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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2017– Associate Professor of Economics, George Mason University  
2011–2017 Assistant Professor of Economics, George Mason University  
2011– Senior Scholar at the Mercatus Center  
2010–2011 Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics, University of York  
2009–2010 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Political Theory Project, Brown University

## VISITING POSITIONS

2017–2018 W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell Fellowship, Hoover Institution.

## SHORTER VISITS

Nov. 2017 University of Pennsylvania  
Dec. 2016 Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University  
Jan. 2016 Isaac Manasseh Meyer Fellowship (IMMF), National University Singapore

## EDUCATION

2006–2010 D.Phil. Economics, Wadham College, University of Oxford  
2004–2006 M.Phil. Economics, Wadham College, University of Oxford  
2000–2003 M.A. Modern History and Economics, Trinity College, University of Oxford, *1st Class Honors*

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Primary: Economic History.  
Secondary: Religion & Economics, New Institutional Economics, Law & Economics

## BOOK PROJECT:

“The Birth of Religious Freedom: Liberalism, Rule of Law and State Development, 1100–1800” with Noel Johnson. *under contract with Cambridge University Press*

## PUBLICATIONS IN REFEREED JOURNALS

- 1 “Unified China and Divided Europe” with Chiu Yo Ko and Tuan-Hwee Sng, *International Economic Review*, Forthcoming.
- 2 “Jewish Communities and City Growth in Preindustrial Europe,” with Noel D. Johnson *Journal of Development Economics*, vol. 127, July, 2017, pp.339-354
- 3 “Jewish Persecutions and Weather Shocks, 1100-1800” with Robert Warren Anderson and Noel Johnson.’ *Economic Journal*, volume 127, issue 602, June 2017, pp. 924–958.
- 4 “States and Economic Growth: Capacity and Constraints”, with Noel D. Johnson, *Explorations in Economic History*, vol. 64, April 2017, pp. 1–20.
- 5 “Education, Identity, and Community: Lessons from Jewish Emancipation” with Jean-Paul Carvalho and Michael Sacks. *Public Choice*, 2017, 171(1), pp. 119–143.
- 6 “Jewish Emancipation and Schism: Economic Development and Religious Change”, with Jean-Paul Carvalho, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, vol. 44, Issue 3, August 2016, pp. 562–584.
- 7 “The Long Transition from a Natural State to a Liberal Economic Order”, *International Review of Law and Economics*, vol. 47, August 2016, pp. 29–39.
- 8 “Monetary Stability and the Rule of Law”, with Blake Johnson, *Journal of Financial Stability*, vol 17, 2015, pp. 46–58,
- 9 “The Law and Economics of Private Prosecutions in Industrial Revolution England”, *Public Choice*, vol. 159, issue 1-2, 2014, pp. 277–298.
- 10 “Taxes, Lawyers, and the Decline of Witchcraft in France,” with Noel Johnson. *The Journal of Law and Economics*, vol. 57, issue 1, 2014.
- 11 “Tax Farming and the Origins of State Capacity in England and France”, with Noel D. Johnson, *Explorations in Economic History*, 51,1, 2014, pp. 1–20.
- 12 “Legal Centralization and the Birth of the Secular State” with Noel D. Johnson. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, vol. 41, issue 4, 2013, pp. 959–978.
- 13 “Prosecution Associations in Industrial Revolution England: Private Providers of Public Goods?”, *Journal of Legal Studies*, vol. 41, issue 1, 2012, pp. 95–130.
- 14 “The Transformation of Labor Supply in the Pre-Industrial World”, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, vol. 81, issue 2, 2012, pp. 505–523.
- 15 “Evading the Taint of Usury: the Usury Prohibition as a Barrier to Entry”, *Explorations in Economic History*, vol. 47, issue 4, 2010 pp. 420–442.
- 16 “The Political Economy of Expulsion: the Regulation of Jewish Moneylending in Medieval England”, *Constitutional Political Economy*, vol. 32, issue 4, 2010, pp. 374–406.
- 17 ‘Instincts and Institutions: The Rise of the Market’, with Jean-Paul Carvalho, in *Advances in Austrian Economics*, volume 11. 2009, pp.285–309
- 18 ‘Playing Like the Home Team: An Economic Investigation into Home Advantage in Football’ with J. James Reade, *International Journal of Sports Finance*, Vol. 4. N. 1., 2009, pp. 16–41.

