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Contact Information

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Current Employment and Affiliations

Associate Professor of Economics, University of California, Davis, 2021-
National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Research Associate (DAE), 2021-
Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), Research Affiliate, 2019-
Research Associate, LEAP, Department of Economics, Stellenbosch University, South Africa, 2017-
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Poverty Research, UC-Davis, 2015-
Faculty Affiliate, Global Migration Center, UC-Davis, 2015-

Editorial Boards

Historical Political Economy, 2021-
European Review of Economic History, 2021-
Journal of Economic History, 2021-2024
Explorations in Economic History, 2022-2025

Previous Employment

NBER Faculty Research Fellow, 2015-2021
Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California, Davis, 2015-2021
Assistant Professor of Economics, California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), 2013-2015

Education

PhD, Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, 2013
MA, Economics, UCLA, 2008
MS, Agricultural Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), 2007
BA, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE), Somerville College, University of Oxford, 2006
BS, Mathematics and Philosophy, Virginia Tech, 2004

Research and Teaching Interests

Primary fields: Economic History, Labor Economics, Development Economics

Publications

"Immigration Shocks and Marriage Market Sorting" with Addison Lake and Gregory T. Niemesh.
American Economic Association P&P. Forthcoming.

- “School Closures during the 1918 Flu Pandemic” with Philipp Ager, Ezra Karger, Peter Nencka, and Melissa A. Thomasson. *Review of Economics and Statistics, Forthcoming*.
- “Immigrants and Cities during the Age of Mass Migration” with Zachary Ward. *Regional Science and Urban Economics, 2022*.
- “The Intergenerational Effects of a Large Wealth Shock: White Southerners after the Civil War” with Philipp Ager and Leah Boustan. *American Economic Review, 2021*.
- “Automated Linking of Historical Data” with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, James Feigenbaum, and Santiago Perez. *Journal of Economic Literature, 2021*.
- “Trade Shocks and the Shifting Landscape of U.S. Manufacturing” with Katheryn Russ, Jay Shambaugh, and Minfei Xu. *International Journal of Money and Finance, 2021*.
- “How the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake Shaped Economic Activity in the American West” with Philipp Ager, Casper Worm Hansen, and Lars Lonstrup. *Explorations in Economic History, 2020*.
- “Discrimination and the Returns to Cultural Assimilation in the Age of Mass Migration” with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, and Stephanie Hao. *American Economic Association P&P, 2020*.
- “Long-run Impacts of Agricultural Shocks: Evidence from the Boll Weevil” with Richard Baker and John Blanchette. *Journal of Economic History, 2020*.
- “Cultural Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration” with Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan. *American Economic Review-Insights, 2020*.
- “Ethnic Enclaves and Immigrant Outcomes: Norwegian Immigrants during the Age of Mass Migration” *European Review of Economic History, 2020*.
- “Education and Incarceration in the Jim Crow South: Evidence from Rosenwald Schools” *Journal of Human Resources 2020*.
- “The Residential Segregation of Immigrants from 1850 to 1940” with Zachary Ward. *Journal of Economic History, 2019*.
- “Moving North and into Jail? The Great Migration and Black Incarceration” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 2019*.
- “To the New World and Back Again: Return Migration in the Age of Mass Migration” with Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan. *Industrial Labor Relations Review, 2019*.
- “Revising Infant Mortality Rates for the Early 20th Century United States” with Gregory T. Niemesh and Melissa Thomasson. *Demography, 2018*.

“The Impact of HIV Testing on Subjective Mortality and Fertility: Experimental Evidence From Malawi” with Veronica Sovero. *Economics Letters*, 2016.

“Does the language of instruction in primary school affect later labor market outcomes? Evidence from South Africa.” *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 2014.

“A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan. *Journal of Political Economy*, 2014.

“Have the poor always been less likely to migrate? Evidence from inheritance practices during the Age of Mass Migration” with Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan. *Journal of Development Economics*, 2013.

“Europe's Tired, Poor, Huddled Masses: Self-Selection and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan. *American Economic Review*, 2012.

