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POSITIONS

Professor

History, University of Chicago (July 2016-)
Committee on Social Thought, University of Chicago (January 2019-)

Visiting Professor and Ciampi Chair in the Political Economy and Historical Dynamics of
Modern Capitalism (2018)
Scuola Normale Superiore

Visiting Professor (2017)

L'École des hautes études en sciences sociales

Associate Professor of History (with tenure), University of Chicago (July 2015-June 2016)

Associate Professor of History (with tenure), Princeton University (July 2014-June 2015)

Assistant Professor of History, Princeton University (July 2009- June 2014)

DEGREES

Ph.D. History, University of Chicago, 2008, with distinction.
Committee: co-chairs Thomas C. Holt and Amy Dru Stanley, Kathleen Neils
Conzen, and William H. Sewell, Jr.

M.A. History, University of Chicago, 2003.

B.A. History, Yale University, 2000, with honors.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Ages of American Capitalism: A History of the United States (forthcoming, Random House, January 2021).

Freaks of Fortune: The Emerging World of Capitalism and Risk in America (Harvard University Press, 2012).

- Organization of American Historians Book Prizes for 2013
 - Frederick Jackson Turner Award, first book on US history
 - Avery O. Craven Award, era of Civil War or Reconstruction
 - Ellis. W. Hawley Prize, post-Civil War politics or political economy
- American Society for Legal History
 - William Nelson Cromwell Book Prize, first book on legal history
- Society for U.S. Intellectual History
 - 2013 Notable Title

- Excerpt in *Chronicle of Higher Education*.
- Reviews in *The New Republic*, *The Nation*, *Dissent*, *Public Books*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Choice*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Library Journal*.

Articles and Book Chapters

“Radical Uncertainty,” *Critical Quarterly* (April 2020).

Primal Capital,” *Critical Historical Studies* 6, no. 2 (Fall 2019): 161-193.

“Appreciating Assets: New Directions in the History of Political Economy,” *American Historical Review* (December 2017).

“Capital as Process and the History of Capitalism,” *Business History Review* 91, 3 (Autumn 2017): 483-510.

“From Fiscal Triangle to Passing Through: Rise of the Nonprofit Corporation,” in Naomi Lamoreaux and William Novak eds., *Corporations and American Democracy* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017).

“Altruism and the Origins of Nonprofit,” in Lucy Bernholtz, Chiara Cordelli, and Rob Reich, eds., *Philanthropy in Democratic Societies: History, Norms, Institutions* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2016).

“Accounting for Profit and the History of Capital,” *Critical Historical Studies* 1, no. 2 (Fall, 2014): 171-214.

“‘The Mortgage Worked the Hardest’: The Fate of Landed Independence in 19th-Century America,” in Gary J. Kornblith and Michael Zakim, eds., *Capitalism Takes Command: Essays on the Social Transformation of Nineteenth-Century America* (University of Chicago Press, 2012): 39-68.

“The Freaks of Fortune: Moral Responsibility for Booms and Busts in 19th-century America,” *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 10, no. 4 (Oct. 2011): 435-446.

“Contemplating Delivery: Futures Trading and the Problem of Commodity Exchange in the United States, 1875-1905,” *American Historical Review* 111, no. 3 (April 2006): 307-335.

Other

“Visualizing Climate Change and Loss: Houston,” *Harvard Center for History and Economics*, <http://histecon.fas.harvard.edu/climate-loss/houston/houston.html>

“Until the Next Crash,” *N+1*, January 2019.

“Stuck in a Gilded Age,” *Dissent Magazine*, Summer 2016.

“Economic History: The Once and Future King,” with Jeremy Adelman, *Chronicle of Higher Education* (December 1, 2014).

“Structures of Risk: A Conversation between Jonathan Levy and John Harwood,” *Pidgin Magazine* 15 (2013).

Contributor, *Nobody’s Property: Art, Land, Space, 2000-2010* (Princeton University Art Museum Series, 2010).

“Trading in Dreams,” *Wilson Quarterly* (October, 2006).

Reviews

Review of Daniel M. Abramson, *Obsolescence: An Architectural History* (2016) in *Future Anterior: Journal of Historic Preservation, History, Theory, and Criticism* (Winter 2018).

Review of Jenifer Van Vleck, *Empire of the Air: Aviation and the American Ascendancy* (2013) in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 45, no. 1 (Summer 2014): 98-99.

Review of Joshua D. Wolff, *Western Union and the Creation of the American Corporate Order, 1845-1893* (2013) in *Journal of American History* 101, no. 1 (January 2014): 278-279.

