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CURRENT	Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California, Irvine	2018 —
APPOINTMENTS	Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)	2021 —
	Faculty Affiliate, Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)	2021 —
	Research Affiliate, Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR)	2020 —

PREVIOUS	Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Essex	2016 - 2018
APPOINTMENTS	Visiting Associate Research Scholar, Columbia Business School	Fall 2017

EDUCATION	D.Phil. Economic & Social History, University of Oxford	2016
	Associate of the Department of Economics, Harvard University	2015
	M.Sc. Economic & Social History, University of Oxford	2012
	B.A. (with honors) Economics, University of Southern California	2009

FIELDS OF INTEREST	Primary: Health Economics, Economic History
	Secondary: Labor Economics, Development Economics, Economic Demography

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	“Recessions, Mortality, and Migration Bias: Evidence from the Lancashire Cotton Famine” (with Brian Beach & W. Walker Hanlon), <i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i> , 2022, 14(2): 228-255.
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“Infant Feeding and Post-Weaning Health: Evidence from Turn-of-the-Century London” (with Eric B. Schneider), *Economics and Human Biology*, 2021, 43: 101065.

“Disease, Downturns, and Wellbeing: Economic History and the Long-Run Impacts of COVID-19” (with John Parman), *Explorations in Economic History*, 2021, 79: 101381.

““The Dust Was Long In Settling”: Human Capital and the Lasting Impact of the American Dust Bowl,” *Journal of Economic History*, 2018, 78(1): 196-230.

“Not Your Average Job: Measuring Farm Labor in Tanzania,” (with Kathleen Beegle, Joachim De Weerd, & Amparo Palacios-López), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2018, 130: 160-172.

“Polygamy and Child Mortality: Historical and Modern Evidence from Nigeria’s Igbo,” (with James Fenske), *Review of Economics of the Household*, 2018, 16(1): 97-141.

“Intra-Household Labor Allocation in Colonial Nigeria,” (with James Fenske), *Explorations in Economic History*, 2016, 60: 69-92.

WORKING  
PAPERS

“Deliberate Surrender? The Impact of Interwar Indian Protection” (with Markus Lampe, Ashwin Nair, & Kevin O’Rourke), *NBER Working Paper #27178*, 2021.  
Revisions Requested, *Economic Journal*

“Estimating the Recession-Mortality Relationship When Migration Matters” (with Brian Beach & W. Walker Hanlon), *NBER Working Paper #23507*, 2017.

WORKS IN  
PROGRESS

“Labor Market Scarring in the Very Long Run: Evidence from Large-Scale Longitudinal Microdata” (with Katherine Eriksson & Gary Richardson)

“The Macroeconomy, Labor Markets, and Economic Mobility from the Civil War to Today: New High-Frequency Data on Local Economic Shocks” (with Katherine Eriksson & Gary Richardson)

“Explaining Black Socioeconomic Mobility After the Great Depression” (with Katherine Eriksson & Gary Richardson)

“The Impact of US Interwar Protection” (with Markus Lampe & Kevin O’Rourke)

“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.

RESEARCH  
GRANTS

National Science Foundation Collaborative Grant (co-PI, \$491,000)	2021 - 2024
SES-2049393/SES-2049401: <i>The Macroeconomy, Labor Markets, and Economic Mobility from the Civil War to Today: New High-Frequency Data on Local Economic Shocks</i> (Co-PIs: Katherine Eriksson, Gary Richardson)	

Russell Sage Foundation Trustee Grant (co-PI, \$122,045)	2021 - 2023
2011-29614: <i>Explaining Black Socioeconomic Mobility After the Great Depression</i> (Co-PIs: Katherine Eriksson, Gary Richardson)	

UCI Center for Population, Inequality, and Policy Seed Grant (\$5,000)	2020
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UCI Proposal Writing Institute Seed Grant (\$8,000)	2020
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UCI Social Sciences Assistant Professor Research Award (\$4,970)	2018
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British Academy/Leverhulme Small Research Grant (£9,990)	2017 - 2018
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University of Essex Executive Dean Fund Grant (£5,000)	2018
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Economic History Association Arthur H. Cole Grant (\$4,955)	2017
Arnold Fund Research Grant (£1,000)	2015
Economic History Society Graduate Research Grant (£500 × 2)	2013, 2015
Merton College Supplementary Travel Grant (£300)	2015
Royal Economic Society Conference Grant (£300)	2014
Royal Historical Society Postgraduate Research Support Grant (£300)	2014
Merton College Graduate Research Grant (£300 × 2)	2013, 2014
The History Project Research Grant (\$845)	2013

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS	Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>Journal of Economic History</i>	2022
	Meritorious Reviewer Award, <i>Australian Review of Economic History</i>	2022
	Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>	2021
	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

PRESENTATIONS **2023; Scheduled** • Seattle Economics Council (Seattle) • Grinnell College (Grinnell)

