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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024– Professor of Economics, George Mason University
2022– Director, PPE Program, George Mason University.
2019– Research Fellow, Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR)
2011– Senior Scholar, Mercatus Center

VISITING POSITIONS

Fall 2021–Spring 2022 Department of Economics, University of Pittsburgh
Spring 2020 Department of Political Science, University of Rochester.
2017–2018 W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell Fellowship, Hoover Institution.

SHORTER VISITS

Feb. 2019 Hoover Institution, Visiting Fellow.
Feb. 2019 CGPD, Stanford University Visiting Fellow.
Nov. 2017 University of Pennsylvania
Dec. 2016 Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University
Jan. 2016 Isaac Manasseh Meyer Fellowship (IMMF), National University Singapore

PAST POSITIONS

2024–2025 Visiting Fellow, Institute for Research in Economics
2017–2024 Associate Professor of Economics, George Mason University
2011–2017 Assistant Professor of Economics, George Mason University
2010–2011 Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics, University of York
2009–2010 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Political Theory Project, Brown University

CURRENT AND PAST EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2025– Co-Editor in Chief, *Explorations in Economic History*
2024– Broadstreet Blog, Editor.
2020– *Journal of Historical Political Economy*, Member of Editorial Board.
2020– *Journal of Religion in Economics and Management*, Member of Editorial Board.
2017– *ASREC*, Member of Editorial Board.
2013– *Economic Affairs*, Academic Advisory Board Member.
2024 *Journal of Religion in Economics and Management*, Guest Editor with Desiree Desierto.
2020 *Journal of Economic Organization and Behavior*, Guest Editor, Special Issue on Institutions, Culture, and Religion.
2018–2023 *Journal of Economic History*, Member of Editorial Board.

EDUCATION

2006–2010 D.Phil. Economics, Wadham College, University of Oxford

2004–2006 M.Phil. Economics, Wadham College, University of Oxford

2000–2003 M.A. Modern History and Economics, Trinity College, University of Oxford, *1st Class Honors*

RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Economic History.

Secondary: Political Economy, Religion & Economics, Institutional Economics.

RESEARCH METRICS

H-Index : 26. Total Citations (Google Scholar): 3217 (January 2026).

BOOK CONTRACTS AND PUBLISHED BOOKS

1. "Noble Bargain: The Political Economy of Feudal Rule", with Desiree Desierto. *Under contract at Cambridge University Press*.
2. "How the World Got Rich", with Jared Rubin. Polity Press. 2022.

Reviewed in the *Economic History Review*, *Inside Higher Education* and *EH.Net*.

Translated into Arabic, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish.

3. "Persecution and Toleration: The Long Road to Religious Freedom" with Noel Johnson. Cambridge University Press, 2019.
- Translated into Japanese.

Reviewed in the *Journal of Economic Literature*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Public Choice*, *EH.Net*, *Liberal Currents*, and *H.net*.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

1. "Castles" with Desiree Desierto. *European Economic Review*. Forthcoming.
2. "The Political Power of Civil Society" with Desiree Desierto. *The Journal of Comparative Economics*. Forthcoming.
3. "Feudal Political Economy" with Desiree Desierto. *Economic Theory*. Vol. 80, 619–658, 2025.
4. "Resisting Education", with Jean-Paul Carvalho and Cole Williams. *Journal of the European Economic Association*. Vol. 22, issue 6, December 2024, pp. 2549–2597.
5. "Economic History as a Progressive Science". *Essays in Economic and Business History*. Vol. 42, No. 2, June 2024, pp. 1–21.
6. "Religious Violence and Coalition Politics in History" with Desiree Desierto. *Journal of Historical Political Economy*. Vol. 4, No. 2, 2024. pp 281–309.
7. "Shipwrecked by Rents", with Fernando Arteaga and Desiree Desierto. *The Journal of Development Economics*. Vol. 168, May 2024, 103240.
8. "Pandemics and Cities: Evidence from the Black Death and the Long-Run" with Remi Jedwab and Noel Johnson. *Journal of Urban Economics*. Vol. 139, January 2024, 103628
9. "The Political Economy of Status Competition: Sumptuary Laws in Preindustrial Europe" with Desiree Desierto. *The Journal of Economic History*. Vol. 84, No. 2, June 2024. pp. 479–516.
10. "The Fractured-Land Hypothesis" with Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde, Tuan-Hwee Sng, and Lin Youhong. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 138, No. 2, May 2023, pp. 1173–1231.
11. "Epidemic Disease, and the State" *Public Choice*. 2023. Vol. 195: pp. 145–167.
12. "Medieval Cities Through the Lens of Urban Economic Theory," with Remi Jedwab and Noel D. Johnson, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*. 2022. Vol. 94. May 2022, 103598
13. "The Economic Impact of the Black Death," with Remi Jedwab and Noel D. Johnson. *The Journal of Economic Literature*. 2022. Vol. 60, No. 1, pp. 132–78.

