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EMPLOYMENT

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

EDUCATION

- 2020 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
- 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

BOOK

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 AND REVIEWS

“An Empty Vessel: A Changing Global Economy on the Back of a Barge,” work in progress.

“Imperial Policing Comes Home: The Firearms Act of 1920 and the Irish Origins of Modern British Gun Control,” under consideration.

“Review of *A.C. Pigou and the Marshallian Thought Style* by Karen Knight,” *History of Political Economy*, forthcoming in print, <https://doi.org/10.1215/00182702-8816673>.

“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

“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

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

“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

“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

“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 2018 Head Teaching Fellow, “Introduction to the History of Economics” (Prof. Emma Rothschild)
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)
Guest Lecture: “The League of Nations and International Cooperation”
- Spring 2017 Teaching Fellow, “What is the History of History?” (Prof. Ann Blair);
Awarded a Derek Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- Fall 2016 Teaching Fellow, “Medical Ethics and History” (Prof. David S. Jones)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2020-present Co-coordinator, Joint Center for History and Economics Online Seminar
- 2020-present Co-editor, Visualizing Climate and Loss Website
- 2018-present Referee for *Modern Intellectual History*
- 2018-present Referee for the *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*
- 2018-present Referee for *Oeconomia*
- 2018-present History Advisor, Kirkland House, Harvard University
- 2014-present Coordinator, [Visualizing Historical Networks Program](#), 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
North American Conference on British Studies
Social Science History Association

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

French (spoken and reading)
German (reading)