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EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2006–present
Research Associate, California Center for Population Research, 2006–present
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 2007–present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University, 2006
M.A., Economics, Harvard University, 2003
A.B., Economics, Princeton University, *summa cum laude*, 2000

I. RESEARCH

BOOK

Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migrants in Northern Cities and Labor Markets, under contract with Princeton University Press.

PUBLISHED OR FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“Europe’s Tired, Poor, Huddled Masses: Self-selection and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson, *American Economic Review* (forthcoming).

“Moving to Higher Ground: Migration Response to Natural Disasters in the Early Twentieth Century,” with Matthew E. Kahn and Paul W. Rhode, *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* (forthcoming, 2012).

“Population Trends as a Counterweight to Central City Decline,” with Allison Shertzer, *Demography* (forthcoming).

“School Desegregation and Urban Change: Evidence from City Boundaries,” *American Economic Journal: Applied* 4.1 (2012): 85-108.

“Racial Residential Segregation in American Cities,” in *Oxford Handbook of Urban Economics and Planning*, ed. Nancy Brooks and Gerrit-Jan Knaap (Oxford University Press, 2011), 318–39.

“The Effect of Internal Migration on Local Labor Markets: American Cities During the Great Depression,” with Price Fishback and Shawn Kantor, *Journal of Labor Economics* 28.4 (2010): 719–46. Winner of the 2010 IPUMS Research award (Lead article)

“Was Postwar Suburbanization White Flight? Evidence from the Black Migration,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 125.1 (2010): 417–43.

PUBLISHED PAPERS, CONT.

“Job Decentralization and Postwar Suburbanization: Evidence from State Capitals,” with Robert A. Margo, *Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs* (2009): 1–20.

“Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migration and Northern Labor Markets, 1940-1970,” *Journal of Economic History* 69.3 (2009): 756–83.

“Race, Segregation, and Postal Employment: New Evidence on Spatial Mismatch,” with Robert A. Margo, *Journal of Urban Economics* 65.1 (2009): 1–10. (Lead article)

“Were Jews Political Refugees or Economic Migrants? Assessing the Persecution Theory of Jewish Emigration, 1881-1914,” in *The New Comparative Economic History: Essays in Honor of Jeffrey G. Williamson*, ed. Tim Hatton, Kevin O’Rourke and Alan Taylor (MIT Press, 2007), 267–90.

“Black Migration, White Flight: The Effect of Black Migration on Northern Cities and Labor Markets,” *Journal of Economic History* 67.2 (2007): 484–88. (Dissertation summary)

SUBMITTED PAPERS

“Income Inequality and Local Government in the United States, 1970-2000,” with Fernando Ferreira, Hernan Winkler and Eric Zolt, NBER Working Paper 16299, August 2010. Revision resubmitted to *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

“White Suburbanization and African-American Homeownership, 1940-80,” with Robert A. Margo, NBER Working Paper 16702, January 2011. Revision requested at *Journal of Urban Economics*.

“Leaving the Nest: Lessons from 19th Century Norway on Migration and the Childhood Environment,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson, October 2011.

“Escape from the City: The Role of Income and Local Public Goods in Post-War Suburbanization,” NBER Working Paper 13311, August 2007.

WORKING PAPERS

“A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson, July 2011.

“The Causal Impact of Education on Economic Growth: Evidence from U.S.,” with Philippe Aghion, Caroline Hoxby and Jerome Vandenbussche, March 2009.

BOOK REVIEWS

Jared Diamond and James A. Robinson, eds., *Natural Experiments of History*. In *Journal of Economic Literature* 48.4 (2010): 1054–57.

Kenneth L. Kuzmer and Joe W. Trotter, eds., *African-American Urban History Since World War II*. In *Journal of Economic History* 66.2 (2010): 526–28.

Kevin M. Kruse and Thomas J. Sugrue, eds., *The New Suburban History*. In *Journal of Economic History* 67.1 (2007): 243–45.

Nancy Foner and George M. Fredrickson, eds., *Not Just Black and White: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in the US*. In *Journal of Economic History* 65 (2005): 583–85.

