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EMPLOYMENT

2020-2023- Economics, History, and Politics Postdoctoral Fellow

Center for History and Economics, Harvard University

EDUCATION

2020 (expected) - Harvard University. PhD, History. Dissertation (in progress): “Imperial Schemes: Empire and the Rise of the British Business-State, 1914-1939”

Committee: Emma Rothschild, Maya Jasanoff, Charles Maier

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

Review of *A.C. Pigou and the Marshallian Thought Style* by Karen Knight, *History of Political Economy* (forthcoming).

“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 (upcoming).
- “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 (upcoming).
- “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.

TEACHING

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| 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 20 th 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
- 2019-present Steering Committee, Center for European Studies, Harvard University
- 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
- 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)