## BOOK CHAPTERS AND NON-REFEREED ARTICLES

- 1 “Establishing a New Order: The Growth of the State and the Decline of Witch Trials in France”, with Noel D. Johnson and John V.C. Nye. *Institutions, Innovation, and Industrialization: Essays in Economic History and Development*, Edited by Avner Greif, Lynne Kiesling John V. C. Nye, Princeton University Press. 2015.
- 2 Preindustrial Cliometrics: A review essay, *Economic Affairs*, Vol. 33, N. 2, 2013, pp 268–278.
- 3 ‘An Interview with Paul Collier’ with Bruno Versailles, *Oxonomics*, 3 no. 1, 2008 pp. 1–5.
- 4 ‘An Interview with Jeffrey Williamson’ with Bruno Versailles, *Oxonomics*, 3 no. 1, 2008 pp. 20–26.

5 ‘Increasing Returns and the Division of Labour’, *Oxonomics*, 1, no. 1, 2006 pp. 21–25.

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 1 A Review of Jared Rubin’s *Rulers, Religion, and Riches*, *Public Choice*, Forthcoming.
- 2 A Review of Walter Scheidel’s *The Greater Leveler*, *Public Choice*, Forthcoming.
- 3 A Review of Rodrick Floud, Santhi Hajeebu, and David Mitch (ed.), *Humanism Challenges Materialism in Economics and Economic History*, *Economic History Review*, Forthcoming.
- 4 A Review of Joel Mokyr’s *A Culture of Growth*, *Independent Review*, Forthcoming.
- 5 A Review of Peter Turchin’s *Ultra Society*, *Journal of Bioeconomics*, Vol. 18, N. 3, 2016, pp. 239–242.
- 6 A Review of Christen Eisenberg’s *The Rise of Market Society*, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 75 N. 3, 2015, pp. 932–933.
- 7 A Review of Jo Guldi and David Armitage’s *The History Manifesto*, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 75 N. 2, 2015, pp. 584–587.
- 8 A Review of Jacob Levy’s *Rationalism, Pluralism, and Freedom*, *Public Choice*, Vol. 163, N. 3, 2015, pp. 409–412.
- 9 A Review of Timur Kuran’s *The Long Divergence*, *Public Choice*. Vol. 154, N. 3, 2013, pp. 341-343.
- 10 A Review of Douglas Allen’s *The Institutional Revolution*, *EH.net*, 2012.
- 11 A Review of Ian Forrest’s *The Detection of Hersey in Late Medieval England*, *Journal of the Oxford University History Society*, vol. 6, 2009
- 12 A Review of James K. Galbraith’s *The Predator State*, *Economic Affairs*. Vol. 29 N. 1, 2009