Review of Brett Christophers, *Banking Across Boundaries: Placing Finance in Capitalism* (2013) in *Economic Geography* 90, no. 1 (January 2014): 119-121.

“The Rise of Finance,” *Public Books* (Fall 2011).

Review of Marc Egnal, *Clash of Extremes: The Economic Origins of the Civil War* (2009) and John Majewski, *Modernizing a Slave Economy* (2009) in *Journal of American Studies* 44, 1 (March 2010): 1-4.

Review of Laura F. Edwards, *The People and Their Peace: Legal Culture and the Transformation of Inequality in the Post-Revolutionary South* (2009), in *Social History*, 35, no. 3 (August 2010): 339-341.

FELLOWSHIPS

Center for History and Economics, Harvard University
Visiting Fellow, 2017-2018

Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University
Fellow, 2012-2013

American Council of Learned Societies
Early Career Fellowship, 2009-2010

John Kluge Center, Library of Congress
Visiting Scholar, 2009-2010

American Council of Learned Societies
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2007-2008

Council on Library and Information Resources
Mellon Dissertation Research in Primary Sources Fellowship, 2006-2007

Harvard Business School
Alfred Chandler Fellowship, 2006

Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago
Mellon Graduate Achievement Fellowship, 2003-2006

INVITED LECTURES AND SYMPOSIUMS

University of Bologna
Planning and the Corporate Aesthetic in Post-WWII United States, December 2010

Purdue University
Volcker Shock: American Capitalism Since 1980, March 2019

New School for Social Search

Volcker Shock: American Capitalism Since 1980, February 2019

Dartmouth College
Volcker Shock: American Capitalism Since 1980, February 2019

University of California-Santa Barbara
Volcker Shock: American Capitalism Since 1980, October 2018

Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa
Capital as Process and the History of Capitalism, June 2018

Scuola Normale Superiore, Firenze
Volcker Shock: American Capitalism Since 1980, June 2018

Brown University, Workshop on the History of the Self
Primal Capital: The Microfoundations of Keynes's *General Theory*, April 2018

Harvard University, Economic Sociology Workshop
Volcker Shock: American Capitalism Before and After 1980, January 2018

Tel Aviv University, Safra Center for Ethics
Volcker Shock: American Capitalism Before and After 1980, January 2018

Cambridge University, American History Seminar
Volcker Shock: American Capitalism Before and After 1980, January 2018

Oxford University, American History Seminar
Volcker Shock: American Capitalism Before and After 1980, January 2018

Harvard University, Center for History and Economics
Volcker Shock: American Capitalism Before and After 1980, October 2017

Harvard University, Program on the History of Capitalism
Primal Capital: The Microfoundations of Keynes's *General Theory*, October 2017

Max Po (Paris), Economic Sociology Workshop
Primal Capital: The Microfoundations of Keynes's *General Theory*, April 2017

University of Pennsylvania, Economic History Seminar
Comment on "Its Always the Shadow Banks," October 2016

Newberry Library, Chicago, IL
"The New Economy Revisited," October 2016

Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany
"Radical Uncertainty: The History of an Idea," June 2016

American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL
“Rise of the Nonprofit Corporation,” October 2015

University of Virginia, History Department
“Rise of the Nonprofit Corporation,” October 2015

Harvard University, Law School
“The Fiscal Triangle,” September 2015

University of Georgia, Department of History
“Corporate Personality Revisited,” February 2015

University of California, Berkeley, American Political History Seminar
“Freaks of Fortune,” September 2014

University of Michigan, Fictions of Finance
“Accounting for Profit and the History of Capital,” May 2014

Washington University St. Louis, Department of History
“Corporate Personality Revisited,” May 2014

Columbia University, Department of History
“Profit and Not in Nineteenth-Century America,” April 2014

Princeton University, Economic Sociology Workshop
“Corporate Personality Revisited,” April 2014

Georgetown University, 19-Century History Workshop
“Accounting for Profit and the History of Capital,” February 2014

Stanford University, Department of History
“Corporate Personality Revisited,” February 2014

University of Chicago, Department of History
“Corporate Personality Revisited,” February 2014

Drew University, History and Culture Colloquium
“The New Economy Revisited,” November 2013

Harvard/Princeton, Conference on Corporations, Commerce, and Law
“Corporate Personality Revisited,” September 2013

Stanford University, History Department
“The History of Profit,” June 2013

New York University, Business and Society Program
“Freaks of Fortune,” November 2012

