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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics	2011-
Research Associate in African Economic History, Stellenbosch University	2011-
Researcher, Money in Africa Project, British Museum	2010-2011
Lecturer in Economic History, University of Cape Town	2010

EDUCATION

University of Oxford

DPhil in Economic and Social History 2010

MPhil, with Distinction, in Economic and Social History 2006

New York University, USA

BA *summa cum laude* in Research Methods and Public Policy 2004

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Stellenbosch University Top 25 Researchers 2012 (ZAR 50,000) 2014

British Academy International Partnerships and Mobility Grant (£9,070) 2014

Economic History Society Small Research Grant (£2,840) 2013

Thirsk-Feinstein Dissertation Prize, Economic History Society 2011

Beit Fund Research Scholarship, University of Oxford 2008

Clarendon Fund Scholarship, University of Oxford 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Books

L.A. Gardner (2012) *Taxing Colonial Africa: The Political Economy of British Imperial Rule*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

D. Branch, N. Cheeseman and L. Gardner (2010) *Our Turn to Eat: Politics in Kenya Since 1950*, Berlin: Lit Verlag.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

‘The Rise and Fall of Sterling in Liberia, 1870-1943’, *Economic History Review* (November 2014).

J. Fourie and L.A. Gardner, ‘The internationalization of economic history: a puzzle’, *Economic History of Developing Regions* (June 2014).

L.A. Gardner (2013) 'The Fiscal History Of The Belgian Congo In Comparative Perspective', in F. Buelens and E. Frankema (eds.), *Colonial Exploitation and Economic Development: The Belgian Congo and the Netherlands Indies Compared*, London: Routledge.

M. Bolt, C. Eagleton and L. Gardner (2012) 'Money in Africa: New Historical and Anthropological Approaches', in B. Cook (ed.), *The British Museum and the Future of UK Numismatics*, London: British Museum Press.

L. Gardner and R. Gardner (2011), 'The Internationalization of the Electromagnetics Meetings and Related Activities of the Summa Foundation', *Proceedings of the IEEE International Symposium on Antennas and Propagation*.

L.A. Gardner (2010) 'Decentralization and Corruption in Historical Perspective: Evidence from Tax Collection in British Colonial Africa', *Economic History of Developing Regions* 25: 213-36.

L.A. Gardner (2010) 'An Unstable Foundation: Taxation and Development in Kenya, 1945-63', in D. Branch, N. Cheeseman and L. Gardner (eds.), *Our Turn to Eat: Politics in Kenya Since 1950*, Berlin: Lit Verlag.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

'Money and Finance', in E. Frankema and E. Hillbom (eds), *The History of African Development*. Open-source textbook for African students published by the African Economic History Network (September 2014).

'Economy and Trade in Africa', in Oxford Handbooks Online (Forthcoming, Oxford University Press).

WORK SUBMITTED:

'The curious case of the franc in the Gambia: Floating exchange rates and the British imperial monetary system in the 1920s' (under review, *Financial History Review*)

'Colonialism or supersanctions: managing sovereign risk in Sierra Leone and Liberia, 1871-1914' (under review, *European Review of Economic History*)

'Economic development in Africa and Europe: reciprocal comparisons', with Stephen Broadberry (revise and resubmit, *Revista Historia Economica*)

CURRENT WORK IN PROGRESS

'Fiscal federalism in colonial Africa: Developmental reform or decentralized despotism?'

'Journey without maps: reconstructing the quantitative economic history of Liberia, 1850-1950'

'Decompressing history? Pre-colonial institutions and colonial local governments in British Africa' (with Jutta Bolt)

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS:

Taxation and representation: colonial constitutions and fiscal policy in the British Empire, 1800-1960

- Examines the link between constitutional change and fiscal policy in British colonies.
Book manuscript to be completed 2017.

Political Sovereignty and Economic Development in sub-Saharan Africa

- Comparative research illustrating the impact of colonialism and the challenges faced by independent states in the periphery during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries
- J. Bolt and L. Gardner, Pre-colonial institutions and colonial local governments in Africa
- Uses a new database of economic, fiscal and political indicators at local government level to investigate the link between colonial administration and pre-colonial governments.
- S. Broadberry and L. Gardner, African economic development in comparative perspective
- Measuring African economic performance since the 19th century in comparison with other regions.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

International Conferences: African Studies Association (USA), African Studies Association (UK), American Historical Association, Birmingham Centre for West African Studies 50th Anniversary, Economic History Association, Economic History Society, Edinburgh Centre for African Studies @50 Conference, European Conference on African Studies, European Historical Economics Society, European Network in Universal and Global History, Swedish Economic History Meeting, World Business History Conference, World Economic History Congress.