## WORKING PAPERS (DRAFTS AVAILABLE)

- 1 “Autocratic Rule and Social Capital: Evidence from Imperial China”, with Melanie Meng Xue.
- 2 “Negative Shocks and Mass Killings: Evidence from the Black Death ”, with Remi Jebwab, and Noel D. Johnson.
- 3 “Resisting Education”, with Jean-Paul Carvalho.
- 4 “Geopolitics and Asia’s Little Divergence: A Comparative Analysis of State Building in China and Japan After 1850”, with Chiaki Moriguchi and Tuan-Hwee Sng
- 5 “Plague, Politics, and Pogroms: The Black Death, Fragmented states, and the persecution of Jews in the Holy Roman Empire”, with Theresa Finley. *R&R*
- 6 “Bones, Bacteria and Breakpoints: The Heterogenous Effects of the Black Death and Long-Run Growth”, with Remi Jebwab, and Noel D. Johnson.
- 7 “Medieval Microcredit: Credit markets and pledging in England”, with Chris Briggs.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- 1 “The Fractured Land Hypothesis” with Tuan-Hwee Sng, Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde, and Lin Youhong.
- 2 “Testing Theories of Conflict with Ancient World Data” with Jordan Adamson.
- 3 “Sea-Power” with Tuan-Hwee Sng.
- 4 “Witchcraft, Moral Sanctions and Gender Inequality” with Melanie Meng Xue.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2017 W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell Fellowship, Hoover Institution.
- 2016 Institute of Economic Research, Hitotsubashi University (PI: Tuan-Hwee Sng, CI with Chiaki Moriguchi)
- 2016 George Mason University Summer Research Funding
- 2016 Isaac Manasseh Meyer Fellowship (IMMF), National University Singapore.
- 2015 Joint Winner of the Tullock Prize for Best Paper in Public Choice in 2014 by a Junior Scholar
- 2013 Fenwick Fellow, George Mason University
- 2013 F.A. Hayek Fund for Scholars.
- 2011 Winner of The Sound Money Essay Contest
- 2011 Awarded Superpump Priming Funding, University of York
- 2011 Outstanding Author Contribution for “Instincts and Institutions”, Emerald Literati Network.
- 2010 Shortlisted for ISNIE Best Thesis Award.
- 2010 ESNIE Best Paper Award for “Medieval Microcredit”.
- 2008 Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship
- 2008 Final Year Doctoral Scholarship, Department of Economics
- 2007 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of Economics
- 2007 Recipient of the Pollard Fund, Wadham College, University of Oxford
- 2005 Eprime Eshag Scholarship in Economics, Wadham College, University of Oxford
- 2004 ERSC Studentship
- 2003 George Webb Medley Undergraduate Prize for best undergraduate thesis in economics.
- 2003 Finals Prize, Trinity College, University of Oxford

## SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

- 2018 Santa Clara University (invited), Stanford University (Economics, invited). (N=2)
- 2017 Hebrew University (invited), Ben-Gurion University (invited), ASREC (Boston), Wake Forest University (Invited), Brown University (Political Theory Project, invited), University of Rochester (invited), Northwestern University (invited), SOIE (New York), Law & Economics Workshop (Florence, invited), International Economic Association Roundtable on The Economics of Religion, Cambridge (invited), University of Pennsylvania (invited). (N=11)
- 2016 National University of Singapore (invited), Harvard University Economic History Workshop (invited), Chapman University (invited), ASREC (Chapman University), Economic History Society Meetings (Cambridge, UK), Deep Determinants of Economic Growth Conference (invited), Brown University, Cliometrics Conference (Pittsburgh), Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (invited), NBER Summer Institute, Washington Area Economic History Workshop, PPE Workshop (GMU), University of Mississippi (invited), Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington DC, Rutgers Economic History Workshop (invited), American University SIS (invited), Hitotsubashi University (invited). (N=16)
- 2015 ASSA Meetings, Boston, PPE Workshop, George Mason University; ASREC, Boston; Fenwick Lecture, George Mason University; Carlos III Madrid (invited); ESNIE, Institute of Cargese (invited); University of Michigan (invited); NES Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions, Moscow (invited); NYU, Classical Liberal Institute (invited), Social Science History Conference, Baltimore, Stanford Economic History Workshop (invited). (N=11)

- 2014 Economic History Workshop, George Mason University, Economic History Society Conference, Warwick, Deep Determinants of Economic Growth Conference, Brown University (invited), National University of Singapore (invited), ISNIE, Duke Law School, EHA, Columbus Ohio, Adam Smith Workshop, George Mason University, Colby College (invited), American University invited). (N=8)
- 2013 King's College London (invited); PPE Workshop, George Mason University; Public Choice Conference (New Orleans); ASREC, Washington D.C; Economic History Workshop, George Mason University; All-UC Economic History Conference, Chapman University, Cliometrics Conference, University of Hawaii-Manoa, Mercatus Center, Instead of the Fed Conference, Arlington VA. (N=8)
- 2012 University of California, Irvine (invited), ASREC, Chapman University, University of Reading (invited). (N=3)
- 2011 George Mason Economic History Workshop, Southern Economic Association Conference, Washington DC, Public Choice Seminar and PPE Workshop, George Mason University (both invited); ASREC, Washington DC; ISNIE, Stanford University; Cliometrics Workshop, LSE; Medieval History Congress, University of Leeds. (N=8)
- 2010 ESNIE, Institute of Cargese; Macrolunch, Brown University; Royal Economics Society Conference, University of Surrey; Economic History Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford; Departmental Workshop and Cherry Seminar, University of York. (N=6)
- 2009 Economic History Society, New Researchers Session, Warwick University; Economic History Workshop and Postdoc and DPhil Workshop, University of Oxford, Economic History Association, Poster Session (Arizona). (N=3)
- 2008 Gorman Workshop, University of Oxford; Economic History Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford. (N=2)
- 2007 Medieval Social and Political Institutions: Their Economic Effects, University of Western Ontario; Economic History Workshop, Nuffield College, University of Oxford. (N=2)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