14. "Sea-Power" with Ahmed Rahman and Tuan-Hwee Sng. *Journal of Historical Political Economy*. Vol. 1. No. 2, August. 2021, pp. 155-182,
15. "The Institutional Foundations of Religious Freedom" *The Journal of Economics, Management and Religion*, 2021, Vol. 1. No. 2. 2050006.
16. "Health vs. Economy: Politically Optimal Pandemic Policy," with Desiree Desierto. *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, 2020, Vol. 1, No. 4, pp. 645-669.
17. "Negative Shocks and Mass Killings: Evidence from the Black Death," with Remi Jedwab, and Noel D. Johnson. *Journal of Economic Growth*, Vol. 24, No. 4, December 2019, pp. 345-395.
18. "Geopolitics and Asia's Little Divergence: A Comparative Analysis of State Building in China and Japan After 1850," with Chiaki Moriguchi and Tuan-Hwee Sng. *Journal of Economics, Organization and Behavior*, Vol. 155, November 2018, pp. 178-204.
19. "Plague, Politics, and Pogroms: The Black Death, Fragmented states, and the persecution of Jews in the Holy Roman Empire," with Theresa Finley. *Journal of Law & Economics*, Vol. 61, No, 2, May 2018, pp. 253-277.
20. "Unified China and Divided Europe," with Chiu Yo Ko and Tuan-Hwee Sng, *International Economic Review*, Vol.9, No., February 2018.
21. "Jewish Communities and City Growth in Preindustrial Europe," with Noel D. Johnson *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 127, July, 2017, pp.339-354
22. "Jewish Persecutions and Weather Shocks, 1100-1800," with Robert Warren Anderson and Noel Johnson. *Economic Journal*, Vol.27, (602), June 2017, pp. 924-958.
23. "States and Economic Growth: Capacity and Constraints," with Noel D. Johnson, *Explorations in Economic History*, Vol.4, April 2017, pp. 1-20.
24. "Education, Identity, and Community: Lessons from Jewish Emancipation," with Jean-Paul Carvalho and Michael Sacks. *Public Choice*, 2017, Vol.71, No., pp. 119-143.
25. "Jewish Emancipation and Schism: Economic Development and Religious Change," with Jean-Paul Carvalho, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol.4, No., August 2016, pp. 562-584.
26. "The Long Transition from a Natural State to a Liberal Economic Order," *International Review of Law and Economics*, Vol.7, August 2016, pp. 29-39.
27. "Monetary Stability and the Rule of Law," with Blake Johnson, *Journal of Financial Stability*, Vol.7, 2015, pp. 46-58,
28. "The Law and Economics of Private Prosecutions in Industrial Revolution England," *Public Choice*, Vol.59, No. 1-2, 2014, pp. 277-298.
29. "Taxes, Lawyers, and the Decline of Witchcraft in France," with Noel Johnson. *The Journal of Law and Economics*, Vol.7, No. 1, 2014.
30. "Tax Farming and the Origins of State Capacity in England and France," with Noel D. Johnson, *Explorations in Economic History*, Vol.1, No. 1, 2014, pp. 1-20.
31. "Legal Centralization and the Birth of the Secular State," with Noel D. Johnson. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol.1, No. 4, 2013, pp. 959-978.
32. "Prosecution Associations in Industrial Revolution England: Private Providers of Public Goods?," *Journal of Legal Studies*, Vol. 41, No. 1, 2012, pp. 95-130.
33. "The Transformation of Labor Supply in the Pre-Industrial World," *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol. 81, No. 2, 2012, pp. 505-523.
34. "Evading the Taint of Usury: the Usury Prohibition as a Barrier to Entry," *Explorations in Economic History*, Vol. 47, No. 4, 2010 pp. 420-442.
35. "The Political Economy of Expulsion: the Regulation of Jewish Moneylending in Medieval England," *Constitutional Political Economy*, Vol.2, No. 4, 2010, pp. 374-406.
36. 'Instincts and Institutions: The Rise of the Market', with Jean-Paul Carvalho, in *Advances in Austrian Economics*, Vol.1. 2009, pp. 285-309

