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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, Colby College, 2013-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California – Irvine, 2013
B.A. in Economics (*cum laude*), California State University – Chico, 2003
A.S. in Business Administration, Victor Valley College – Victorville (CA), 2001
A.A. in Liberal Arts, Victor Valley College – Victorville (CA), 2001

RESEARCH AREAS

Economic History, Urban Economics

PUBLICATIONS

“Firms, Fires, and Firebreaks: The Impact of the 1906 San Francisco Disaster on Business Agglomeration,” *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 88 (2021): 103659. [Lead article]

“Debt and Taxes: Fiscal Strain and US City Budgets during the Great Depression,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 76 (2020): 101328.

“Clean Slate: Land-Use Changes in San Francisco after the 1906 Disaster,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 65 (2017): 1–16. [Awarded the 2018 Larry Neal Prize for best article published in previous year]

“Razing San Francisco: The 1906 Disaster as a Natural Experiment in Urban Redevelopment,” *Journal of Urban Economics*, 89 (2015): 48–61.

WORKING PAPERS

“Debt Restrictions and Municipal Indebtedness in the 1920s” (with Samara Gunter) [submitted]

“The Long-Run Impact of Historical Mining Districts on Economic Activity” (with Jason Dunn, former student)

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Progressive Cities? The Impact of the Urban Reform Movements in the Early Twentieth Century”

TEACHING

Colby College: Economic History of the U.S., Institutions in Economic History, Principles of Macroeconomics, Urban and Regional Economics, The City in Economic History (senior seminar)

UC Irvine: Probability and Statistics in Economics

HONORS AND AWARDS

Charles A. Lave Paper Prize for Creative Modeling in Social Sciences, UC Irvine (2012)

Ken Small Award for Best Ph.D. Student in Transportation and Urban Economics, UC Irvine (2012)

Art DeVaney Best Paper Award, UC Irvine (2012)

George R. and Cathleen Hill Economics Fellowship, UC Irvine (Spring 2012)

Social Sciences Associate Dean's Fellowship for Academic Excellence, UC Irvine (Winter 2011)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Social Sciences Division Research Grant, Colby College (2014)

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies (2012-2013)

Research Grant, All-UC Group in Economic History (2011, 2012)

Summer Research Fellowship, UC Irvine (2011, 2012)

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2019 Economic History Association, Atlanta

Eastern Economic Association, New York

2018 Liberal Arts Colleges Economic History Workshop, Mt. Holyoke College

2017 Social Science History Association, Montreal

Western Economic Association International, San Diego

Economic and Business History Society, Oklahoma City

2016 Urban Economics Association, Minneapolis

2015 Economic History Association, Nashville

2014 Urban Economics Association, Washington D.C.

George Mason University (seminar)

Canadian Network for Economic History, Trent University

International Society for New Institutional Economics, Duke University

West Virginia University (seminar)

ASSA/AEA, Philadelphia

2013 NBER Summer Institute: Development of the American Economy, Cambridge

ASSA/AEA, San Diego

2012 Urban Economics Association, Ottawa

Canadian Network for Economic History, Banff

All-UC Group in Economic History Graduate Student Workshop, UC Davis

UC Irvine (seminar)

Economic History Association, Vancouver

Institute for Humane Studies Scholarship and a Free Society Seminar, Towson

International Society for New Institutional Economics, USC

Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Beijing

All-UC Group in Economic History Conference, UCLA

Economic and Business Historical Society, Las Vegas

PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Current service: Institutional Review Board, Library Committee

Memberships: American Economic Association, Economic History Association, Urban Economics Association

Referee: *Economic Inquiry*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Essays in Business and Economic History*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Regional Science*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Transportation Research Part A: Policy and Practice*

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Real Property Appraiser, Assessor's Office, Tulare County (CA), 2004-2008