 2019)	2016 —
	Masters Dissertation Supervisor, Essex (2 Dissertations)	2018
	Undergraduate Dissertation Supervisor, Essex (10 Dissertations)	2016 - 2017

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Business Technology Analyst, Deloitte Consulting	2009 - 2011
	Media Arts Planning Intern, TBWA\Chiat\Day	2009
	Business Management Associate Intern, General Mills	2008
	Strategic Planning Intern, TBWA\Media Arts Lab	2007

RESEARCH GRANTS	British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant	2017 - 2018	
	University of Essex Executive Dean Fund Grant	2018	
	Economic History Association Arthur H. Cole Grant	2017	
	Arnold Fund Research Grant	2015	
	Economic History Society Graduate Research Grant	2013, 2015	
	Merton College Supplementary Travel Grant	2015	
	Royal Economic Society Conference Grant	2014	
	Royal Historical Society Postgraduate Research Support Grant	2014	
	Merton College Graduate Research Grant	2013, 2014	
	The History Project Research Grant	2013	
SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS	International Economic History Association Dissertation Prize Finalist	2018	
	Economic History Association Nevins Dissertation Prize	2017	
	Royal Economic Society Junior Fellowship	2015 - 2016	
	Amy Mary Preston Read Scholarship	2015 - 2016	
	European Research Council Studentship (full funding)	2012 - 2015	
	Merton College Overseas Student Supplementary Award	2012 - 2015	
	Dacre Trust Research Award	2013, 2014, 2015	
	Rajiv Kapur Research Award	2014	
	University of Oxford Vice Chancellor's Scholarship	2013	
	University of Southern California Trustee Scholarship (full tuition)	2005 - 2009	
SERVICE	<b>Professional Service</b>		
	Membership Committee, Economic History Association	2017 —	
	Council, Economic History Society	2017 —	
	Awards Committee, Economic History Society	2016 —	
	Co-Organizer, Class, Gender, & Childhood Conference (Oxford)	2017 - 2018	
	Co-Organizer, Labour Markets & Living Standards Conference (Essex)	2016 - 2017	
	Student Representative to the Council, Economic History Society	2013 - 2016	
	<b>Departmental, College, &amp; University Service</b>		
	Co-Organizer, Departmental Seminar Series, University of Essex	2016 - 2017	
	D.Phil. Representative, Graduate Joint Consultative Committee, ESH	2013 - 2014	
	Co-Organizer, Oxford ESH Graduate Seminar Series	2013 - 2014	
	Interviewer, Merton College Undergraduate Admissions	2012 - 2014	
	Co-Organizer, 20th Annual Oxford ESH Graduate Workshop	2012	
	<b>Refereeing</b>		
	<i>American Economic Review</i> • <i>American Journal of Agricultural Economics</i> • <i>Economics and Human Biology</i> • <i>Feminist Economics</i> • <i>Food Policy</i> • <i>Health Economics</i> • <i>Journal of Economic History</i> • <i>Labour Economics</i> • <i>Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations</i> • <i>Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics</i> • <i>Palgrave Macmillan</i> • <i>Pearson</i> • <i>Public Health</i> • <i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i> • <i>Social Science and Medicine</i> • <i>Social Science Quarterly</i> • <i>World Bank Economic Review</i>		
	SKILLS	Research & Statistics:	Stata, ArcGIS/QGIS, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
		Languages:	English (native), Tamil (fluent), Spanish (conversational)