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Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Interest: Economic History, Historical Development of American Labor Markets, Historical Political Economy

Education:

Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts. B.A. (*magna cum laude*) in Economics (Highest Honors) and History, May 1983.
London School of Economics and Political Science, London, England. General Course Student Reading Economics and Economic History, 1981-82.
University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. M.A. in Economics, May 1987. Ph.D. in Economics, May 1992.
Dissertation “‘We Are Yankeys Now’: The Economic Mobility of Antebellum European Immigrants to the U.S.”

Pre-Doctoral Awards, Honors, and Fellowships:

Phi Beta Kappa, Williams College, 1982.
David A. Wells Prize in Political Economy, Williams College, 1983.
Benedict Prize in History, Williams College, 1983.
Century Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1985-1988.
Searle Foundation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1985-1988.
National Graduate (Javits) Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1985-88.
Rovensky Fellowship in Business and Economic History, University of Chicago, 1988-89.
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Demographic Training Fellowship, Population Research Center of the University of Chicago, 1988-1991.

Post-Doctoral Awards, Honors, and Fellowships:

Allen Nevins Prize for Best Dissertation in U.S. Economic History, Economic History Association Meetings, 1992.
John M. Olin Foundation Faculty Research Fellowship, 1993-94.
Arthur H. Cole Prize for Best Article Published in the *Journal of Economic History* in 1993, Economic History Association Meetings, 1994.

Employment:

Research Assistant, Williams College Department of Economics, 1982-85.
Research Assistant, Brookings Institution, 1983-84.
Teaching and Research Assistant, University of Chicago, 1986-1991.
Assistant Professor of Economics, Northwestern University, 1991-1997.
Associate Professor of Economics, Northwestern University, 1997-present.
Household International, Inc. Research Professor of Economics, Northwestern University, 1999-present.
Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1992-1997.
Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1997-present.
Faculty Fellow, Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, Northwestern University, 1995-1997.
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, 1997-present.
Fitzgerald Professor of Economic History, Northwestern University, 2001-present.

Research Support:

John M. Olin Foundation Faculty Research Fellowship, 1993-94 (salary support for academic year, and \$7,000 summer research stipend).
National Science Foundation Grant No. SES-9309689: "Economic Mobility in Nineteenth Century America," 1993-1995 (summer salary support, research assistants, travel, and equipment: \$92,000); Principal Investigator.
National Science Foundation, "Research Experience for Undergraduates," 1994-95 (additional research assistants for Grant No. SES-9309689: \$10,000); Principal Investigator.
National Science Foundation Grant No. SES-9511344: "Immigrant and Native Mobility in Historical Perspective: Comparative Economic Progress in the U.S., 1850-1990," 1995-1998 (summer salary support, research assistants, travel, and equipment: \$148,000); Principal Investigator.
National Science Foundation Grant No. SES-9730243 : "Longitudinal Data for the Study of Long Run Changes in Economic Mobility in the U.S., 1850-1990," 1998-2000 (summer salary support, research assistants, travel, and equipment: \$119,000); Principal Investigator.

National Science Foundation Grant No. SES-0111838: “Socioeconomic Status and Mortality in the U.S., 1850-80,” 2001-2004 (summer salary support, research assistants, travel, and equipment: \$119,000); Principal Investigator.

National Science Foundation Grant No. SES-0112093 : “Farm Tenancy in the U.S., 1890-1938: New Evidence from an Old Study for Assessing the ‘Agricultural Ladder,’” 2001-2004 (research assistants, travel, and equipment: \$243,931); Co-Principal Investigator.

Publications and Work Accepted for Publication:

A. BOOKS

1. *‘Yankeys Now’: European Immigrants in the Antebellum U.S., 1840-60* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999).
2. *Southern Paternalism and the Rise of the Welfare State: Economics, Politics, and Institutions in the U.S. South, 1865-1965* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999). With Lee J. Alston.

B. ARTICLES IN SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

3. “Labor Costs, Paternalism, and Loyalty in Southern Agriculture: A Constraint on the Growth of the Welfare State.” *Journal of Economic History* 45 (March 1985): 95-118. With Lee J. Alston.
4. “Resisting the Welfare State: Southern Opposition to the Farm Security Administration.” In Robert Higgs (ed.), *Research in Economic History Supplement 4: Emergence of the Modern Political Economy* (1985): 83-120. With Lee J. Alston.
5. “Social Control and Labor Relations in the American South Before the Mechanization of the Cotton Harvest in the 1950s.” *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics* 145 (March 1989): 133-157. With Lee J. Alston.
6. “‘We Are Yankeys Now’: The Economic Mobility of Antebellum European Immigrants to the U.S.” (Dissertation summary) *Journal of Economic History* 53 (June 1993): 388-391.
7. “Paternalism in Agricultural Labor Contracts in the U.S. South: Implications for the Growth of the Welfare State.” *American Economic Review* 83 (September 1993): 852-876. With Lee J. Alston. Reprinted in Lee J. Alston, Thrainn Eggertsson, and Douglass C. North (eds.), *Empirical Studies in Institutional Change* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1996).