37. 'Playing Like the Home Team: An Economic Investigation into Home Advantage in Football' with J. James Reade, *International Journal of Sports Finance*, Vol. 4. N. 1, 2009, pp. 16–41.

BOOK CHAPTERS, REVIEW ARTICLES AND OTHER PAPERS

38. "Institutional Change" in *The Handbook of New Institutional Economics* (with Desiree Deserto), eds. Claude Ménard and Mary Shirley . Springer. pp. 785-810. 2025.

39. "Frank Herbert's Dune", in *Economics and Literature: A Novel Approach*, eds. François Bourguignon, Avinash Dixit, Luc Leruth, and Jean-Philippe Platteau. Routledge. London and New York. pp. 309-322. 2025.

40. "Analyzing the medieval church through an economic lens" *Public Choice*, Vol. 201, 2024. pp. 53–60,

41. "Legal Capacity" *The Handbook of Historical Political Economy*, edited by Jeffrey A. Jenkins and Jared Rubin. Oxford University Press. Oxford: 2023.

42. "Introduction to the Special Issue on Culture, Institutions, and Religion in Economic History," *Journal of Economic Organization and Behavior*, 2022.

43. "Counterfactuals, Empire, and Institutions: Reflections on Walter Scheidel's *Escape From Rome*," *The Journal of Economic Literature*, Vol. 59, No. 2, June pp. 634-650

44. "A Review Essay on the European Guilds", *Review of Austrian Economics*, March 2020, Vol. 33, pp. 277–287

45. "Political Economy" *Handbook of Cliometrics*, Edited by Claude Diebolt and Michael Haupert, Springer 2020.

46. "Dissertation Summaries for the 2018 Alexander Gerschenkron Prize, *Journal of Economic History*, June 2019 Vol. 70, No. 2. pp. 526-530.

47. "The State, Toleration, and Religious Freedom" with Noel Johnson in *Advances in the Economics of Religion*, edited by Jean-Paul Carvalho, Syria Iyer, and Jared Rubin. Palgrave Macmillan. 2019

48. "Analytical Narratives in Economic History" *An Economists Guide to Economic History*, Edited by Matthias Blum and Chris Colvin. Palgrave Macmillan. 2019.

49. "Economic History" *Rutledge Handbook of Jewish History and Historiography*, Edited by Dean Bell, Rutledge, 2018.

50. "Establishing a New Order: The Growth of the State and the Decline of Witch Trials in France", with Noel D. Johnson and John V.C. Nye. *Institutions, Innovation, and Industrialization: Essays in Economic History and Development*, Edited by Avner Greif, Lynne Kiesling & John V. C. Nye, Princeton University Press. 2015.

51. Preindustrial Cliometrics: A review essay, *Economic Affairs*, Vol. 33, No. 2, 2013, pp 268–278.

52. "An Interview with Paul Collier" with Bruno Versailles, *Oxonomics*, Vol. 3 No. 1, 2008 pp. 1–5.

53. "An Interview with Jeffrey Williamson" with Bruno Versailles, *Oxonomics*, Vol. 3 No. 1, 2008 pp. 20–26.

54. "Increasing Returns and the Division of Labour", *Oxonomics*, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2006 pp. 21–25.

BOOK REVIEWS

55. A Review of Colin Elliott's *Pox Romana*: The plague that shook the Roman world, *Economic Affairs*, 44: 426-428. 2025

56. A Review of Stephen Broadberry & Kyoji Fukao (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World*: Vol. I & II. *Economic History Review*, Vol 77, No. 1. 2024. pp. 317-318.

