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EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

University of California Los Angeles, Department of Economics

Professor, 2016-present
Associate Professor with tenure, 2012–2016
Assistant Professor, 2006–2012

Research Associate

California Center for Population Research, 2006–present
National Bureau of Economic Research, 2007–present
Center for Research and Analysis of Migration, University College London, 2013–present

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Economics, 2006

Alan Nevins Prize for best dissertation in American Economic History, 2006
Graduate Fellowship, Program on Inequality and Social Policy, 2002–05
Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2001–04

Princeton University, A.B. in Economics, *Summa cum laude*, 2000

Presidential Award for Academic Achievement; Phi Beta Kappa

I. RESEARCH

BOOKS

Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migrants in Northern Cities and Labor Markets, Forthcoming from Princeton University Press.

Human Capital in History: The American Record, co-edited with Carola Frydman and Robert A. Margo. Chicago: U of Chicago Press, 2014.

PUBLISHED OR FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“Immigration in American History,” with Ran Abramitzky. *Journal of Economic Literature*, Forthcoming.

“Racial Differences in Health in Long-Run Perspective: A Brief Introduction,” with Robert A. Margo. *Oxford Handbook of Economics and Human Biology*, ed. John Komlos. (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“The Origin and Persistence of Black-White Differences in Women’s Labor Force Participation,” with William J. Collins. In *Human Capital in History: The American Record*, ed. Leah Boustan, Carola Frydman and Robert A. Margo (U of Chicago Press, 2014).

PUBLISHED PAPERS, CONT.

“Urbanization in the United States, 1800-2000,” with Devin Bunten and Owen Hearey. *Oxford Handbook of American Economic History*, ed. Louis Cain, Price Fishback, Paul Rhode. (New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).

“A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson. *Journal of Political Economy*, 122 (2014) 467-506.

“A Silver Lining to White Flight? White Suburbanization and African-American Homeownership, 1940-80,” with Robert A. Margo. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 78 (2013) 71–80.

“The Effect of Rising Income Inequality on Taxation and Public Expenditures: Evidence from US Municipalities and School Districts, 1970-2000,” with Fernando Ferreira, Hernan Winkler and Eric Zolt. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 95 (2013), 1291–1302.

“Local Public Goods and the Demand for High-Income Municipalities,” *Journal of Urban Economics*, 76 (2013) 71–82.

“Have the Poor Always Been Less Likely to Migrate? Evidence from Inheritance Practices during the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson. *Journal of Development Economics*, 102 (2013) 2–14.

“Population Trends as a Counterweight to Central City Decline,” with Allison Shertzer. *Demography* 50.1 (2013): 125–47.

“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* 102.5 (2012): 1832–56.

“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* 102.3 (2012): 238–44.

“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

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

“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.

PUBLISHED PAPERS, CONT.

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

“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)

WORKING PAPERS

“Cultural Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson. NBER Working Paper w22381. July 2016.

“To the New World and Back Again: Return Migration and Upward Mobility,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson. Invited for special issue of *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*

BOOK REVIEWS

Gavin Wright, *Sharing the Prize: The Economics of the Civil Rights Revolution in the American South*. On EH.Net, August 2013.

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

Russell Sage Foundation, “Cultural Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson: \$105,700 (2016–17)

Research Fellow, Straus Institute at NYU School of Law, Group on “Racial, Ethnic and Economic Segregation,” \$100,000 (2013–14)

Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship: \$50,000 (2012–14)

National Science Foundation, “Economic Outcomes and Self-selection in the Age of Mass Migration: A Micro Approach,” with Ran Abramitzky: \$422,750 (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, \$30,000; Ziman Center for Real Estate, \$40,000

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- 2014 *American Economic Review* Excellence in Refereeing Award
- 2011 *Quarterly Journal of Economics* Excellence in Refereeing Award
- 2010 IPUMS Research Award, Best Journal Article
- 2006, 08, 11, 14 Warren C. Scoville Distinguished Teaching Award, UCLA Economics Dept

INVITED SEMINARS (2005-2014)