RESEARCH GRANTS

National Science Foundation, “Economic Outcomes and Self-selection in the Age of Mass Migration: A Micro Approach,” with Ran Abramitzky: \$447,750 (2010-13)

UCLA grants (cumulative totals): California Center for Population Research, \$32,000; Center for American Politics and Public Policy, \$17,500; Center for Economic History, \$24,000; Ziman Center for Real Estate, \$30,000

INVITED SEMINARS

2011-12 Claremont Graduate Univ.; Columbia Univ.; Pomona College; UC-Davis; UC-Irvine; Univ. of Houston; Univ. of Texas-Austin

2010-11 Claremont McKenna; Dartmouth; Hebrew Univ.; Norwegian School of Economics; UC-Irvine; Univ. of Colorado; Univ. of Michigan; USC; Wellesley
Invited Conference: Norwegian Research Council

2009-10 Humboldt Univ.; MIT; Queen’s Univ.; Simon Frasier; Univ. of Kansas; Univ. of Toronto; Univ. of Warwick
Invited Conference: Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Econ

2008-09 Cal State-Fullerton; Harvard; Loyola Marymount; Syracuse; Univ. of Arizona; UC-Davis; UC-Irvine; UC-Merced; Univ. of Chicago (GSB); Yale Invited Conference: Brookings-Wharton Conference on Urban Affairs

2007-08 Johns Hopkins; NYU (Wagner); Northwestern; Philadelphia Fed; RAND; San Francisco Fed; UC-Berkeley (Public policy); UCLA (Anderson); UC-Santa Barbara; Univ. of Pennsylvania (Wharton)

2006-07 Hebrew Univ.; LSE; Pompeu Fabra; Stanford; UC-Berkeley; UC-Davis; UC-Irvine; UCLA (Economics, Jewish Studies, Political Economy); UC-Riverside; UC-San Diego; Univ. of British Columbia; UCL

2005-06 Boston Univ.; Brown; Caltech; Michigan State; UCLA; Univ. of Chicago (Harris School); Univ. of Michigan; Univ. of Minnesota (Pop. Center); Univ. of Pennsylvania (Wharton); Washington Univ. in St. Louis; Wellesley

PUBLIC LECTURES AND INVITED TEACHING

Institut d’Economia de Barcelona, Summer School in Immigration & Public Policy, July 4–8, 2011.

Dartmouth College, “Black Migration and the Transformation of American Cities in the 20th Century,” October 20, 2010.

AWARDS

IPUMS Research Award, Best Journal Article (“Effect of Internal Migration,” *J Labor Econ*): 2010

Warren C. Scoville Distinguished Teaching Award, UCLA Economics Department: 2006, 2008

Alan Nevins prize, Best dissertation in American economic history, Economic History Assn: 2006

Doctoral Fellow, Program on Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard University: 2002-05

AWARDS, CONT.

Dissertation fellowships (2005-06): Center for American Political Studies (Harvard University); Economic History Association; John E. Rovensky Fellowship in Business and Economic History

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship: 2001-04

Presidential Award for Academic Achievement, Princeton University: 1998

II. TEACHING**GRADUATE ADVISING (COMMITTEE MEMBER)**

2012	Matt Hill; Mohamed Saleh
2011	Shogo Hamasaki (Analysis Group); Allison Shertzer (Univ. Pittsburgh); Hernan Winkler (World Bank); Karen Wilson (History; on market)
2010	Mark Luppino (Federal Trade Comm.); Emily Weimers (Postdoc, Univ. Michigan); Peter Zeitz (Singapore National Univ.); Claudia Solari (Sociology; Postdoc, UNC-Chapel Hill)
2008	Martine Mariotti (Australian National University)
In progress	Katherine Eriksson, Gabriela Rubio; Molly Ball, Melanie Schmidt

III. SERVICE**EDITORIAL BOARD**

Historical Methods (2011-14); *Journal of Urban Economics* (2012-)

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Review; Canadian Journal of Economics; Demography; Economic Development Quarterly; Economic History Review; Economic Inquiry; Economics of Transition; Explorations in Economic History; Historical Methods; International Migration Review; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Economic History; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Urban Economics; Journal of Urban History; National Science Foundation; Population Research and Policy Review; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; Social Science Research

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

2012 (planned)	Co-organizer, "Human Capital and History: The American Record" NBER/Spencer Foundation conference in honor of Claudia Goldin
2012 (planned)	Program committee, Economic History Association Annual Meeting
2010	Program committee, Population Association of America Annual Meeting
2009, 2010	Program committee, NBER Summer Inst., Development of American Economy
2008, 2011-12	Program committee, All-UC Economic History Conference