57. A Review of Hilton Root's *Network Origins of the Global Economy*, *Public Choice*, Vol. 187, No. 3, June 2021. pp. 533-535

58. A Review of Peer Vries's *Averting a Great Divergence: State and Economy in Japan, 1868-1937*, *EH.Net*, May 2020.

59. A Review of Nicholas Crafts's *Forging Ahead, Falling Behind and Fighting Back: British Economic Growth*, *Economic History Review*, Vol. 72, No. 2, 2019. pp. 774-775.

60. A Review of Mark Dincecco and Massimiliano Onorato's *From Warfare to Wealth: The Military Origins of Urban Prosperity in Europe*, *EH.net*. 2018.

61. A Review of Daniel Ziblatt's *Conservative Parties and the Birth of Democracy*, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 78, No. 3, 2018. pp. 940-942.

62. A Review of Peter Leeson's WTF: An Economic Tour of the Weird *Review of Austrian Economics*, Vol. 32, No. 1, 2017. pp. 81–84.
63. A Review of Eric Golson, Andrei Markevich, and Nickolaus Wolf's (ed) *Economic History of Warfare and State Formation*, *EH.net*, 2017
64. A Review of Jared Rubin's Rulers, Religion, and Riches, *Public Choice*, Vol. 173, No. 3-4, September 2017, pp. 549–552
65. A Review of Walter Scheidel's The Greater Leveler, *Public Choice*, Vol. 172, No. 3-4, September 2017, pp. 545–548
66. A Review of Rodrick Floud, Santhi Hajeebu, and David Mitch (ed.), Humanism Challenges Materialism in Economics and Economic History, *Economic History Review*, Vol. 70, No. 3, August 2017, pp. 1045–1046
67. A Review of Joel Mokyr's A Culture of Growth. *Independent Review*, Vol. 23, No. 3, Winter 2018
68. A Review of Peter Turchin's Ultra Society, *Journal of Bioeconomics*, Vol. 18, No. 3, 2016, pp. 239–242.
69. A Review of Christen Eisenberg's The Rise of Market Society, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 75 No. 3, 2015, pp. 932–933.
70. A Review of Jo Guldi and David Armitage's The History Manifesto, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 75 No. 2, 2015, pp. 584–587.
71. A Review of Jacob Levy's Rationalism, Pluralism, and Freedom, *Public Choice*, Vol. 163, No. 3, 2015, pp. 409–412.
72. A Review of Timur Kuran's The Long Divergence, *Public Choice*. Vol. 154, No. 3, 2013, pp. 341–343.
73. A Review of Douglas Allen's The Institutional Revolution, *EH.net*, 2012.
74. A Review of Ian Forrest's The Detection of Heresy in Late Medieval England, *Journal of the Oxford University History Society*, vol. 6, 2009
75. A Review of James K. Galbraith's The Predator State, *Economic Affairs*. Vol. 29 No. 1, 2009

SELECTED POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

76. "Why Magna Carta Still Matters". *Fusion*. June 2025.
77. "Shoddy Historical Revisionism of Adam Smith." *National Review*. January 2023.
78. "Fractured Land" with Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde, Tuan-Hwee Sng, and Lin Youhong. *Vox.eu*. November 2022.
79. "Shipwrecked by rents" with Fernando Arteago and Desiree Desierto, *Vox.eu*. October 2020.
80. "Epidemic Disease and the State," *Works in Progress*, August 2020.
81. "Pandemics and the persecution of minorities: Evidence from the Black Death" with Remi Jedwab and Noel D. Johnson, *Vox.eu*, May 2020.
82. 'How the Black Death changed Europe's cities', with Remi Jedwab, and Noel D. Johnson, *Vox.eu*, May 2019.
83. "The Institutional Foundations of Antisemitism," *CapM*, April 2019.
84. "The Trouble in Getting to Denmark", with Noel Johnson, *Cato Unbound*, February 2019.
85. "The Little Divergence in State Building: China and Japan after 1850", *Hoover Digest*, Fall 2018.
86. "How Did the West Get Religious Freedom", *Hoover Defining Ideas*, June 2018.
87. "Ideas were not enough", *Aeon*, August 2017.
88. "From the persecuting to the protective state? Jewish expulsions and weather shocks from 1100 to 1800", with Warren Anderson and Noel Johnson, *Vox.eu* February, 2013.

