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EMPLOYMENT

2019- Centre for Economic Policy Research Research Fellow
2016- Associate Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics
2013-16 Assistant Professor of Economic History, LSE
2009-13 Assistant Professor of Economics, Queens College, City University of New York

EDUCATION

2009 PhD in Economic History, LSE
2004 MSc in Economic History, LSE
2002 BA in Economics, University College Dublin

ARTICLES

- Cummins, Neil. 2021.** "The Hidden Wealth of English Dynasties, 1892-2016," forthcoming *Economic History Review*. [Paper](#).
- Cummins, Neil. 2021.** "Where is the Middle Class? Evidence from 60 million English Death and Probate Records, 1892-1992," *Journal of Economic History*, 81(2): 359-404. [Paper](#). AWARDED THE 2021 ARTHUR H. COLE PRIZE FOR THE BEST ARTICLE IN THE JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC HISTORY
- Cummins, Neil and Cormac Ó Gráda. 2021.** "On the Structure of Wealth-Holding in Pre-Famine Ireland ," forthcoming *Irish Economic and Social History*. [Paper](#).
- Cummins, Neil. 2020.** "The Micro-Evidence for the Malthusian System. France, 1670-1840," *European Economic Review*, 129:103544. [Paper](#).
- Clark, Gregory, Neil Cummins and Matthew Curtis. 2020.** "Twins Support Absence of Parity-Dependent Fertility Control in Pre-Transition Western European Populations" *Demography*, 57: 1571–1595. [Paper](#).
- Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2019.** "Randomness in the Bedroom: There is No Evidence for Fertility Control in Pre-Industrial England," *Demography*, 56(4): 1541-1555. [Paper](#).
- Cummins, Neil. 2017.** "Lifespans of the European Elite, 800-1800," *Journal of Economic History*, 77(2): 406-439. [Blog](#). [Paper](#).
- Cummins, Neil, Cormac Ó Gráda and Morgan Kelly. 2016.** "Living Standards and Plague in London, 1560-1665," *Economic History Review*, 69(1): 3-34. [Paper](#). [Data+Replication Files](#).
- Clark, Gregory and Neil Cummins. 2015.** "Is Most Wealth Inherited or Created? England, 1858-2012," *Tax Law Review*, 68(3): 517-544. [Paper](#).
- Clark, Gregory and Neil Cummins. 2015.** "Surnames and Social Mobility," *Human Nature*, 25(4): 517-37. [Link](#). [Paper](#).

Clark, Gregory and Neil Cummins. 2015. “Intergenerational Mobility in England, 1858-2012. Wealth, Surnames, and Social Mobility,” *Economic Journal*, 125(582): 61-85. [Link](#). [Paper](#). [Data+Replication Files](#).

Clark, Gregory and Neil Cummins. 2015. “Malthus to Modernity: Wealth, Status and Fertility in England, 1500-1879,” *Journal of Population Economics*, 28(1): 3-29. [Link](#). [Paper](#).

Clark, Gregory, Neil Cummins, Yu Hao and Dan Diaz Vidal. 2015. “Surnames: a New Source for the History of Social Mobility,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 55:3-24. [Link](#). [Paper](#).

Cummins, Neil. 2013. “Marital Fertility and Wealth during the Fertility Transition: Rural France, 1750-1850,” *Economic History Review*, 66(2): 449-76. [Link](#). [Paper](#).

Cummins, Neil. 2011. “Why Did Fertility Decline?” (PhD Summary), *Journal of Economic History*, 71(2): 465-8. [PhD Summary](#). [Complete PhD \(2009\)](#).

Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2009. “Urbanization, Mortality, and Fertility in Malthusian England,” *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, vol. 99(2): 242-7. [Link](#). [Paper](#).

BOOKS

Clark, Gregory, Neil Cummins, Dan Diaz Vidal, Yu Hao, Tatsuya Ishii, Zach Landes, Daniel Marcin, Kuk Mo Jung, Ariel Marek, and Kevin Williams. 2014. *The Son Also Rises: Surnames and the History of Social Mobility: Surnames and the History of Social Mobility*, Princeton University Press.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2014. “Inequality and social mobility in the Era of the Industrial Revolution,” in Roderick Floud, Jane Humphries and Paul Johnson (eds.), *Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain*, Vol. I: 211-236. [Ebook](#). [Chapter](#).

Baines, Dudley, Neil Cummins and Max-Stephan Schulze. 2010. “Population and Living Standards, 1945-2000,” in Steven Broadberry and Kevin O’Rourke (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Modern Europe*, Vol. II: 390-420, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, [Ebook](#). [Chapter](#).