Tel Aviv University, The Sovereign Economy
“The History of Profit,” June 2012

American Council Learned Societies, Annual Meeting
“How the Humanities Help Us Understand Economic Behavior,” May 2012

Columbia University, The Heyman Center for the Humanities
“Writing the History of Risk,” April 2012

Columbia University, Business History Forum
“Capitalism Takes Command,” November 2011

Johns Hopkins University, Institute for the Study of Business Enterprise,
“The Corporate Transformation of Risk, 1890-1920,” November 2011

History of Political Economy Workshop, Duke University
“The Corporate Transformation of Risk, 1890-1920,” October 2011

Princeton University School of Architecture
“Architecture and the Current Crisis,” October 2011

The New School, Power and the History of Capitalism
Comment, “Capitalism and Risk,” April 2011

Minnesota Law School, Legal History Workshop
“The Perils of the Seas: The Maritime Origins of the ‘Assumption of Risk,’” November 2010

Columbia University School of Architecture, Forum on Risk
“Three Histories of Risk,” October 2010

Oxford University, Culture of the Market Symposium
“The Freaks of Fortune,” March 2010

Smithsonian Institution, Contemporary History Colloquium
“The Freaks of Fortune,” February 2010

Princeton University, Economic Sociology Workshop
“The Systematization of Risk in 19th-century America,” February 2010

University of Pennsylvania, Economic History Forum
“The Mortgage Worked the Hardest: The Fate of Landed Independence in 19th-century America,” October 2009

American Council of Learned Societies, Annual Meeting
“Themes and Methods of Humanities Research: Risk,” May 2008

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Historical Association, Annual Meeting
Commentator, “Making the Math Work: International Credit and Debt Since the 19th Century” January 2020

US Intellectual History, Annual Meeting
Presenter, “No more Capital?” November 2019

Social Science History, Annual Meeting
Commentator, “Monica Prasad’s *Starving the Beast*,” October 2019

Organization of American Historians, Annual Meeting
Commentator, “Philanthrocapitalism” April 2018

Newberry Library, Labor History Seminar
Commentator, “History of Neoliberalism,” April 2016

Organization of American Historians, Annual Meeting
Commentator, “Histories of ‘No-Fault’” April 2016

Business History Conference, Annual Meeting
Commentator, “Reassessing Shareholder Value,” March 2014

American Historical Association, Annual Meeting
Presenter, “Is the History of Capitalism the New Business History?” December 2013

American Society for Legal History, Annual Meeting
Commentator, “The Legal History of Capitalism from Below,” November 2013

Social Science History Association, Annual Meeting
“Accounting for Profit,” November 2012

Organization of American Historians, Annual Meeting
Commentator, “Seeing Like the American State,” April 2012

Business History Conference, Annual Meeting
Commentator, “Financial Markets and the Law in Modern America,” March 2012

Annual Meeting, Southern Economic Association

“Risk: Origins of an Economic Concept, 1850-1920,” November 2011

Annual Meeting, Law and Society

Comment, “The Causes and Consequences of Financial Crises,” June 2011.

Comment, “The Socially Responsible Corporation: More than an Oxymoron?” June 2011

Annual Meeting, Business History Conference

“George Perkins and the Corporate Reconstruction of Risk,” April 2011

Modern America Workshop, Princeton University

“The Perils of the Seas,” December 2010

Annual Meeting, American Society for Legal History

“The Legal Transformation of Fraternity,” November 2010

Annual Meeting, Organization of American Historians

“Social Risk: The Birth of a Concept,” April 2010

Annual Meeting, American Historical Association

“The Freaks of Fortune: Moral Responsibility for Booms and Busts in 19th-century America,” January 2010

Social Science History Association

“Capitalism, Freedom, and the Origins of Risk,” November 2007.

History of Science Society

“Elizur Wright and the Actuarial Science of Freedom,” November 2007.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Editor, Critical Historical Studies (2016-)

Editorial Board, Intellectual History Series, University of Pennsylvania Press (2015-)

Fellowship Selection Committee, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, (2015-2016)

University of Chicago Press, Manuscript Review

Harvard University Press, Manuscript Review

Johns Hopkins University Press, Manuscript Review

Stanford University Press, Manuscript Review

Law and History Review, Manuscript Review

Law and Social Inquiry, Manuscript Review

Journal of American Studies, Manuscript Review

Journal of American History, Manuscript Review

American Historical Review, Manuscript Review

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian

Spanish (reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

Organization of American Historians

Social Science History Association

Business History Conference