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Education

Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Ph.D. in Economics, 1998

A.M. in Economics, 1995

Harvard College

A.B. in Economics, summa cum laude, 1993

Appointments

Vanderbilt University

Professor of Economics, 2008-present

Professor of History, 2008-present

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Economics, 2008-present

Associate Professor of Economics, 2004-2007

Assistant Professor of Economics, 1998-2003

National Bureau of Economic Research

Research Associate, Development of the American Economy Program, 2004-present

Faculty Research Fellow, Development of the American Economy Program, 1999-2004

Council of Economic Advisers

Senior Economist, 2006-2007

Harvard University

Section Leader for Principles of Economics, 1997-1998

Department of Economics, Associate Head Tutor, 1994-1998

Honors and Fellowships

Brookings Institution, Model-Okun Fellowship in Economic Studies, 2003-2004

National Bureau of Economic Research, National Fellowship, 2001-2002

Harvard University, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Non-Resident Fellow, 2001-2002

Economic History Association, Allan Nevins Prize for the outstanding dissertation in U.S. or
Canadian economic history, 1998

Harvard University, Chiles Foundation Fellowship, 1996-1997

National Science Foundation, Graduate Fellowship, 1993-1996

Harvard College, Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for undergraduate honors thesis, 1993

Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter of Massachusetts (Harvard)

Teaching

Ph.D. courses

Intro. to Economic History, Labor Economics, Micro Topics in Economic History

Undergraduate courses

U.S. Economic History, Labor Economics, Intermediate Macro, International Trade

Published and Forthcoming Papers

- "The Economic Aftermath of the 1960s Riots in American Cities: Evidence from Property Values" (with Robert A. Margo). Journal of Economic History, Vol. 67, No. 4 (December 2007): 849-883.
- "A Neighborhood-Level View of Riots, Property Values, and Population Loss: Cleveland 1950-1980" (with Fred H. Smith). Explorations in Economic History, Vol. 44, No. 3 (July 2007): 365-386.
- "Education, Migration, and Regional Wage Convergence in the United States." In Globalization and the New Comparative Economic History, edited by T. Hatton, K. O'Rourke, and A. Taylor. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2007, 165-191.
- "The Wage Gains of African-American Women in the 1940s" (with Martha J. Bailey). Journal of Economic History, Vol. 66, No. 3 (September 2006): 737-777.
- "Evaluating the Role of *Brown v. Board of Education* in School Equalization, Desegregation, and the Income of African Americans" (with Orley Ashenfelter and Albert Yoon). American Law and Economics Review, Vol. 8, No. 2 (Summer 2006): 213-248.
- "The Political Economy of State Fair-Housing Laws Prior to 1968." Social Science History, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Spring 2006): 15-49.
- "Historical Perspectives on Racial Differences in Schooling in the United States" (with Robert A. Margo). In Handbook of the Economics of Education: Volume 1, edited by E. Hanushek and F. Welch. New York: North-Holland, 2006, 107-154.
- "The Labor Market Effects of the 1960s Riots" (with Robert A. Margo). In Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs 2004, edited by W. Gale and J. Pack. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, 2004, 1-34.
- "The Housing Market Impact of State-Level Anti-Discrimination Laws, 1960-1970." Journal of Urban Economics, Vol. 55, No. 3 (May 2004): 534-564.
- "The Declining Contribution of Socioeconomic Disparities to the Racial Gap in Infant Mortality Rates, 1920-1970" (with Melissa A. Thomasson). Southern Economic Journal, Vol. 70, No. 4 (April 2004): 746-777.
- "Race, Home Ownership, and Family Structure in Twentieth-Century America" (with Robert A. Margo). In What Has Happened to the Quality of Life in the Advanced Industrialized Nations?, edited by E. Wolff. New York: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2004, 187-213.
- "Race and the Value of Owner-Occupied Housing, 1940-1990" (with Robert A. Margo). Regional Science and Urban Economics, Vol. 33, No. 3 (May 2003): 255-286.
- "The Labor Market Impact of State-Level Anti-Discrimination Laws, 1940-1960." Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Vol. 56, No. 2 (January 2003): 244-272.
- "The Political Economy of State-Level Fair-Employment Laws, 1940-1964." Explorations in Economic History, Vol. 40, No. 1 (January 2003): 24-51.