Occasional essays and blog posts for a variety of venues including *The Medium*, *Marginal Revolution*, and *Notes on Liberty*.

WORKING PAPERS (DRAFTS AVAILABLE)

1. "Magna Carta" with Desiree Desierto and Jacob Hall.
2. "Rents and Reformation" with Desiree Desierto and Marcus Shera
3. "Medieval Microcredit: Credit markets and pledging in England", with Chris Briggs.

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. “The Birth of Parties” with Desiree Desierto
2. “The Pivot to the Glorious Revolution” with Desiree Desierto
3. “Feudal Rebellion” with Desiree Desierto
4. “Salt and State-Building” with Patrick Fitzsimmons

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS

2024 Emergent Ventures, Co-Pi with Desiree Desierto (\$20,000).

2022 EEH Excellence in Refereeing Award.

2022 Templeton Individual Freedom and Free Markets, Co-PI with Desiree Desierto (\$235,000).

2022 Pluralism & Exchange Grant, Mercatus Center, Co-PI with Desiree Desierto (\$20,000).

2021 Career Development Faculty Research Development Award (FRDA), GMU

2021 F.A. Hayek Fund for Scholars × 2.

2021 George Mason University Summer Research Funding

2018 Royal Economic Society Prize for best paper published in the *Economic Journal* in 2017.

2017 W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell Fellowship, Hoover Institution.

2017 Susan Louise Dyer Peace Fellowship, Hoover Institution.

2016 Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University (PI: Tuan-Hwee Sng, CI with Chiaki Moriguchi)

2016 George Mason University Summer Research Funding

2016 Isaac Manasseh Meyer Fellowship (IMMF), National University Singapore.

2015 Joint Winner of the Tullock Prize for Best Paper in Public Choice in 2014 by a Junior Scholar

2013 Fenwick Fellow, George Mason University

2013 F.A. Hayek Fund for Scholars.

2011 Winner of The Sound Money Essay Contest

2011 Awarded Superpump Priming Funding, University of York

2011 Outstanding Author Contribution for “Instincts and Institutions”, Emerald Literati Network.

2010 Shortlisted for ISNIE Best Thesis Award.

2010 ESNIE Best Paper Award for “Medieval Microcredit”.

2008 Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship

2008 Final Year Doctoral Scholarship, Department of Economics

2007 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of Economics

2007 Recipient of the Pollard Fund, Wadham College, University of Oxford

2005 Eprime Eshag Scholarship in Economics, Wadham College, University of Oxford

2004 ERSC Studentship

2003 George Webb Medley Undergraduate Prize for best undergraduate thesis in economics.

2003 Finals Prize, Trinity College, University of Oxford

KEYNOTE LECTURES

- 2025 The Eli Heckscher Lecture, The Stockholm School of Economics.
- 2025 The John Hagnal Lecture, The University of Manchester.
- 2025 The Spriggs Lecture at Boise State.
- 2024 The Menard Family Initiative, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
- 2023 International Conference on Applied Theory, Macro and Empirical Finance, online keynote address.
- 2021 Center for Liberal and Democratic Studies, Belgrade†, online keynote address.
- 2018 The Epstein Lecture, London School of Economics.

