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Current Positions

Associate Professor of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis, 2000-present
Research Associate, NBER, 2000-present

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, UCLA, 1993
M.A. Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 1985-87
B.A. in Economics, Pomona College, 1983. Leland M. Backstrand Memorial Award

Employment History

Assistant Professor of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis, 1993-2000
Faculty Research Fellow, NBER, 1995-2000
Teaching Assistant, Social Sciences Cluster Program, UCLA, 1991-1992
Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UCLA, 1988-1991, 1992-1993
Research Assistant, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, 1983-1985

Administrative Positions

Undergraduate Honor's Coordinator, 2007-
Chair of Junior Recruiting, 2005-2007
Director of Graduate Admissions, 2001-2006
Affirmative Action Monitoring Committee, Arts and Sciences, 2000-2003
Executive Committee, Board of Directors, CNISS, 1999-2003, 2007-

Fellowship Awards and Research Grants

John M. Olin Foundation Faculty Research Fellowship, 1998-1999
Faculty Research Grant, Washington University, 1997, 2005
Weidenbaum Center Research Grant, Washington University, 2001, 2005

Professional Service

Book Review Editor, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2004-2005
Local Arrangements Committee Chair, EHA 2002
Committee on Education, EHA 1998-2002
Contributed Business Enterprise data for the *Historical Statistics of the U.S.*

Publications

“Expansion of Markets and the Geographic Distribution of Economic Activities: The Trends in U.S. Regional Manufacturing Structure, 1860-1987,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 110 (4): 881-908

“Economic Integration and Convergence: U.S. Regions, 1840-1990,” *Journal of Economic History* 1998 58 (3): 659-683 (See NBER Working Paper #6335 for a longer version)

“Regions, Resources and Economic Geography: The Sources of U.S. Regional Comparative Advantage, 1880-1987,” *Regional Science and Urban Economics* 1999 29 (1): 1-32

“Decomposing U.S. Regional Incomes,” *Journal of Economic History*, 1999 59 (3): 779-786

“The Rise of Multiunit Firms in U.S. Manufacturing,” *Explorations in Economic History* 1999 36 (4): 360-386 (See NBER Working Paper #6425 for an earlier version)

“The Growth of Modern Business Enterprises in the Twentieth Century,” *Research in Economic History* 1999 19: 75-110

“Urban Development in the United States, 1690-1990,” *Southern Economic Journal* 2000 66 (4): 855-880 (NBER Working Paper 7120)

“Markets and Multiunit Firms from an American Historical Perspectives,” *Advances in Strategic Management* 2001 18: 305-326 (NBER Working Paper 8232)

“Historical Perspectives on U.S. Economic Geography,” *Handbook of Regional and Urban Economics*, Volume 4, V. Henderson and J. Thisse, eds., North-Holland, 2004, with Robert Margo (NBER Working Paper 9594)

“Specialization and Regulation: The Rise of Professionals and the Emergence of Occupational Licensing Regulation in America,” *Journal of Economic History* 2005 65 (3): 723-756, with Marc Law (NBER Working Paper 10467)

“Industrialization and Urbanization: Did the Steam Engine Contribute to the Growth of Cities in the United States?” *Explorations in Economic History* 2005 42 (4): 586-598 (NBER Working Paper 11206)

“Division of Labor and the Rise of Cities: Evidence from U.S. Industrialization, 1850-1880,” *Journal of Economic Geography* 2006 6: 469-491 (NBER Working Paper 12246)

“Urbanization,” *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, Second Edition, 2007

“Changes in the Nature of Urban Spatial Structures in the United States, 1890-2000,” *Journal of Regional Science* 2007 47 (2): 273-287. (See NBER Working Paper 8857 for an earlier version)

Book Manuscript in Progress

Space and Time: Understanding the Changes in the American Landscape

Working Papers and Works in Progress

“British Colonial Institutions and Economic Development in India” with Shilpi Kapur, NBER Working Paper 12613