- “Race, Roosevelt, and Wartime Production: Fair Employment in World War II Labor Markets.” American Economic Review, Vol. 91, No. 1 (March 2001): 272-286.
- “Capital-Goods Prices and Investment, 1870-1950” (with Jeffrey G. Williamson). Journal of Economic History, Vol. 61, No. 1 (March 2001): 59-94.
- “Race and Home Ownership: A Century-Long View” (with Robert A. Margo). Explorations in Economic History, Vol. 38, No. 1 (January 2001): 68-92.
- “Residential Segregation and Socioeconomic Outcomes: When Did Ghettos Go Bad?” (with Robert A. Margo). Economics Letters, Vol. 69, No. 2 (November 2000): 239-243.
- “African-American Economic Mobility in the 1940s: A Portrait from the Palmer Survey.” Journal of Economic History, Vol. 60, No. 3 (September 2000): 756-781.
- “Labor Mobility, Market Integration, and Wage Convergence in Late 19th Century India.” Explorations in Economic History, Vol. 36, No. 3 (July 1999): 246-277.
- “Labor Mobility in American and Indian Economic History.” Journal of Economic History, Vol. 59, No. 2 (June 1999): 469-472.
- “Were Trade and Factor Mobility Substitutes in History?” (with Kevin O’Rourke and Jeffrey G. Williamson). In Migration: The Controversies and the Evidence, edited by R. Faini, J. de Melo, and K. Zimmerman. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1999, 227-260.
- “When the Tide Turned: Immigration and the Delay of the Great Black Migration.” Journal of Economic History, Vol. 57, No. 3 (September 1997): 607-632.

Working Papers and Works in Progress

- “Household Electrification’s Economic and Demographic Effects” (with Martha J. Bailey). Work in progress.
- “Slum Clearance and Urban Renewal in the United States, 1949-1974” (with Katharine L. Livingston). Work in progress.

Book Project

- No Place Like Home: An Economic History of Race and Housing in America (with Robert A. Margo). Work in progress.

Book Reviews and Other Publications

- Review of *The Economics of the Great Depression: A Twenty-First Century Look Back at the Economics of the Interwar Era*, by Randall E. Parker. Journal of Economic History, forthcoming.

Review of *Government and the American Economy: A New History*, by Price Fishback et al. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 67, No. 4 (December 2007): 1081-1083.

Review of *Historical Statistics of the United States: Millennial Edition*, edited by Susan B. Carter, Scott Sigmund Gartner, Michael R. Haines, Alan L. Olmstead, Richard Sutch, and Gavin Wright. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 66, No. 4 (December 2006): 1088-1097.

“Racial Differences in Wealth: A Brief Historical Overview” (with Robert A. Margo). In Race and Wealth Disparities: A Multidisciplinary Discourse, edited by B. Moran. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America, 2008, 11-22.

“Race and Twentieth-Century Economic History.” *NBER Reporter* (Winter 2005/2006): 15-17.

Review of *Race, Water, and Disease*, by Werner Troesken. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 65, No. 3 (September 2005): 874-876.

“Fair Housing Laws,” in the *Online Encyclopedia of Economic History*, available at www.eh.net.

Review of *Discriminating Risk: The U.S. Mortgage Lending Industry in the Twentieth Century*, by Guy Stuart. Distributed by www.eh.net on June 21, 2004.

“Historical Perspectives on Racial Differences in Schooling” (with Robert A. Margo). Summary published in Insights on Southern Poverty, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Vol. 2, No. 1 (Spring 2004): 1-5.

Review of *Globalization in Historical Perspective*, edited by Michael D. Bordo, Alan M. Taylor, and Jeffrey G. Williamson. Distributed by www.eh.net on November 7, 2003.

Introduction to a special section of Social Science History on “Race, Labor Markets, and Social Disorder in Twentieth-Century America,” containing papers by T. Maloney, C. Heinicke and W. Grove, and S. Chandra and A. Williams Foster. Social Science History, Vol. 29, No. 2 (Summer 2005): 235-239.

Review of *The Backbone of History: Health and Nutrition in the Western Hemisphere*, edited by Richard H. Steckel and Jerome C. Rose. Distributed by www.eh.net on May 13, 2003.

Table of Home Ownership Rates 1900-1990 (by race and region) for *Historical Statistics of the United States, Millennial Edition*, edited by S. Carter, S. Gartner, M. Haines, A. Olmstead, R. Sutch, and G. Wright. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Review of *The Impact of International Trade on Wages*, edited by Robert C. Feenstra. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 60, No. 1 (March 2001): 232-233.

Review of *Divided Arsenal: Race and the American State during World War II*, by Daniel Kryder. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 60, No. 4 (December 2000): 1164-1166.

Review of *Still the Promised City? African-Americans and the New Immigrants in Postindustrial New York*, by Roger Waldinger. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 60, No. 2 (June 2000): 584-585.

Review of *Southern Paternalism and the American Welfare State: Economics, Politics, and Institutions in the South, 1865-1965*, by Lee J. Alston and Joseph P. Ferrie. Southern Economic Journal, Vol. 66, No. 2 (October 1999): 484-486.

Review of *A New South Rebellion: The Battle Against Convict Labor in the Tennessee Coalfields, 1871-1896*, by Karin A. Shapiro. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 59, No. 2 (June 1999): 552-553.

