

Neil Cummins

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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

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2017 Research Grant from the International Inequalities Institute (LSE) [£5,500]
2016 LSE Teaching Award
2011 PSC-CUNY Award [\$3,000]
2010 Economic History Association Gerschenkron Prize Shortlist
2010 Arthur H. Cole Grant in aid of Research, Economic History Association [\$3,100]
2007 Marie Curie Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Paris School of Economics
2006 ESRC Studentship, LSE
2005 Marie Curie Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, LSE

ARTICLES

Clark, Gregory, Neil Cummins and Matthew Curtis. 2020. “Twins Support Absence of Parity-Dependent Fertility Control in Pre-Transition Western European Populations” *Demography*, forthcoming. (Available as *Centre for Economic Policy Research Working Paper*. [Link.](#))

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.

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

Cummins, Neil. 2019. "The Micro-Evidence for the Malthusian System. France, 1670-1840," *Available upon Request*. **Accepted with minor revisions at *European Economic Review***

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*. [To be released June 2020.]

Cummins, Neil. 2019. “Hidden Wealth,” *Centre for Economic Policy Research Working Paper*. [Link](#).

Cummins, Neil. 2019. "Where is the Middle Class? Inequality, Gender and the Shape of the Upper Tail from 60 million English Death and Probate Records, 1892-2016," *Centre for Economic Policy Research Working Paper*. [Link](#). **R+R at *Journal of Economic History***

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 [Link](#).

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*. [Link](#).

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*. [Link](#).

In Production:

Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2020. “Family Matters? Do Relatives other than Parents

Matter to Social Outcomes, England 1780-2018?”

Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2020. “Opportunities in the New World versus the Old: Migration from England, 1780-1929”

Cummins, Neil. 2020. “The Political Economy of Dynastic Marriage”

Cummins, Neil. 2020. “Ethnic Integration into England and Wales, 1892-2020”

Cummins, Neil. 2020. “Socio-Economic Sorting in England and Wales, 1892-2020”

Cummins, Neil. 2020. “Assortative Marriage in England , 1892-2019”

Cummins, Neil. 2020. “The Dynamics of Extinction; An Empirical Analysis”

Cummins, Neil. 2020. “Social Mobility from Rare Surnames – A Population level Analysis, England, 1892-2019”

Cummins, Neil. 2020. “The Causal Forces behind Infant Morality Decline in England and Wales”

CURRENT PROJECTS

“Noble Savages: An economic history of European Aristocracy.”

“Families of England” with Greg Clark. A project to reconstruct the economic and social position, and the demography, of a representative set of English families from 1750 to the present. It looks at the determination of social outcomes over multiple generations, and the role of inheritance, family size, geography, and assortative mating. [link](#)

“The Wealth of the Dead: Inequality across Space and Time from 100% Probate and Vital Records in England, 1892-1992”

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- **Sijie Hu** “A Demographic Analysis of Chinese Genealogies, 1400-1800”

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

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

TEACHING

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

2015- **EC465** *Economic Growth, Development, and Capitalism in History* [MSc, LSE]

2019- **EH520** *Approaches to Economic and Social History* [PhD, LSE]

2014-2018 **EH483** *The Development and Integration of the World Economy* [MSc, LSE]

2009-2013 **ECON101** *Principles of Macroeconomics* [Undergraduate, CUNY Queens]

2009-2013 **ECON222** *European Economic History* [Undergraduate, CUNY Queens]

ADMINISTRATION

2019- Serve on International Inequalities Institute Research Committee

2019- Serve on LSE Data Science Committee

2017- Director of the Doctoral Programme in Economic History, LSE

2014- Co-Chair of the LSE Seminar in Economic History

2010-3 Co-Chair of the Columbia University Seminar in Economic History

PRESENTATIONS

2020 UC Davis Economic History Seminar (10/1), Irish Quantitative History meeting, Trinity Dublin (24/1). **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, Pécs (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, Southern Denmark University, Odense, (12/11). **2018** School of Slavonic and East European Studies, UCL (24/1), Seminario d'Economia, Universitat de València (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, Yantai, China (14/7), Economics Seminar, University of Luxembourg (7/11), Economic History Workshop, University of Hong Kong (27/11), New Malthusian Symposium, Jesus 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 College, Oxford, 5/10), PhD Defence of Joseph Molitoris (Lund, 23/10), "Institutions, Culture, and Long-Run Development," Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München (Munich, 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 (Queens 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 (Evanston, 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).