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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Economics, 2006

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

EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University

Professor of Economics, 2017–present

University of California Los Angeles, Department of Economics

Professor of Economics, 2016–2017

Associate Professor of Economics, 2012–2016

Assistant Professor of Economics, 2006–2012

POSITIONS

National Bureau of Economic Research

Co-Director, Development of the American Economy Program, 2017–present

Faculty Research Fellow/Research Associate 2007–present

Journal of Urban Economics

Co-editor, 2017–present; Editorial board, 2013–17

Editorial board/Associate editor

American Economic Review, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Journal of European Econ Assn (2013–15)

BOOKS

Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migrants in Northern Cities and Labor Markets, Princeton University Press, 2017.

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

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

“Immigration in American Economic History,” with Ran Abramitzky. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 55 (2017) 1311–45.

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, 2018).

“Racial Differences in Health in Long-Run Perspective,” with Robert A. Margo. *Oxford Handbook of Economics and Human Biology*, ed. John Komlos. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016).

“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).

“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

PUBLISHED PAPERS, CONT.

“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.

“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

“The Effect of Natural Disasters on Economic Activity in US Counties: A Century of Data,” with Matthew Kahn, Paul Rhode and Maria Lucia Yanguas. NBER Working Paper 23410, May 2017.

“Cultural Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson. NBER Working Paper 22381, July 2016.

CURRENT PROJECTS

“The Intergenerational Effects of a Large Wealth Shock: White Southerners after the Civil War,” with Philipp Ager and Katherine Eriksson.

“Assessing Record Linkage Across Historical Datasets,” with Ran Abramitzky, Katherine Eriksson, James Feigenbaum, and Santiago Perez.

“The Role of the Condominium in Urban Gentrification,” with Robert A. Margo and Justin Steil.

“Cultural and Economic Assimilation in Immigrant Enclaves: Evidence from the Industrial Removal Office,” with Ran Abramitzky and Dylan Connor.

“The Economic and Political Effects of Black Outmigration from the US South,” with Marco Tabellini.

Project on data from immigrant oral histories with Ran Abramitzky, Peter Catron and Dylan Connor

Project on mid-20th century factory automation with David Clingingsmith

Project on immigration quotas and the economy with Ran Abramitzky and Elinor Cohen

BOOK REVIEWS

- Gavin Wright, *Sharing the Prize: The Economics of the Civil Rights Revolution in the American South*.
- Jared Diamond and James A. Robinson, eds., *Natural Experiments of History*.
- Kenneth L. Kuzmer and Joe W. Trotter, eds., *African-American Urban History Since World War II*.
- Kevin M. Kruse and Thomas J. Sugrue, eds., *The New Suburban History*.
- Nancy Foner and George M. Fredrickson, eds., *Not Just Black and White: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in the US*.

HONORS, PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2016–17 | Russell Sage Foundation Research Project Award |
| 2014 | <i>American Economic Review</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award |
| 2013–14 | Research Fellow, Straus Institute at NYU School of Law |
| 2012–14 | Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship |
| 2011 | <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award |
| 2010 | IPUMS Research Award, Best Journal Article |
| 2010–13 | National Science Foundation Research Grant |
| 2006–14 (x 4) | Distinguished Teaching Award, UCLA Economics Dept |
| 2006 | Alan Nevins Prize for best dissertation in American Economic History |
| 2001–04 | National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship |

PUBLIC LECTURES, INVITED CONFERENCES AND INVITED TEACHING

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| 2018 | Keynote, Urban Economics Association |
| 2018 | Departmental seminar, Princeton University |
| 2018 | Departmental seminar, Berkeley |
| 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 20 th Century,” Dartmouth College |
| 2010 | Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics |

GRADUATE ADVISING

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| 2017 | Peter Catron (Sociology; U Washington); Dylan Connor (Geography; Arizona State); Matthew Miller (Amazon); Colin Weiss (Fed Board) |
| 2016 | Devin Buntin (Fed Board; now MIT Urban Planning); Owen Hearey (Analysis Group); Carlos Hernandez (Chair; Universidad de Los Andes) |
| 2015 | Vanessa Burbano (Columbia Business School); 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) |

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