Arizona State; Boston Univ.; Brown; Cal State-Fullerton; Caltech; Claremont Graduate Univ.; Claremont McKenna; Columbia; Dartmouth; Federal Reserve Board; Harvard; Hebrew Univ.; Humboldt; Johns Hopkins (Economics); Loyola Marymount; LSE; Michigan State; MIT; Northeastern; Northwestern; Norwegian School of Economics; NYU (Economics, Wagner); Ohio State; Philadelphia Fed; Pompeu Fabra; Queen's Univ.; RAND; San Francisco Fed; Simon Frasier; Stanford; Syracuse; Univ. of Arizona; Univ. of British Columbia; UC-Berkeley (Economics, Public Policy); UC-Davis; UC-Irvine; UCLA (Anderson, Economics, Jewish Studies, Political Economy, Real Estate); UC-Merced; UC-Riverside; UC-San Diego; UC-Santa Barbara; UCL; Univ. of Chicago (Harris School, GSB); Univ. of Colorado; Univ. of Houston; Univ. of Kansas; Univ. of Michigan (Economics, Inst. for Social Research); Univ. of Minnesota (Pop. Center); Univ. of Pennsylvania (Wharton); Univ. of Texas-Austin; Univ. of Toronto; Univ. of Wisconsin (Economics, Inst. for Research on Poverty); USC; Vanderbilt; Warwick; Washington Univ. in St. Louis; Wellesley; Williams; Yale

PUBLIC LECTURES, INVITED CONFERENCES AND INVITED TEACHING

- 2014 Mary MacKinnon Lecture, Canadian Network for Economic History
- 2013 Keynote, "Migration: Global Development, New Frontiers," University College London
- 2011 Institut d'Economia de Barcelona, Summer School in Immigration & Public Policy
- 2011 Norwegian Research Council, "Labour Markets, Families and Children" workshop
- 2010 Public lecture, "Black Migration and the Transformation of American Cities in the 20th Century," Dartmouth College
- 2010 Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics
- 2008 Brookings-Wharton Conference on Urban Affairs

II. TEACHING**GRADUATE ADVISING**

- 2016 Devin Buntin (Fed Board); Owen Hearey (Analysis Group); Carlos Hernandez (Chair – Universidad de Los Andes)
- 2015 Francisco Haimovich (Co-chair; World Bank); Sandra Rozo (USC Marshall)
- 2014 Gabriela Rubio (UC-Merced)
- 2013 Katherine Eriksson (Chair; UC Davis); Molly Ball (History - Univ. Rochester)
- 2012 Matt Hill (Pompeu Fabra); Mohamed Saleh (Toulouse)
- 2011 Allison Shertzer (Univ. Pittsburgh); Hernan Winkler (World Bank)
- 2010 Mark Luppino (Federal Trade Comm.); Emily Weimers (U Mass - Boston); Peter Zeitz (Singapore National Univ.)
- 2008 Martine Mariotti (Australian National University)
- In progress Dylan Connor (Geog.); Matt Miller; Colin Weiss; Meng Xu

III.SERVICE

CO-EDITOR

Journal of Urban Economics (2017-)

EDITORIAL BOARDS

American Economic Review; Explorations in Economic History; Historical Methods; Journal of Economic History; Journal of the European Economics Association (2013-15); *Journal of Urban Economics* (2011-2016)

REFEREEING

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics; American Economic Review; Annals of the Assn of American Geographers; 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 Economics Association; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Regional Science; 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; Review of Regional Studies; Scandinavian Journal of Economics; Social Science History; Social Science Journal; Social Science Research

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

2015	Co-organizer, All-California Labor Economics Conference
2012	Co-organizer, “Human Capital and History: The American Record” NBER/Spencer Foundation conference in honor of Claudia Goldin
2012	Program committee, Economic History Association Annual Meeting
2010, 2015	Program committee, Population Association of America Annual Meeting
2009–10	Program committee, NBER Summer Inst., Developm’t of American Economy
2008–13	Program committee, various All-UC Economic History Conferences

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