Review of *Warhogs: A History of War Profits in America*, by Stuart D. Brandes. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 58, No. 2 (June 1998): 604-605.

Professional Service

Trustee of the Cliometric Society, 2007 - present

Editorial Positions:

Journal of Economic History

Editorial Associate for North American Book Reviews, 2004 - 2008

Member of Editorial Board, 2004 - 2007

Explorations in Economic History

Member of Editorial Board, 2006 - present

Social Science History

Member of Editorial Board, 2004 - present

Historical Methods

Member of Editorial Board, 2005 - 2007

Referee for:

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Sociological Review, Demography, Economic History Review, Economic Journal, Economic Inquiry, Explorations in Economic History, Growth and Change, Historical Methods, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of American History, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Women's History, National Science Foundation, Review of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Social Service Review, Social Science History, Sociological Perspectives, Southern Economic Journal

Conference Program Organizer:

Economic History Association Meetings, Program Committee Chair, 2006.

NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy Program, Program Co-Organizer, 2001, 2002.

Discussant of others' research:

Allied Social Science Associations Meetings (Boston 2000; Atlanta 2002; Washington, DC 2003; New Orleans 2008)

Economic History Association Meetings (Baltimore 1999, Nashville 2003)

NBER Conference on Health and Labor Force Participation (Cambridge 2001)

Social Science History Association Meetings (Chicago 2001).

Midwest Economic Society Meetings (Nashville 1999)
Stanford Conference on Race (1999)

Committee member:

Economic History Association, Committee on Research (evaluates applications for Cole
Grants for faculty research projects), 2001, 2002, 2003 (chair).
Economic History Association Meetings, Local Arrangements Committee, 2003.

Presentations of Research

- 1997: CEPR Conference on Trade and Factor Mobility (Venice)
Third World Cliometric Congress (Munich)
Harvard University, Department of Economics
- 1998: Cliometric Society Conference (Washington University, St. Louis)
Economic History Association Meetings (Durham, NC)
Harvard University, Department of Economics
University of California, Irvine, Department of Economics
Vanderbilt University, Department of Economics
Yale University, Department of Economics
- 1999: Cliometric Society Session at the ASSA Annual Meeting (New York)
NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy Program
Conference on "One Kind of Freedom Reconsidered" (Lehigh University)
Stanford University Conference on Race
Texas A&M University, Department of Economics
Indiana University, Department of Economics
University of Illinois, Department of Economics
Northwestern University, Department of Economics
Yale University, Department of Economics
- 2000: Cliometric Society Session at the ASSA Annual Meeting (Boston)
Fourth World Cliometric Congress (Montreal)
NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy Program
Economic History Association Meetings (Los Angeles)
University of Mississippi, Department of Economics
University of North Carolina, Department of Economics
University of California at Berkeley, Department of Economics
Washington University, St. Louis, Department of Economics
- 2001: NBER Development of the American Economy Program, Spring Meeting
NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy Program
Social Science History Association Meetings (Chicago)
University of Michigan, Department of Economics
University of Colorado, Department of Economics
Harvard University, Department of Economics
- 2002: Cliometric Society Session at the ASSA Annual Meeting (Atlanta)
Economic History Association Session at the ASSA Annual Meeting (Atlanta)
University of Maryland, Department of Economics
University of California at Los Angeles, Department of Economics
University of Chicago, Department of Economics

Northwestern University, Department of Economics
University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business, Center for Population Economics

- 2003: American Economic Association Session at the ASSA Annual Meeting (Washington)
Population Association of America Annual Meeting (Minneapolis)
NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy Program
Brookings-Wharton Conference on Urban Affairs (Washington)
Indiana University, Department of Economics
- 2004: Brookings Institution, Economic Studies Program
Miami University, Economics Department
Princeton University, Labor Economics/Industrial Relations Seminar
Davidson College, Economics Department
Fifth World Cliometric Congress (Venice)
Princeton University, *Brown v. Board of Education* Conference
Social Science History Association Conference (Chicago)
- 2005: American Economic Association Session at the ASSA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia)
Ohio State University, Economics Department
University of Michigan, National Poverty Center
NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy Program
Economic History Association Meetings (Toronto)
University of Pennsylvania, Economic History Forum
Conference on the New Comparative Economic History, Harvard University
- 2006: McGill University, Department of Economics
Queen's University, Department of Economics
University of Toronto, Department of Economics
Peking University, China Center of Economic Research
- 2007: University of Illinois at Chicago, Institute for Government and Public Affairs
Economic History Association Meetings (Austin)
- 2008: Lehigh University, Department of Economics
Population Association of America Annual Meeting
University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of Economics
NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy Program (scheduled)