BOOK REVIEWS

Cummins, Neil. 2017. Review of “Mortality, Marriage and Population Growth in England, 1550–1850. By Peter Razzell” *Journal of Economic History*, 77(3): 954-6. [Link](#).

Cummins, Neil. 2016. Review of “Population, Welfare and Economic Change in Britain 1290-1834. Edited by Chris Briggs, P. M. Kitson, and S. J. Thompson.” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 46(3): 436-7. [Link](#).

WORKING PAPERS

Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2020. “Does Education Matter? Tests from Extensions of Compulsory Schooling in England and Wales 1919-22, 1947 and 1972,” *Centre for Economic Policy Research Working Paper*. [Paper](#).

Cummins, Neil. 2019. “Hidden Wealth,” *Centre for Economic Policy Research Working Paper*.

[Paper.](#)

Cummins, Neil, Cormac Ó Gráda. 2019. “Artisanal Skills, Apprenticeship, And The English Industrial Revolution: Prescott And Beyond, ” UCD Centre for Economic Research Working Paper Series; WP2019/24 [Paper..](#)

Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2019. “The Child Quality-Quantity Tradeoff, England, 1780-1880: A Fundamental Component of the Economic Theory of Growth is Missing,” *Centre for Economic Policy Research Working Paper.* [Paper..](#)

Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2019. “The Big Sort: Selective Migration and the Decline of Northern England, 1780-2018”, *Centre for Economic Policy Research Working Paper.* [Paper..](#)

In Production:

Cummins, Neil. 2021. “The Political Economy of Dynastic Marriage”

Cummins, Neil. 2021. “Ethnic Wealth Inequality in England and Wales, 1858-2018’ *Presented at EHS March 2021*

Cummins, Neil. 2021. “The Causal Effect of Education on Female Age at Marriage and Marital Fertility: Evidence from Compulsory Schooling Reforms in England”
To be presented at LSE in June 2021

Cummins, Neil, Cormac Ó Gráda. 2021. “The Irish in England”

Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2021. “Assortative Mating and Intergenerational Mobility, England, 1837-2020” *To be presented at the EEA and the EHA conference in 2021*

Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2021. “Family Matters? Do Relatives other than Parents Matter to Social Outcomes, England 1780-2018?”

Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2021. “Opportunities in the New World versus the Old: Migration from England, 1780-1929”

MEDIA

Research has been featured in the *Economist*, the *BBC*, the *Telegraph*, the *Guardian*, the *Observer*, the *Independent*, the *Daily Mail*, the *Huffington Post*, *CNBC* and the *Washington Post* amongst others. See [my website](#) for an up-to-date list.

PHD STUDENTS

2016-2020 **Dr. Sijie Hu** “A Demographic Analysis of Chinese Genealogies, 1400-1800”. *Now assistant professor of economics at Renmin University of China*

2016- **Jennifer Kohler** “Women, Social Capital and Development in East African History”

2018- **Juliana Jaramillo Echeverri** “Social Mobility and Fertility Decline in Columbia”

2019- **Xizi Luo** “Social Mobility: evidence from Qing examination papers ”

2019- **Aurelius Noble** “Elite Social Networks in Victorian England”

2020- **Ziming Zhu** “Occupational Mobility in England 1851-1911”

TEACHING

2013- **EH238** *The Origins of Growth* [Undergraduate, LSE]

2015-	EC465 <i>Economic Growth, Development, and Capitalism in History</i> [MSc, LSE]
2019-	EH520 <i>Approaches to Economic and Social History</i> [PhD, LSE]
2014-2018	EH483 <i>The Development and Integration of the World Economy</i> [MSc, LSE]
2009-2013	ECON101 <i>Principles of Macroeconomics</i> [Undergraduate, CUNY Queens]
2009-2013	ECON222 <i>European Economic History</i> [Undergraduate, CUNY Queens]

ADMINISTRATION

2019-	Serve on International Inequalities Institute Research Committee
2019-	Serve on LSE Data Science Committee
2019-2021	Served on the Economic History Association Standing Committee on Research Archives and Data Bases
2017-2021	Director of the Doctoral Programme in Economic History, LSE
2014-9	Co-Chair of the LSE Seminar in Economic History
2010-3	Co-Chair of the Columbia University Seminar in Economic History

REFEREE

I write 20-25 referee reports per year for journals such as *Journal of Economic History*, *Economic History Review*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Demography*, *American Sociological Review*, *Continuity and Change*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Economic Journal*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, and *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*

