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EMPLOYMENT

2020-2023 Economics, History, and Politics Postdoctoral Fellow
Center for History and Economics, Harvard University and MIT

Lecturer, Harvard University, Spring 2022

Lecturer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Fall 2022

EDUCATION

2020 (November) Harvard University. PhD, History. Dissertation: “Imperial Schemes: Empire and the Rise of the British Business-State, 1914-1939”
Committee: Emma Rothschild, Maya Jasanoff, Charles Maier, Jon Levy

- Finalist for the Herman E. Krooss Prize for Best Dissertation in Business History

2013 University of Cambridge, Clare College. MPhil, Historical Studies, Distinction. Dissertation: “A.C. Pigou and Personal Reactions to Paradigmatic Change in the Economics Profession, 1908-1959”

2012 Harvard College. AB, History, Magna Cum Laude with Highest Honors

BOOKS

An Empty Vessel: The Changing Global Economy as seen from a Barge (in preparation).

Imperial Schemes: Empire and the Rise of the British Business-State (in preparation).

The First Serious Optimist: A.C. Pigou and the Birth of Welfare Economics. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2017.

- Winner of the Joseph Spengler Prize Best Book Prize, awarded by the History of Economics Society
- Selected Reviews: *Alternatives Economiques*; *CHOICE*; *Contributions to Political Economy*; *Economic History Review*; *Finance and Development*; *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*; *History of Economic Ideas*; *History of Political Economy*; *International Review of Social History*; *Journal of Consumer Policy*; *Journal of Economic Literature*; *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*; *Law and Society*; *Open Magazine*; *Public Choice*; *The Times Literary Supplement*.

JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND REVIEWS

“New Turns in the History of Political Economy” (Review Essay), *Modern Intellectual History*, in preparation.

“Imperial Schemes: Empire and the Rise of the British Business-State,” *Enterprise and Society*, forthcoming.

“A Few Millions were Neither Here nor There: Empire, Exports, and the British Business-State after World War I,” under consideration.

“Measuring the Cost of Pollution: Economic Life, Economic Theory and the Origins of Environmental Economics,” *Journal of Modern History*, forthcoming.

“Historical Network Analysis” in John Scott, Peter Carrington, John McLevey, eds., *SAGE Handbook on Social Network Analysis* (London: Sage Publishers, 2022), forthcoming.

Review of *A.C. Pigou and the Marshallian Thought Style* by Karen Knight, *History of Political Economy* 53, no. 1 (February 2021): 166-167.

“Meat and Economic Expertise in the British Imperial State During World War I,” *The Historical Journal* 62, no. 1 (March 2019): 171-194.

“The Early Reception of Ludwig von Mises in Britain,” *Tufts Historical Review* 3, no.1 (2010), pp.109-130.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Imperial Legacies and World Heritage,” Visualizing Climate and Loss, Center for History and Economics, 2021, <https://histecon.fas.harvard.edu/climate-loss/peat/index.html>.

“We Need to Revisit the Idea of Pigou Wealth Tax,” *Financial Times*, June 8, 2020, <https://www.ft.com/content/fe3abaa6-a5ab-11ea-a27c-b8aa85e36b7e>.

with Charles S. Maier. “Responding to COVID-19: Think Through the Analogy of War.”
Safra Center COVID-19 Rapid Response White Paper. Cambridge,
Massachusetts: Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, April
2020. <https://ethics.harvard.edu/war-analogy>.

“Economists at Cambridge,” Visualizing Historical Networks, 2013,
<https://histecon.fas.harvard.edu/visualizing/graphing/economists.html>.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022 Finalist, Herman E. Krooss Prize, Business History Conference
2019 Summer Research Grant, History Department, Harvard
2019 Center for European Studies Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2019 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
2018-2020 Member, Senior Common Room, Kirkland House, Harvard
2018 Summer Research Grant, History Department, Harvard
2018 Canada Program Research Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs
2017-2018 Center for European Studies Krupp Foundation Graduate Dissertation
Research Fellowship
2017 Clive Fellowship, History Department, Harvard
2016 Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
2016- Center for European Studies, Harvard, Graduate Student Affiliate
2016 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Pre-dissertation Grant
2016- Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Graduate Affiliate
2015 Center for American Political Studies, Harvard, Research Grant
2014- Harvard Center for History and Economics Graduate Research Associate
2014-2016 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Graduate Student, Harvard
2013-2014 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard, Visiting Fellow
2013 History Project Grant
2012 Henry Knox Fellowship (yearlong fellowship for studies in the UK)
2012 Cambridge Centre for History and Economics Prize Research Grant
2012 Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize, Harvard College
2012 Colton Award, Harvard College
2011 Krupp Foundation/Center for European Studies Award
2010 Center for Public Interest Careers Fellowship Grant
2009 Center for Public Interest Careers Fellowship Grant

INVITED TALKS

“Imperial Schemes: Empire and the Rise of the British Business-State, 1914-1939,”
Business History Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, April 9, 2022.

“Externalities and A.C. Pigou’s Politics,” History of Economics Association Annual
Conference, Chicago, Illinois, June 15-17, 2018.

“The First Serious Optimist: A.C. Pigou and the Politics of Welfare Economics,” Core Seminar in Social and Economic History, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, November 9, 2017.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

“Industrial Export Assistance and State Growth in Interwar Britain,” Business History Conference, Mexico City, Mexico, April 8, 2022.