SEMINAR, WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

- 2025 ASREC, George Mason University; Florida State University (invited seminar); Toulouse School of Economics (invited seminar); The Ratio Institute, Stockholm (invited seminar), Markets & Society Conference (Falls Church); the DC Political Economy Center (DCPEC) Research Workshop (2025). (N=6).
- 2024 University of Mississippi (invited public talk); Vancouver School of Economics (invited seminar); Deep Roots of Political and Economic Development (Complexity Science Hub, Vienna); Markets & Society Conference; Northwestern University (invited seminar). (N=5).
- 2023 Clemson (invited seminar); University of Lincoln (invited seminar); ASREC (Harvard University); 7th Institute of Politics Florida State University, Florida State University, Economics Department (invited seminar); Cage Summer School (University of Warwick); West Virginia University (invited webinar); Mercatus Markets & Society Conference; Social Science History Meetings (Washington DC, 2 presentations). (N=10).
- 2022 Tulane University (invited seminar); University of Groningen (invited webinar); University Pittsburgh (Workshop on Political Economy and Economic History); Peking University (invited webinar); ASREC (Chapman University); Texas Tech (invited seminar); University of Connecticut (invited webinar); PPE workshop, George Mason University; Project on Democracy and Capitalism: How the World Became Rich, University of Virginia; Governance and Technology Center at the University of Nebraska; SEA Meetings, Fort Lauderdale; PPE Book Panel, George Mason University. (N=12).
- 2021 Political Economy of Public Health Conference (NYU); University of Vermont (invited webinar); UC Santa Barbara (invited webinar); Leo Beck Institute Book Club, Martin Luther University (invited webinar), University of Pittsburgh (brownbag), University of Korea. (N=7).
- 2020 Wallis Center for Political Economy, University of Rochester; ASREC (Chapman University)†, HKU webinar on Quantitative History, Washington Area Economic History Workshop, Applied Microeconomics Seminar, George Mason University, Southern Methodist University (invited webinar), Berlin Colloquium on Social and Economic History (invited webinar), Colloquium on CSS/CSI, George Mason University, ASREC Online Conference (N=8/9).
- († = cancelled/rearranged due to COVID-19)
- 2019 ASREC (Boston); Yale University (invited seminar); Toulouse School of Economics (invited seminar); James Madison University (invited seminar); University of British Columbia (Economics, invited); University of British Columbia (Law School, invited seminar), Deep Determinants of Economic Growth Conference (invited seminar), Brown University, Department of Political Economy; Barcelona GSE; University of Oxford (invited seminar); Understanding State Capacity Conference, University of Manchester (N=10).
- 2018 Santa Clara University (invited seminar), UC Irvine (invited), Stanford University Economic History Seminar (invited seminar), Colorado Boulder (invited seminar), Colorado Springs (invited seminar), Queen's University, Belfast (invited), Institute for Mathematical Behavior Sciences (UC Irvine, invited workshop), Stanford University Comparative Politics Seminar (invited seminar), University of California, Davis (invited), Palo Alto Fellowship Forum, World Economic History Congress (2 talks), NYU (invited seminar). (N=13).
- 2017 Hebrew University (invited seminar), Ben-Gurion University (invited), ASREC (Boston), Wake Forest University (Invited), Brown University (Political Theory Project, invited), University of Rochester (invited seminar), Northwestern University (invited seminar), SOIE (New York), Law & Economics Workshop (Florence, invited), International Economic Association Roundtable on The Economics of Religion, Cambridge (invited seminar), University of Pennsylvania (invited seminar), Chapman University (invited). (N=12)

2016 National University of Singapore (invited seminar), Harvard University Economic History Workshop (invited seminar), Chapman University (invited seminar), ASREC (Chapman University), Economic History Society Meetings (Cambridge, UK), Deep Determinants of Economic Growth Conference (invited seminar), Brown University, Cliometrics Conference (Pittsburgh), Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (invited seminar), NBER Summer Institute, Washington Area Economic History Workshop, PPE Workshop (GMU), University of Mississippi (invited), Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington DC, Rutgers Economic History Workshop (invited seminar), American University SIS (invited seminar), Hitotsubashi University (invited). (N=16)

2015 ASSA Meetings (Boston), PPE Workshop, George Mason University; ASREC, Boston; Fenwick Lecture, George Mason University; Carlos III Madrid (invited); ESNIE, Institute of Cargese (invited); University of Michigan (invited seminar); NES Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions, Moscow (invited workshop); NYU, Classical Liberal Institute (invited workshop), Social Science History Conference, Baltimore, Stanford Economic History Workshop (invited seminar). (N=11)

2014 Economic History Workshop, George Mason University, Economic History Society Conference, Warwick, Deep Determinants of Economic Growth Conference, Brown University (invited seminar), National University of Singapore (invited), ISNIE, Duke Law School, EHA, Columbus Ohio, Adam Smith Workshop, George Mason University, Colby College (invited seminar), American University invited seminar). (N=8)

2013 King's College London (invited); PPE Workshop, George Mason University; Public Choice Conference (New Orleans); ASREC (Washington D.C); Economic History Workshop, George Mason University; All-UC Economic History Conference, Chapman University, Cliometrics Conference, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Mercatus Center, Instead of the Fed Conference, Arlington VA. (N=8)

