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Contact Information

University of California, Davis
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Employment and Affiliations

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of California, Davis, 2015-present
National Bureau of Economic Research, Faculty Research Fellow, May 2015-present
Assistant Professor of Economics, California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly), 2013-2015

Education

PhD, Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, 2013
Dissertation: Essays in Education and Immigration across the 20th Century
Committee: Leah Boustan (Chair), Dora Costa, Christian Dippel, Walker Hanlon
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: Labor economics, Economic history

Secondary fields: Development economics, Econometrics

Publications

“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

“Access to schooling and the black-white crime gap in the early 20th century US south: Evidence from Rosenwald schools” *Under Review*.

“Knowledge of HIV-Negative Status and Household Structure: Experimental Evidence from Malawi” with Veronica Sovero *Under Review*.

“The Impact of Migration on Infant Health: Evidence from the Great Migration” with Greg Niemesh

“Moving North and into Jail? Using within-household estimates to estimate the causal effect of the Great Migration on black incarceration rates”

Selected Work in Progress

“Maternal Education and Infant Mortality: Evidence from Rosenwald schools” with Greg Niemesh

“Long Run Impacts of Agricultural Shocks: The impact of childhood exposure to the boll-weevil on educational attainment” with Richard Baker

“Beyond Labor Market Assimilation: Cultural Assimilation of Immigrants during the Age of Mass Migration” with Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan

“To the New World and Back Again: Return Migration and Upward Mobility” with Ran Abramitzky and Leah Boustan

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

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

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

“Mortality and Migration in the Early 20th century US: Infants and Cities”

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

“Mortality and Migration in the Early 20th century US: Infants and Cities”

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

“Economic Outcomes of Immigrants to the US in the Age of Mass Migration: Migrant selection, Assimilation, and the Effects on Economic Growth”

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

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

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

2015-2016(planned): Economic History Association (discussant); Northwestern University; Vanderbilt University; SITE (Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics) Economic History Session 8; Wake Forest University

2014-2015: Stellenbosch University; ERSA Graduate Student Workshop, Pretoria, South Africa; Population Association of America; UC-Santa Barbara; SOLE-EALE

2013-2014: Economic History Association (Dissertation Session); NEUDC; Southern Economic Association; American Economic Association; Miami University; Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics—SoCCAM; Cliometric Society Annual Conference

2012-2013: BEHR/All-UC Graduate Student Conference, UC-Davis; Economic History Association (poster); NBER Development of the American Economy (poster); UC-Irvine; 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

2010: SITE—New Frontiers in Economic History, Stanford University.

2009-2013: UCLA Applied Microeconomics Proseminar; UCLA Economic History Proseminar

Professional

Department Service:

Member, Graduate Placement Committee, UC-Davis, 2015-2016

Coordinator, Cal Poly Economics and Finance Seminar Series, 2013-2015

College Service: Student Affairs Committee, Orfalea College of Business, 2014-2015

Referee: *Economics Bulletin, Economic Geography, European Review of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Management Science, Population Research and Policy Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics*

Professional Membership: American Economic Association, Cliometric Society, Economic History Association, Southern Economic Association

Teaching

Professor, UC-Davis:

Graduate:

U.S. Economic History (ECN 210C—Spring 2016)

Undergraduate:

U.S. Economic History (ECN 111B—Winter 2016)

Econometrics (ECN 140—Spring 2016)

Professor, Cal Poly:

Graduate:

Labor Economics (Econ 532)

Undergraduate:

Development of Economic Analysis (Econ 417); Econometrics (Econ 339);

Poverty, Discrimination, and Immigration (Econ 303)

Instructor, UCLA:

Topics in Labor Economics (3x) (Econ 151)

Teaching Assistant, UCLA:

Intermediate Microeconomics (Econ 11); Econometrics (Econ 103)