Working papers

“Understanding the Success of the Know-Nothing Party” with Marcella Alsan and Gregory T. Niemesh
NBER Working Paper #28078, November 2020
Submitted

“Death in the Promised Land: The Great Migration and Infant Mortality” with Gregory T. Niemesh

“Marriage and the Intergenerational Mobility of Women: Evidence from Marriage Certificates 1850-1910” with Jacqueline Craig and Gregory T. Niemesh

“Immigration and Infant Mortality in Massachusetts: Evidence from the Age of Mass Migration” with Zhixian Lin and Gregory T. Niemesh

Works in Progress

“Labor Market Scarring in the Very Long Run: Evidence from Large-Scale Longitudinal Microdata” with Vellore Arthi and Gary Richardson

“Did the Boll Weevil Kick off the Great Migration?” with Philipp Ager, John Blanchette, and Benedikt Herz

“The Making of an American: Public Kindergartens and the Assimilation of Immigrant Children”, with Philipp Ager, Francesco Cinnirella, and Viktor Malein

Other Publications

“Essays in Education and Immigration across the 20th Century” (Dissertation Summary) *Journal of Economic History*, 2014.

Book Review of James Giesen’s *Boll Weevil Blues: Cotton, Myth, and Power in the American South*. In *Journal of Economic History*, 2013.

Research Grants

Russell Sage Foundation (with Vellore Arthi and Gary Richardson), 2021-2023; \$122,045
 “Explaining Black Socioeconomic Mobility After the Great Depression”

UC-Davis New Research Initiatives and Interdisciplinary Research Grant, 2021-2022; \$18,906

National Science Foundation Collaborative Grant (with Vellore Arthi and Gary Richardson), 2021-2024;
 \$491,000

“The Macroeconomy, Labor Markets, and Economic Mobility from the Civil War to Today: New
 High-Frequency Data on Local Economic Shocks”

UC-Davis Hellman Fellowship, 2018; \$26,000

UC-Davis Institute of Social Sciences Junior Faculty Research Grant, 2017; \$4,000

Russell Sage Foundation (with Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan), 2015; \$105,704
 “Cultural Assimilation in the Age of Mass Migration”

Orfalea College of Business summer research grant, 2014; \$5,000

Cal Poly Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Grant, 2014-2015; \$13,298

Arthur Cole Grant, Economic History Association (with Greg Niemesh), 2014-2015; \$5,000

Cal Poly External Funding Initiative, 2014; \$11,037

UCLA Center for Economic History research grant, 2012-2013; \$11,000

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Explorations in Economic History “Excellence in Refereeing Award”, 2018

Finalist, Economic History Association Alan Nevins Dissertation Prize, 2013

UCLA Elise Burman Fellowship, 2012

UCLA Center for Economic History Fellowship, Fall 2012

UCLA Departmental Progress Award, 2008

UCLA California Center for Population Research PhD trainee fellowship, 2007

Somerville College, Oxford award for First Class honors degree, July 2006

Virginia Tech Philosophy Department book award for best graduating senior, May 2004

Phi Beta Kappa, 2004

Invited Presentations and Conferences

2022: UC-Berkeley (Political Science); USC SITE; “Development, Data Visualization, and Research
 Communication”, University of Stellenbosch.

2021: University of Melbourne; UC-Berkeley.

2020: Northwestern University; University of Pittsburgh/CMU Applied Micro Seminar; AEA Annual
 Meetings (presenter and discussant); Virtual Economic History Seminar; NBER Development of
 the American Economy Summer Institute.

2019: Australian National University; Cal Poly; University of Michigan; University of Wisconsin; Virginia
 Tech; Mountain West Economic History Conference; “Workshop on Intergenerational Mobility,
 Gender and Family Formation in the Long Run”, Oslo; FAIR-CELE Workshop, Norwegian School
 of Economics, Bergen; Economic History Association (discussant).