2012 University of California, Irvine (invited), ASREC (Chapman University), University of Reading (invited seminar). (N=3)

2011 George Mason Economic History Workshop, Southern Economic Association Conference (Washington DC), Public Choice Seminar and PPE Workshop, George Mason University (both invited seminars); ASREC, Washington DC; ISNIE, Stanford University; Cliometrics Workshop, LSE; Medieval History Congress, University of Leeds. (N=8)

2010 ESNIE, Institute of Cargese; Macrolunch, Brown University; Royal Economics Society Conference, University of Surrey; Economic History Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford; Departmental Workshop and Cherry Seminar, University of York. (N=6)

2009 Economic History Society, New Researchers Session (Warwick University); Economic History Workshop and Postdoc and DPhil Workshop, University of Oxford, Economic History Association, Poster Session (Arizona). (N=3)

2008 Gorman Workshop, University of Oxford; Economic History Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford. (N=2)

2007 Medieval Social and Political Institutions: Their Economic Effects, University of Western Ontario; Economic History Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford. (N=2)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

2025 Program Chair for ASREC (Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture).

2023—2026 The EH net Executive Committee.

2023 Program Co-Chair for ASREC (Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture).

2022— Graduate Curriculum Committee, George Mason University

2021—2023 Co-Coordinator of the Public Choice Seminar, George Mason University.

2022 Program Chair for ASREC (Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture).

2022 Co-organizer of Political Economy and Economic History Workshop (University of Pittsburgh).

2020 Program Committee for the Econometric Society World Congress

2020 External Member of the Conseil du Perfectionnement, Toulouse School of Economics.

2019 Program Chair for ASREC (Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture).

2018—2020 Coordinator of the Public Choice Seminar, George Mason University.

2018 Alexander Gerschenkron Dissertation Prize convener, EHA.

2018, 2022	Faculty Participant for Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship Workshops, Mercatus Center.
2017	Program Chair for ASREC (Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture).
2017	Guest Lecturer for the Public Choice Outreach Conference.
2016	Conference panel organized for Southern Economic Association Meetings (Washington DC).
2016	Conference panel organized for EHS (Cambridge).
2015	Conference panel organized for Social Science History (Baltimore)
2014–2019	Faculty Participant for Adam Smith Fellowship Workshops, Mercatus Center.
2013–2015	Coordinator of the Public Choice Seminar, George Mason University.
2013–	Co-organizer of the Washington Area Economic History Seminar
2013–	Co-organizer for Washington Area One Day Economic History Conference, George Mason University,
2011	Conference panel organized for Southern Economic Association Meetings (Washington DC).

Discussant

James Robinson's "Wealth in People" manuscript workshop (2025); Inequality Workshop (Federal Research Bank of Chicago, 2023); International Medieval Congress (2010); CSAE (2010), Southern Economic Association Conference (2011), ASREC (2012, 2013, 2015, 2017), Public Choice (2013), EHA (2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2025 (x2)), ESNIE (2015), "Narrow Corridor" Acemoglu and Robinson manuscript conference (Northwestern, 2018); HPE Workshop (2020), YSI-EHES EH Graduate Seminar (2021), Epidemics, Inequality and Poverty in Preindustrial and Early Industrial Times, GWU (2022) n=22.

Other Conference and Workshop Participation

Northwestern University; Kevin Vallier's "All the Kingdoms of the World" manuscript workshop (2022), IHS; Austrian Economics in the 21st Century (Boston 2021); IHS, History of Capitalism (2021, Webinar); Liberty Fund, Free Speech and its Critics (2020, Webinar); IHS, Timur Kuran's "Freedoms Delayed" manuscript workshop, Mercatus Center (2019); Liberty Fund, Political Economy (2018), Royal Economic Society, Brighton (2018); Cultural Transmission and the Economics of Cultural Change, PSE (2018), Paris; IHS Hilton Root's "Great Transitions" manuscript workshop (2017); IHS Hank Clark's "Honor Management" manuscript workshop (2017); Deep Determinants of Economic Growth Conference, Brown University (2017, 2019, 2024); All-UC Economic History Conference on Conflict and Development (2016); NBER Conference Housing and Mortgage Markets in Historical Perspective Conference (2011); Liberty Fund (2008, 2009); n = 18.

