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Year of Birth: 1988

Citizenship: USA

Education

2017 PhD Candidate, Economic History
 London School of Economics and Political Science

Dissertation title: ‘The course and character of late-Victorian British exports’

Supervisors: Dr Chris Minns (primary) and Professor Joan Rosés (secondary)

2013 MSc, *Distinction*, Economic History (Research)
 London School of Economics and Political Science

2011 BS, *summa cum laude*, Finance and History
 Boston College (USA)

Journal articles

‘Anglo-American trade costs during the first era of globalization: the contribution of a bilateral tariff series’ (forthcoming in *Economic History Review*)

‘British capital and merchandise exports, 1870-1913: the bilateral case of New Zealand’ (forthcoming in *Australian Economic History Review*)

Other writing

‘Comparative advantage in manufacturing: a look back at the late Victorian “workshop of the world”’, Voxeu.org, 29 May 2016 (7,000+ reads)

Papers in progress

‘The manufacturing trade of late-Victorian Britain: how much can Heckscher-Ohlin explain?’

‘The economics of Edwardian imperial preference: what can New Zealand reveal?’

Working papers

- 2016 ‘The revealed comparative advantages of late-Victorian Britain’, LSE Economic History Working Paper No. 239, European Historical Economics Society Working Paper No. 97
- 2014 ‘American tariff policy and the British alkali industry, 1880-1905’, LSE Economic History Working Paper No. 189

Awards and scholarships

- 2015 LSE Class Teacher Award: recognizes a special contribution to teaching
- 2013-2017 LSE PhD Studentship: full scholarship and stipend awarded on the basis of academic merit and research potential
- 2013 Hunt Prize: for the student achieving the highest mark on the dissertation in the MSc Economic History (Research) program
- 2011 Rev. James D. Sullivan, SJ Award: for a senior judged outstanding in character and achievement by a faculty committee
- 2007-2011 Boston College Presidential Scholarship: full scholarship and stipend given to students in the top one percent of the incoming class

Presentations

- 2016 Graduate Seminar in Economic and Social History, Nuffield College, Oxford University, UK
- 2016 Economic History Society Annual Conference, New Researchers’ Paper Session, Robinson College, Cambridge University, UK
- 2016 Department of Economic History, Thesis Workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK
- 2015 10th Sound Economic History Workshop, Lund University, Sweden
- 2015 Economic History Association 75th Annual Meeting, Graduate Student Poster Session, Nashville, Tennessee, USA
- 2015 Institute of Historical Research, Colonial / Postcolonial New Researchers’ Workshop, University of London, UK

2015 Economic History Society Annual Conference, New Researchers' Poster Session, University of Wolverhampton, UK

2015 Department of Economic History, Thesis Workshop, London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Teaching

2014-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Economic History Department, London School of Economics and Political Science

EH101: The Internationalisation of Economic Growth since 1870
(2014-2015: 2 sections; 2015-2016: 3 sections)

Professional service

2016-2017 Convenor, LSE Graduate Seminar in Economic History

2016 Referee, *Australian Economic History Review*

2013-2015 Student Representative, MPhil/PhD programme in Economic History

2012-2013 Student Representative, MSc programme in Economic History (Research)

Professional memberships

American Economic Association

Economic History Association (USA)

Economic History Society (UK)

Economic History Society of Australia and New Zealand

European Historical Economics Society

References

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