“‘A British Deutsche Bank’: Imperial Business Competition and the End of Laissez-Faire,” Social Science History Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 11-14, 2021.

“Histories of Economic Life and the Environment” Workshop (organizer), Center for History and Economics, Harvard University, Virtual Meeting, May 4, 2021.

“Protecting Business, Protecting the Empire: The Politics of Protectionism in the British Empire at the End of Free Trade,” Social Science History Association, Washington, D.C., November 19-22, 2020 (cancelled).

“Inventing the British Egg,” North American Conference on British Studies, Virtual Meeting, November 12-15, 2020.

“The Irish Origins of British Gun Control: Colonial Violence and the Firearms Act of 1920,” part of the panel “Policing Guns and Violence,” (organizer), Northeast Conference on British Studies, Virtual Meeting, October 10, 2020.

“Imperial Shelter: Big Business and the End of Free Trade,” History and Economics Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, February 13, 2020.

“Networks of Corporate Influence on the Interwar British State,” Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, November 21-24, 2019.

“Imperial Seeds and British Forests,” part of the panel, “Imperial Networks of Scientific Knowledge and the State,” (organizer), North American Conference on British Studies, Vancouver, BC, Canada, November 14-17, 2019.

“Selling Empire, Projecting Britain: The Empire Marketing Board, 1926-1933,” Capitalism Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 7, 2019.

“‘A few millions were neither here nor there’: Credit, Exports, and an Empire of Commerce,” Capitalism Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 16, 2019.

“The Imperialism of More-than-Free Trade: Business and State Growth in Interwar Britain,” Center for History and Economics Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 14, 2019.

“The Firearms Act of 1920 and the Imperial Origins of Modern British Gun Control,” Center for European Studies Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 29, 2018.

“Imperial Seeds and British Forests,” Conference entitled *Situating Empire: The Great War and its Aftermaths*, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, November 15-16, 2018.

“The Effect of Empire on the British Civil Service, 1912-1925,” Cultures of Imperialism Workshop at the North American Conference for British Studies, Denver, Colorado, November 3, 2017.

“Economists and the Management of Red Meat in World War I,” New England Historical Association Annual Conference, Salem State University, Salem, Massachusetts, April 22, 2017.

“Crisis and Management: British Economic Planning of Food in World War I,” Conference entitled “Contexts of Crisis: Danger, Opportunity, and the Unknown,” UCLA, Los Angeles, April 14, 2017.

“Refrigeration, Rations, and Red Tape: Meat and Economic Expertise in World War I,” Center for History and Economics Workshop, Harvard University, December 1, 2016.

“A.C. Pigou, War, and the Concept of Economic Welfare,” Center for History and Economics Workshop, Harvard University, November 17, 2015.

“The First Serious Optimist: A.C. Pigou and the Concept of Welfare,” INET Conference on the History of Economic Thought, Université de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, May 29, 2014.

OTHER EVENTS

“Hirschman’s *The Passions and the Interests*,” Talk at Harvard Law and Political Economy Spring Dinner Meeting, Harvard Law School, Online Event, February 10, 2021.

“The First Serious Optimist,” Interview with Mark Klobas for the New Books Network Podcast, October 5, 2020.

“The Price of Health: Keynes and the Economic Crisis,” a conversation with Zachary Carter for *The Ballot*, Online Event, July 23, 2020.

TEACHING

- Fall 2022 (anticipated) Lecturer, “Great Works in Political Economy,”
Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- Spring 2022 Lecturer / Instructor of Record, “Introduction to the History of
Economics,” Harvard University
- Fall 2018 Head Teaching Fellow, “Introduction to the History of Economics” (Prof.
Emma Rothschild), Harvard University
Awarded a Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
Guest Lecture: “Economics in the 20th Century”
- Fall 2017 Teaching Fellow, “The World Wars in Global Context, 1905-1950” (Prof.
Charles Maier), Harvard University
Guest Lecture: “The League of Nations and International Cooperation”
- Spring 2017 Teaching Fellow, “What is the History of History?” (Prof. Ann Blair),
Harvard University; Awarded a Derek Bok Center Certificate of
Distinction in Teaching
- Fall 2016 Teaching Fellow, “Medical Ethics and History” (Prof. David S. Jones),
Harvard University

MANUSCRIPT REFEREE

Journal of Historical Network Research
Journal of the History of Economic Thought
Modern Intellectual History
Oeconomia
Polity Press

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2020-present Co-Coordinator, Joint Center for History and Economics Online Seminar
- 2020-present Co-editor, Visualizing Climate and Loss Website
- 2014-present Coordinator, [Visualizing Historical Networks Program](#), Harvard
University

2018-2020 History Advisor, Kirkland House, Harvard University
2019-2020 Steering Committee, Center for European Studies, Harvard University
2015-2020 Co-Coordinator, History and Economics Workshop, Harvard University
2014-2020 Co-Coordinator, Center for History and Economics Undergraduate Prize Research Program

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

2013-2014 Institute for New Economic Thinking: Research Associate
2012 New Haven Legal Assistance Association: Research Intern

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Business History Conference
North American Conference on British Studies
Social Science History Association

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

French (spoken and reading)
German (reading)
Python