*Refereeing Activity**

Grants: National Science Foundation (NSF), Swiss National Science Foundation, Israeli Science Foundation, Czech Science Foundation and Emergent Ventures.

Economics Journals: American Economic Review, Econometrica, Quarterly Journal of Economics†, Review of Economic Studies (‡), Economic Journal (‡), Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Public Economics, International Economics Review, European Economic Review, Journal of Economic Growth (‡), Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic History (†), Explorations in Economic History (†), Economic History Review, Journal of Economics, Organization and Behavior (‡), Macroeconomic Dynamics, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, European Review of Economic History‡, European Journal of Political Economy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Economics, Management and Religion, Constitutional Political Economy, Public Choice (†), Journal of Institutional Economics (†), Journal of Sports Economics, Financial History Review, Economics Bulletin, Southern Economic Journal, Bulletin of Economic Research, Economics of Governance, Studies in Emergent Orders, Journal of Financial Stability, Journal of Comparative Economics (‡), Economics & Politics, Economics of Transition, Economic Modeling, Kyklos, European Journal of Law and Economics, Econ Journal Watch, Comparative Economic Studies, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Contemporary Economic Policy, Brazilian Journal of Political Economy, Panoeconomicus.

*‡ denotes ≥ 5 times; † denotes ≥ 10 times

Political Science Journals: American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, International Organization, British Journal of Political Science, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, World Politics, Journal of Historical Political Economy.

Sociology Journals: Sociological Theory, Rationality and Society, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion.

History Journals: English Historical Review, Social Science History, Journal of Business History,

Academic Presses: Yale University Press, Chicago University Press, The University of Michigan Press, Oxford University Press, Bloomsbury Academic Press (x2), The IEA Press, The University of Hawaii Press, Polity Press, MIT University Press, Palgrave Macmillan (x2), and Cambridge University Press (x4).

Managing Editor of Oxonomics 2007–2009.

Departmental and University Service

2022–2023 Curriculum Committee (graduate), George Mason University.

2020 Faculty Evaluation, George Mason University, Economics Department.

2018 Independent Study & Directed Readings: Linghui Han, George Mason University

2018–2020 Promotion and Tenure Committee, George Mason University.

2016–2017 IT Committee, George Mason University.

2016 Fenwick Fellow Selection Panel, George Mason University.

2013–2017 Job Market Placement Officer, George Mason University.

2011– Member of the Economic History Field Exam Committee, George Mason University. .

2013–2018 Member of the MA Economics Exam Committee, George Mason University. .

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2016 Assisted in Undergraduate Assessment, George Mason University.

2013 Independent Study & Directed Readings: Michael Spinzor Watson, George Mason University.

Dissertation Chair of:

2025 Patrick Fitzsimmons (GMU), First placement: University of Pennsylvania (Post-doctoral Fellowship).

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Member of 20 other dissertation committees.

Media

Research featured in the FT, The Economist, Washington Post, New York Times, Globe & Mail, Foreign Policy, Times of Israel, Israel Hayom, Wired, Slate, Capx, FEE, BBC History Magazine, NPR Money Talks.

Podcasts with *Conversations with Tyler*, *Research on Religion*, *MacroMusings*, *The Economics Detective*, *Charter Cities Podcast*, *Coffee with Cornelius*, *Vox.eu* and among many others.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate

Microeconomic Theory (MA level, GMU); Analytical Narratives (PhD level, GMU), Political Economy of the State (PhD level, GMU); Economics of Religion (PhD level, GMU); Historical Political Economy (PhD level, GMU), Causal Methods in Historical Political Economy (PhD level, GMU),

Undergraduate

Senior Seminar in PPE (GMU), Topics in Economic History (GMU); Economics of Developing Areas (GMU); Microeconomics (GMU, Econ 103); International Growth and Development (York); Development Economics (York); The British Industrial Revolution (York); British Economic and Social History Since 1870 (Department of Economics, Oxford), Macroeconomics Finals (St Catherine's College, Oxford), Prelims Microeconomics (Corpus Christi, Oxford).

Guest Lectures

Harvard University (2020), Hebrew University (2017), Northwestern University (2017), University of Pennsylvania (2017).