PRESENTATIONS

2021 Economic History Society Conference, **Zoom** (8/4), Facing Inequality Seminar, **The George Washington University** (28/4), Historical Economic Demography Workshop, **LSE** (18/6), British Society for Population Studies, **Zoom** (10/9), EconTribute Markets and Policy in History, **Bonn** (23/9). **2020** **UC Davis** Economic History Seminar (10/1), Irish Quantitative History meeting, **Trinity College Dublin** (24/1), **LSE** Economic History Dept. Seminar (4/6). International Macro History Online Seminar Series, **A consortium of 25 universities and institutions in collaboration with CEPR** (7/10). **2019** Economics Seminar, **University of Bath** (13/2), **LSE** Historical Economic Demography Workshop (18/2), Research Seminar, **University of Lucerne** (4/4), Research Seminar in Economic History, **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin** (17/4), Joint Economics-Economic History Workshop, **LSE** (10/5), European Society of Historical Demography, **Paris** (28/6), European Historical Economics Society Meetings, **Paris**, 30/8, British Society for Population Studies, **Cardiff** (10/9), Applied Economics and Economic History seminar series, **Southen Denmark University, Odense**, (12/11). **2018** School of Slavonic and East European Studies, **UCL** (24/1), Seminario d'Economia, **Universidad de Valencia**(7/3), Economic and Social History Seminar, **Wadham College, Oxford** (8/5), Finance and Demography Workshop, **LSE** (31/5), One Bank Research Seminar, **Bank of England** (26/6), 6th International Symposium on Quantitative History, **Hantai, China** (14/7), Economics Seminar, **University of Luxembourg** (7/11), Economic History Workshop, **University of Hong Kong** (27/11), New Malthusian Symposium, **Jesuit College, Cambridge** (13/12). **2017** **UC Berkeley** Economic History Seminar (30/1), **Yale** Economic History Workshop (20/2), World Congress of Cliometrics, **Strasbourg** (4/7), European Historical Economics Society Conference, **Tübingen** (2/9), Faculty seminar in Economics, **Bergen** (25/10). **2016** Biological Anthropology Seminar, **University College London** (8/3), 'The importance of elites and their demography for knowledge and development', **Louvain-la-Neuve** (22/6), **UC Berkeley** Demography Brown Bag Seminar (2/11), **UC Davis** Economic History Seminar (8/11). **2015** Dynamics of Wealth Inequality Workshop (**Santa Fe**, 30/1), **Utrecht Social & Economic History Seminar** (12/2), **UC Davis** Economic History Coffee Hour (23/4), Population Association of America Meetings (**San Diego**, 30/4), Dondena Seminar (**Bocconi**, 23/5), 'Longitudinal data in African history' Workshop (**Stellenbosch**, 27/5), World Economic History Congress, (**Kyoto**, 5/8), European Historical Economics Society Meetings, (**Pisa**, 5/9), Political Economy Seminar, King's College (**London**, 30/9), First OWL Workshop in Economic History (**All Souls**, 5/10), PhD Defence of Joseph Molitoris (**Lund**, 23/10),

“Institutions, Culture, and Long-Run Development,” *Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München* (13/11), “Long-term Processes of Socio-Economic Development: Stagnation, Growth, Divergence and Crises,” Herrenhausen Conference (*Hanover*, 21/11), “Economic history and economic policy,” Banque de France, (*Paris*, 15/12). **2014** LSE Economic History Seminar (30/1), Scottish Economic Association Meetings (*Perth*, 28/4), CRASSH Seminar (*Cambridge*, 24/5), Economic History Seminar (*Queen's University Belfast*, 3/10), Plague in the City conference (*Cambridge*, 5/12), Oxford Economic and Social History Seminar (*All Souls*, 25/11). **2013** FZID Research Seminar (*Universität Hohenheim*, 8/1), *Binghamton SUNY* Economics Seminar (15/3), Public Choice Workshop (*George Mason University*, 20/3), *UC Davis* Economic History Seminar (28/5). **2012** PSTC Colloquia (*Brown University*, 1/3). **2011** Cliometrics conference (*Boulder*, 22/5), European Historical Economics Society (*Dublin*, 3/9), *University of Michigan* Historical Demography Workshop (11/11), *UC Davis* Economic History Seminar (15/11), *UC Berkeley* Demography Brown Bag Seminar (16/11). Economic History Association Annual Meeting (*Camptown*, 9/26). **2009** Columbia Economic History Seminar (*New York*, 3/12), Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (*Long Beach*, 14/11), “Fertility declines in the past, present and future” (*Cambridge*, 15/7), Economic History Society Annual Conference (*Warwick*, 3/4).