- 2018: University of Stellenbosch; “Populism’s New Wave” All-UC Economic History Conference, UCLA; World Economic History Congress; North American Econometric Society Summer Meetings; Economic History Association.
- 2017: Aarhus University; Case Western Reserve University; Lund University; Pontificia Universidad Catolica; University of Essex; University of Kentucky; University of Southern Denmark; University of Warwick; Yale University; AEA Annual Meetings (discussant x2); Conference on Labour Markets and Living Standards in Britain, 1870-1960; NBER DAE Summer Institute; Economic History Association (discussant); Social Science History Association; EH-Clio Lab Conference, Santiago, Chile (Keynote speaker).
- 2016: Australian National University; University of Stellenbosch; Sacramento State University—John Ranlett Memorial Lecture, April 2016; NBER DAE Spring Meeting; Australian Cliometrics Society; All-UC Economic History “100 Flowers” Conference; University of Quebec workshop: “Inequalities and Families: Childhood as Homeland”.
- 2015: Northwestern University; UC-Berkeley (Economics); UC-Berkeley (Complete Count Census Workshop); UC-Davis; Vanderbilt University; Wake Forest University; Population Association of America; UC-Santa Barbara; SOLE-EALE; SITE Economic History Session, Stanford; Economic History Association (discussant); AEA Annual Meetings (presenter and discussant); Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (presenter and discussant); Center for Poverty Research, UC-Davis, Small Grants Conference (discussant); All-California Labor Economics Conference, UCLA; Social Science History Association.
- 2014: Miami University; University of Stellenbosch; American Economic Association; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics—SoCCAM; Cliometric Society Annual Conference; ERSA Graduate Student Workshop, Pretoria, South Africa (invited faculty presenter).
- 2013: Barnard College; Cal Poly; Clemson; Colby College; Louisiana State University; Rensselaer; Simon Fraser; UC-Santa Barbara; University of Adelaide; University of New South Wales; University of Sydney; Economic History Association (Dissertation Session); NEUDC; Southern Economic Association.
- 2012: BEHR/All-UC Graduate Student Conference, UC-Davis; Economic History Association (poster); NBER Development of the American Economy (poster); UC-Irvine.
- 2010: SITE—New Frontiers in Economic History, Stanford University.

Professional

Department Service:

- Graduate Admissions Committee, 2021-
- Undergraduate Committee, 2020-2021
- Levine Seminar Series Committee, 2018-2019

Co-coordinator, UC Davis Economic History Seminar Series, 2017-
 Junior Hiring Committee, UC-Davis, 2016-2017
 Graduate Placement Committee, UC-Davis, 2015-2016
 Coordinator, Cal Poly Economics and Finance Seminar Series, 2013-2015

College Service:

Department Representative, Institute for Social Sciences, UC-Davis, 2017-2018
 Student Affairs Committee, Orfalea College of Business, Cal Poly, 2014-2015

University Service:

Campus Book Selection Committee, 2021
 Undergraduate and Graduate Grant Reviewer for UC-Davis Blum Center for Developing
 Economies, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019.

Professional Service:

Program Committee, DAE NBER Summer Institute, 2022-2024
 Program Committee, EHA and Cliometric Society Sessions at ASSA, 2020-2022
 Co-organizer, Virtual Economic History Seminar, Spring 2020-
 Reviewer, All-UC Economic History group Summer Grant program, 2016, 2017
 Organizing committee, All-California Labor Conference, September 2016
 Organizing Committee, All-UC Economic History Conference, December 2016
 Panelist, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, 2018

Referee: AEJ: Applied, American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, Demography, Economics Bulletin, Economic Geography, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, European Review of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Globalisation, Societies, and Education, International Migration, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Management Science, Population Research and Policy Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Social Problems, Social Science Research, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Sociological Quarterly, World Development; National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, European Research Council, South Africa National Research Foundation; Oxford University Press

Professional Membership: American Economic Association, Economic History Association

Teaching and Advising

Teaching

Graduate: US Economic History (210C)

Undergraduate: US History since the Civil War (111B); Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (100A); Econometrics (140); Senior Honors Thesis (194HA/B)

Freshman Seminar: Course-based Undergraduate Research Experience: California's Great Flood of 1862

*PhD Students (**denotes primary advisor)*

Camila Saez** (2021, Duke Kunshan University)

Joshua Grelewitz (2021, US Census Bureau)

Matt Curtis (2021, Post-Doc at European Center for Advanced Research in Economics and Statistics, Brussels)

Tamoghna Halder (2021, Azim Premji University)

John Blanchette** (2020, California Air and Resources Board)

Zhixian Lin (2020, UCLA Post-Doc)

Sarah Quincy (2019, Vanderbilt University)

Siobhan O'Keefe (2019, Davidson College)

Andrew Padovani (2019, Data Analyst, UC Davis School of Medicine)

Yuzuru Kumon (2019, Institute of Advanced Study, Toulouse)