8. "The Wealth Accumulation of Antebellum European Immigrants to the U.S., 1840-60." *Journal of Economic History* 54 (March 1994): 1-33.
9. "The Geographic Mobility of Antebellum European Immigrants to the U.S. After Their Arrival At New York, 1840-60." *Research in Economic History* 15 (1995): 99-148.
10. "Up and Out or Down and Out? The Occupational Mobility of Immigrant Non-Persisters in the Nineteenth Century U.S." *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 26 (Summer 1995): 33-55.
11. "A New Sample of Americans Linked from the 1850 Public Use Micro Sample of the Federal Census of Population to the 1860 Federal Census Manuscript Schedules." National Bureau of Economic Research, Working Paper on Historical Factors in Long Run Growth No. 71 (March 1996) and *Historical Methods* 29 (Fall 1996): 141-156.
12. "The Entry Into the U.S. Labor Market of Antebellum European Immigrants, 1840-60." National Bureau of Economic Research, Working Paper on Historical Factors in Long Run Growth No. 88 (July 1996) and *Explorations in Economic History* 34 (July 1997): 295-330.
13. "Immigrants and Natives in the U.S.: Comparative Economic Performance in the United States, 1850-1860 and 1965-1980." National Bureau of Economic Research Historical Paper No. 93 (September 1996) and *Research in Labor Economics* 16 (1997): 319-341.
14. "The Law and Labor Strife in the United States, 1881-1894." *Journal of Economic History* 60 (March 2000): 1-25. Co-authored with Janet Currie.
15. "The End of American Exceptionalism? Mobility in the U.S. Since 1850," *Journal of Economic Perspectives* (forthcoming).

C. CHAPTERS IN EDITED BOOKS

16. "The *Bracero* Program and U.S. Farm Labor Legislation in World War II." In Hugh Rockoff and Geoffrey T. Mills (eds.), *The Sinews of War: Essays on the Economic History of World War II* (Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1993). With Lee J. Alston.

17. "Emigration and Entrepreneurship in the Nineteenth Century U.S." In Herbert Giersch (ed.), *Economic Aspects of International Migration* (Berlin: Springer-Verlag, 1994). With Joel Mokyr.
 18. "The Rich and the Dead: Socioeconomic Status and Mortality in the U.S., 1850-60." In Dora Costa (ed.), *Health and Labor Force Participation Over the Life Cycle* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2003).
 19. "Labor Mobility." In Joel Mokyr (ed.), *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003). With Jason Long.
 20. "Internal Migration." In Susan Carter et al. (eds.), *Historical Statistics of the United States, Millennial Edition* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003).
- D. WORKING PAPERS
21. "A Model of In-Kind Compensation in Agriculture." University of California (Davis), Agricultural History Center, Working Paper No. 34 (April 1986). With Lee J. Alston.
 22. "The Impact of Immigration on Natives in the Antebellum U.S., 1850-60." Northwestern University Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, Working Paper No. WP-96-14 (March 1996).
 23. "The Poor and the Dead: Socioeconomic Status and Mortality in the U.S., 1850-1860." NBER Historical Paper No. 135 (August 2001).
 24. "Migration to the Frontier in the 19th Century U.S.: A Re-Evaluation of Turner's 'Safety Valve,' 1850-60." Working Paper, Northwestern University (August 2003). Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Economic History*.
 25. "How Ya Gonna Keep 'Em Down on the Farm [When They've Seen Schenectady]? Rural to Urban Migration in the U.S., 1850-60." Working Paper (August 2003).
 26. "A Tale of Two Labor Markets: Career Mobility in the U.S. and U.K., 1850-1881." Working Paper (July 2003). With Jason Long. Under review, *American Economic Review*.
 27. "Death and the City: Socioeconomic Status, Sewers, and Mortality in 1880 Chicago." Working Paper (January 2003). With Werner Troesken. Under review, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

28. "Time on the Ladder: Career Mobility in American Agriculture, 1890-1937." With Lee Alston. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Economic History*.
29. "Longitudinal Data for the Study of American Geographic, Occupational, and Financial Mobility, 1850-1990." Working Paper (August 2003).
30. "Comparing Contingency Tables." With Patricia M. Altham. Under review, *Historical Methods*.

E. BOOK REVIEWS

31. "Review of Lee Soltow, *Distribution of Wealth and Income in the United States in 1798*." *Business History Review* 65 (Autumn 1991): 668-669.
32. "Review of Mark Wyman, *Round-Trip to America: The Immigrants Return to Europe, 1880-1930*." *Journal of Economic History* 54 (September 1994): 720-722.
33. "Review of George Borjas, *Heaven's Door*." *Journal of Economic History* 61 (September 2001).