Invited Seminar Presentations: Cambridge University, French Ministry of Finance, George Mason University, Groningen University, Institute for Historical Research, London School of Economics, Oxford University, Stellenbosch University, University of Cape Town (Economics Department), University of Copenhagen, University of Southern Denmark, University of Stellenbosch, University of Tübingen, University of Zambia, Wageningen University.

Workshops: African Economic History (London School of Economics, Graduate Institute, Geneva, and Lund University), ERSF/FRESH Workshop (Stellenbosch University), 'Twenty Years of Multipartyism (University of Oxford), History and Economic Development Group (School of Oriental and African Studies, London School of Economics), Historical Patterns of Development and Underdevelopment (Centre for Economic Policy Research and European Commission)

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

London School of Economics and Political Science

PhD Supervision

R. Simson, East Africa civil service in the post-war period
 E. Kerby, 'Chinese and Taiwanese foreign direct investment in South Africa and Zambia'
 K. Kobayashi, 'Indian Cotton Textiles in West Africa, 1700-1850'
 G. Serra, 'Economics and statistics as tools for state building in colonial and post-colonial Africa' (Minor corrections May 2015; 3-year lectureship University of Sussex)
 Abel Gwaindepi, Fiscal history of the Cape Colony (University of Stellenbosch, co-supervised with Johan Fourie and Krige Siebrits)

Undergraduate

EH211 – Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000 (Course convener; introductory course in African economic history for undergraduates)
 EH237 – Methods and Themes in Economic History (Co-taught; core course)

Graduate

EH401 – Historical Analysis of Economic Change (Co-taught; core course for MSc students in Economic History and Political Economy of Late Development)

EH482 – Pre-modern Paths of Growth: East and West Compared, c. 1000-1800/1900 (Co-taught; optional course on comparative pre-industrial economic history for MSc students in Economic History, Political Economy of Late Development and Global History)

EH413 – African Economic Development in Historical Perspective (Course convener; introductory course on historical origins of African development outcomes for MSc students in Economic History, Political Economy of Late Development and Global History)

EH Dissertation Sessions (Course convener; course on research methods and design for MSc students in Economic History, Political Economy of Late Development and Global history)

LSE/UCT July School

LCS-EH201 Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000 (Course convener)

University of Cape Town

Undergraduate: Making of the Modern World Economy; Colonial and Post-Colonial Encounters; Economies of Feasts and Famines; Final Year Economic History Research Projects

Graduate: Modern African History and Politics

University of Oxford

Undergraduate: Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa; Approaches to History: Economics

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorships

Editor, <i>Economic History of Developing Regions</i> (with J. Fourie)	2014-
Assistant Book Reviews Editor, <i>Economic History Review</i>	2014-
Co-editor, <i>Oxford Discussion Papers in Economic and Social History</i>	2007-9
Editorial Assistant, <i>Economic History Review</i>	2006-9

Academic service

External Examiner, University of Oxford	2015
Organizer, African Economic History Network Workshop	2014
Convener, EHS Careers and Publishing session	2014
Elected member, Economic History Society Council	2012-
Faculty participant, EHS Residential Training Course for PhD students	2011-12
External Examiner, University of Johannesburg	2010
Participant, International Research Seminar on Decolonization	July 2008

Public engagement

Clarendon Scholars Alumni Talk, University of Oxford	2015
Interview, Norwegian Business Daily (<i>Dagens Næringsliv</i>)	2014
BBC World Service, Business Daily interview	2013
Economist <i>Free Exchange</i> interview	2013
Research profiled in the <i>Financial Times</i> , <i>New Statesman</i>	2013
Speaker, LSE Cape Town Conference on 'Africa Euphoria'	2013
Chatham House briefing on African economic performance	2013
Gallery talk on 'Money in the British Empire', British Museum	2011
Display Content, Citi Money Gallery, British Museum	2011
Contributor, Oxford Analytica <i>Daily Brief</i>	2010-13

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Economic History Society, Economic History Association, European Historical Economics Society, American Historical Association, African Economic History Network, Economic History Society of Southern Africa