“Immigration, Industrial Revolution and Urbanization in the United States, 1820-1920: Factor Endowments, Technology and Geography” NBER Working Paper 12900

“Spatial Inequality and Development: Theories, Facts and Policies,” prepared for the *Commission for Growth and Development*, World Bank

“Institutions and U.S. Regional Development: A Study of Massachusetts and Virginia” NBER Working Paper 13431

“Caste, Kinship and Sex-Ratios in India” with Tanika Chakraborty

“The Persistence of Kinship Institutions in Modern India” with Tanika Chakraborty

“Institutions and U.S. Urban Development”

“Primacy and Urban Development in the Americas” with Sebastian Galiani

“Inheritance Laws, Kinship Systems and Demography of India”

Miscellaneous Publications

“On European Economic Integration: Lessons from American History,” *Newsletter of the American Political Science Association’s Organized Section in Comparative Politics* 1995 6 (1): 10-12

“Changing Structure of U.S. Regions: A Historical Perspective,” in *Assessing the Midwest Economy: Looking Back for the Future*, D. Allardice and B. Testa, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

“Distribution of Goods and Services,” *Dictionary of American History*, Third Edition, 2003

“Enterprise Statistics, 1952-1992” *Historical Statistics of the United States*, Third

Edition, 2004

Book Review of *The American Way: A Geographical History of Crisis and Recovery* by Carville Earle for Eh.Net, 2004

Book Review of *One Nation, Underprivileged* by Mark Rank, 2006 Freshman Reading Program, Washington University

Past and Upcoming Seminars and Conference Presentations

1990's: All-U.C. Economic History Conference, Berkeley; Cliometrics Conference, Northwestern University; NBER DAE, Boston; Midwest Economics Association, Chicago; Political Economy Seminar, UCLA; Harvard University; Northwestern University; Economic History Association, Chicago; UCLA; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; NBER DAE, Boston; Center of International Relations, UCLA; NBER DAE SI, Boston; Regional Science Association, Washington DC; Political Science Association Conference, UCLA; Cliometrics Conference, University of Toronto; Economic History Association, Rutgers; Regional Science Association, Buffalo; Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; University of Toronto; NBER DAE SI, Boston, MA.; Tulane University; Economic History Association, Durham (Discussant); American Economic Association, New York; Vanderbilt University; NBER DAE SI, Boston; Economic History Association, Baltimore (Discussant); University of Chicago; American Economic Association, Boston (Discussant). 2000's: Economic History Association, Los Angeles; Knowledge, Social Change and Economic Performance, Washington University (Participant); University of British Columbia, Vancouver; Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; UCLA; Knexus Symposium II, Stanford University (Discussant); Regional Science Association, Charleston; American Economic Association, Atlanta; Southern Economic Association, New Orleans; Regional Science Association, Puerto Rico; American Economic Association, Washington DC (Discussant); NYFER, Urban Conference, Main Speaker, Netherlands; Indiana University; Urban Conference, University of British Columbia; Growth and Development in Global Perspectives, Academia Sinica, Taipei; St. Louis Federal Reserve; Institute of European Studies, UC Berkeley; Economic History Association, San Jose; Regional Science Association, Seattle; Western Economics Association, San Francisco; Economic History Association, Toronto (Discussant); Regional Science Association, Las Vegas; Joint AsRES/AREUEA International Conference, Vancouver; University of Toronto; Regional Science Association, Toronto; St. Louis Federal Reserve; Philadelphia Federal Reserve; McGill University; Queen's University; World Bank; St. Louis Initiative, CNISS, St. Louis; "Fundamentals of Spatial Economics Workshop," AAEA, Portland

Referee

American Economic Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, European Economic Review, Explorations in Economic History, Growth and Change, Journal of Asia Business Studies, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Industrial

Economics, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Leverhulme Trust, MIT Press, National Science Foundation, Papers in Regional Science, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Economics, Southern Economic Journal, Urban Studies

Dissertation Committee

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