Professional Talks:

Williams College Department of Economics Faculty Seminar, 1983.
 Middlebury College Conference on Economic Issues, 1983.
 Conference on Quantitative Methods in Economic History (Cliometrics), 1983.
 Ninth Quadrennial World Economic History Congress, Berne, Switzerland, 1985.
 University of Chicago Economic History Workshop, 1986.
 World Congress of the Cliometric Society, Santander, Spain, 1989.
 Economic History Association Meetings, Montreal, 1990.
 Social Science History Association Meetings, Minneapolis, 1990.
 Yale University Department of Economics Faculty Seminar, 1991.
 University of Iowa Department of Economics Faculty Seminar, 1991.
 University of Illinois Economic History Workshop, 1991.
 Brigham Young University Department of Economics Faculty Seminar, 1991.
 Economic History Association Meetings, Boulder, 1991.
 University of Chicago Economic History Workshop, 1991.
 Social Science History Association Meetings, New Orleans, 1991.
 American Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, 1992.
 Egon-Sohman Foundation Conference on Economic Aspects of International Migration, Vancouver, 1992.
 Economic History Association Meetings, Boston, 1992.
 Social Science History Association Meetings, Chicago, 1992.

Harvard University Economic History Workshop, 1992.
 University of Chicago Economic History Workshop, 1993.
 National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy Program, 1992.
 Brigham Young University Department of Economics Faculty Seminar, 1993.
 Queens University Economic History Seminar, 1993.
 McGill University Economic History Seminar, 1993.
 Conference on Historical Uses of Census Materials, University of Guelph, 1993.
 National Bureau of Economic Research, Franco-American Conference on Economic History, 1993.
 Indiana University Economic History Workshop, 1993.
 Social Science History Association Meetings, Baltimore, 1993.
 University of Arizona, 1994.
 Yale University, 1994.
 National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy Program, Spring Meeting, 1994.
 National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy Program, Summer Institute, 1994.
 Economic History Association Meetings, Cincinnati, 1994.
 American Economic Association Meetings, Washington, D.C., 1995.
 Vanderbilt University Department of Economics, 1995.
 All-University of California Economic History Conference, Riverside, 1995.
 University of California, Los Angeles, 1995.
 University of Southern California, 1995.
 University of Illinois, Chicago, 1995.
 University of Illinois, Urbana, 1995.
 National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy Program, Summer Institute, 1995.
 Econometric Society Seventh World Congress, Tokyo, 1995.
 Social Science History Association Meetings, Chicago, 1995.
 National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy Program, Spring Meeting, 1996.
 Northwestern University Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research Faculty Colloquium, 1996.
 Washington (DC) Economic History Group, 1996.
 National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy Program, Summer Institute, 1997.
 World Congress of Climetrics, Munich, Germany, 1997.
 "The Scattering: Perspectives on Irish Emigration," University of Cork, Ireland, 1997.
 "Famine Migration," University of Heidelberg, Germany, 1997.
 American Economic Association Meetings, Chicago, 1997.
 Social Science History Association Meetings, Fort Worth, October, 1999.
 National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy Program, Summer Institute, 2000.

European Social Science History Association Meetings, Amsterdam, April, 2000.
American Economic Association Meetings, New Orleans, January, 2001.
Economic History Society (U.K.) Meetings, Durham, April, 2002.
Social Science History Association Meetings, Chicago, November, 2004.

Leaves of Absence:

John M. Olin Foundation Faculty Research Fellowship, June 1993-June 1994 (salary support for academic year, and \$7,000 summer research stipend). Independent research undertaken at Northwestern University on “Economic Mobility in the Nineteenth Century U.S.” for a manuscript on this topic.

Peer-Review and Related Activities:

REFEREE AND REVIEWER FOR:
American Economic Review
Journal of Economic History
Explorations in Economic History
Business History Review
International Migration Review
Journal of Economic and Business Statistics
National Science Foundation

Professional Affiliations and Services:

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Economic Association
Economic History Association
Social Science History Association
Cliometric Society
Economic History Society (U.K.)

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED:

Northwestern University Department of Economics Economic History Workshop, 1991-1995.
Social Science History Association Meetings, Session on Historical and Economic Aspects of Immigration to the U.S., Chicago, 1992.
Cliometric Society Meetings, Co-Organizer, Evanston, 1993.
Mid-West Economic Association, Session on Historical Labor Markets, Chicago, 1994.
Economic History Association Meetings, Local Arrangements Committee, Chicago, 1995.
National Bureau of Economic Research, Program in the Development of the

American Economy, Summer Institute, Co-Organizer, 1995-1996.

CONSULTANT, Early Indicators Project, Center for Population Economics, University of Chicago.

CONSULTANT, Alameda County (CA) Health Study.