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## EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Economics, Colby College, 2021–present  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Colby College, 2013–2021

## 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 American Cities: Evidence from the Roaring Twenties” (with Samara Gunter) [revise and resubmit]

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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

## **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**

2021 Urban Economics Association (virtual)

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 college service: Institutional Review Board, Library Committee

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

Referee: *Annals of Regional Science*, *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