**2022; Past & Scheduled** • NBER Summer Institute, DAE (Cambridge) • CEPR Economic History Symposium (Odense) • Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference [Keynote] (Hood River) • Economic History Association Annual Conference [Discussant] (La Crosse) • “The Rise and Fall of Laissez Faire” Book Conference [Discussant] (Evanston) • Yale University (New Haven) • Columbia University (New York) • University of British Columbia (Vancouver) • Peking University (Beijing)

**2021** • Economic History Association Annual Conference (Tucson) • Economic History Society Annual Conference (Virtual) • Bureau of Labor Statistics West Region Data Users' Conference (Virtual) • H2D2, University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) • Vanderbilt University (Nashville) • University of Connecticut (Storrs) • McMaster University (Hamilton) • San Francisco State University (San Francisco) • UC Center Sacramento (Sacramento) • Applied Micro Brownbag, University of California, Irvine (Irvine)

**2020** • AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting [Discussant] (San Diego) • CESR, University of Southern California (Los Angeles) • Reserve Bank of India (Mumbai) • **Postponed or canceled due to COVID-19** • *Economic History Society Annual Conference (Oxford)* • *IFN Workshop (Stockholm)* • *Demography & Development Workshop (Irvine)* • *Australian National University (Canberra)* • *University of Sydney (Sydney)* • *University of Adelaide (Adelaide)* • *CDASA, University of California, Irvine (Irvine)*

**2019** • AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting [Discussant] (Atlanta) • 5th Annual TSE/IAST History Conference (Toulouse) • Economic History Association Annual Conference [Discussant] (Atlanta) • University of California, Merced (Merced) • University of California, Riverside (Riverside)

**2018** • 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) • Irvine-Waseda Workshop (Irvine) • 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)

OTHER	Short Term Consultant, World Bank	2014 - 2016
RESEARCH	ERC Research Assistant, Professor Kevin O'Rourke, Oxford	2012 - 2015
EXPERIENCE	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
OTHER	Business Technology Analyst, Deloitte Consulting	2009 - 2011
PROFESSIONAL	Media Arts Planning Intern, TBWA\Chiat\Day	2009
EXPERIENCE	Business Management Associate Intern, General Mills	2008
	Strategic Planning Intern, TBWA\Media Arts Lab	2007

## SERVICE

**Professional Service**

Nevins Dissertation Prize Convenor, Economic History Association	2022 —
ASSA Program Committee, EHA/Cliometrics Society	2020 —
Organizing Committee, PhD Mentoring Workshop for Women/ Non-Binary Students in Economics	2022
Organizing Committee, All-California Labor Economics Conference	2021
Membership Sub-Committee, Economic History Society	2019 - 2020
Membership Committee, Economic History Association	2017 - 2020
Council, Economic History Society	2017 - 2020
Awards Committee, Economic History Society	2016 - 2019
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

**Departmental, College, & University Service**

Core Faculty, PPE Masters Program, UC Irvine	2019 —
Junior Recruiting Committee, Department of Economics, UC Irvine	2018/9, 2020/1
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

**Refereeing**

*Agricultural Economics* • *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* • *American Economic Review* • *American Economic Review: Insights* • *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* • *Australian Economic History Review* • *British Academy* • *BMJ Open* • *Econometrica* • *Economic History Review* • *Economic Journal* • *Economic Modelling* • *Economics and Human Biology* • *European Review of Economic History* • *Explorations in Economic History* • *Feminist Economics* • *Food Policy* • *Health Economics* • *Journal of Economic History* • *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* • *Journal of Human Resources* • *Journal of Public Economics* • *Labour Economics* • *Labour: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations* • *Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics* • *Palgrave Macmillan* • *Pearson* • *Public Health* • *Quarterly Journal of Economics* • *Review of Economics and Statistics* • *Review of Economic Studies* • *Review of Economics of the Household* • *Social Science and Medicine* • *Social Science Quarterly* • *Technology in Society* • *World Bank Economic Review*

Editorial Board, <i>Feminist Economics</i>	2020 —
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## TEACHING

**UC Irvine Teaching**

Dissertation Research (PhD)	2021 —
Development Economics (PhD)	2020 —
Health and Development in Historical Perspective (PhD)	2019 —
Independent Study (PhD); Individual Study (Undergraduate)	2019 —
Development Economics (Undergraduate)	2019 —
Economics of the Environment II (Undergraduate)	2019 —

**Essex Teaching**

Strategies of Economic Development (Undergraduate)	2016 - 2018
Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate)	2016

**Oxford Teaching**

Microeconomics (Undergraduate)	2016
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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

## ADVISING

### **Ph.D. Advising** (\* denotes chair/co-chair)

Paul Lowood (Expected 2024) • Mark Van Orden (Expected 2024) • Manasvi Sharma (Expected 2024) • Yoonjung Kim (2022, Korea Institute for International Economic Policy) • Mark Hup (2021, Peking University) • Neil Bennett (2020, U.S. Census Bureau) • Pierre Rialland\* (2018, Alterfin)

### **Other Advising**

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervisor (UC Irvine, 1 Thesis, 2019) • Masters Dissertation Supervisor (Essex, 2 Dissertations, 2018) • Undergraduate Dissertation Supervisor (Essex, 10 Dissertations, 2016-2017)