### *Conferences and Seminars Organized*

Organizer or Program Chair: ASREC (2017); Washington Area One Day Economic History Conference, George Mason University, July 2013, January 2014, August 2014, January 2015, August 2015, January 2016, August 2016, January 2017;

2013–Co-organizer of the Washington Area Economic History Seminar. 2013-2015 Coordinator of the Public Choice Seminar, George Mason University.

Conference panels organized: EHS (Cambridge) 2016, Social Science History (Baltimore) 2015, Southern Economic Association Meetings (Washington DC), 2011, 2016.

Other Conference Attendance: Deep Determinants of Economic Growth Conference, Brown University (2017), All-UC Economic History Conference on Conflict and Development (2016), NBER Conference Housing and Mortgage Markets in Historical Perspective Conference (2011).

Faculty Participant for Adam Smith Fellowship Workshops, Mercatus Center 2014-2017.

Guest Lecturer for the Public Choice Outreach Conference, 2017

### *Discussant*

CSAE (2010), Southern Economic Association Conference (2011), ASREC (2012, 2013, 2015, 2017), Public Choice (2013), EHA (2013, 2014, 2015), ESNIE (2015).

## *Refereeing Activity*

Refereeing for *Econometrica*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *International Organization*, *European Economic Review*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Economics*, *Organization and Behavior*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *European Review of Economic History*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Business History*, *Constitutional Political Economy*, *Public Choice*, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *Journal of Sports Economics*, *Financial History Review*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Economics Bulletin*, *Bulletin of Economic Research*, *Economics of Governance*, *Studies in Emergent Orders*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Financial Stability*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Economics of Transition*, *Economic Modeling*, *Kyklos*, *Econ Journal Watch*, *Sociological Theory*, *Comparative Economic Studies*, Palgrave MacMillan and Cambridge University Press.  
Managing Editor of *Oxonomics* 2007–2009 .

## *University Service*

IT Committee, George Mason University.

Fenwick Fellow Selection Panel, George Mason University.

Member of the Economic History Field Exam Committee, 2011–2017

Member of the MA Economics Exam Committee, 2013–2017

Member of Dissertation Committee (institution, year, and first placement in brackets): Theresa Finley (2017, Susquehanna University [tenure-track]), Cameron Harwick (2017), Conor Lennon (University of Pittsburgh, 2016, University of Louisville [tenure-track]) Cheryl Litman (GMU), Josh Trojniak (GMU), Meng Xue (GMU, 2015, UCLA Anderson, [Post-doctoral Fellowship]), Aaron Honsowetz (GMU, 2015, Bethany College [tenure-track]), Franz Loyola (GMU), and Zeynab Masoudnia (GMU, 2014).

Assisted in 2016-2017 Undergraduate Assessment.

OLLI Lecture Fall 2016.

Independent Study & Directed Readings: Michael Spinzor Watson (Fall 2013).

## *Media*

Research featured in the FT, Washington Post, New York Times, Globe & Mail, Foreign Policy, Times of Israel, Israel Hayom, Wired, Slate,

Occasional essays and blog posts for a variety of venues including *Aeon*, *The Medium*, *Marginal Revolution*, *Notes on Liberty*, and *Vox.eu*.

Podcasts on *Research on Religion*, *MacroMusings*, and *The Economics Detective*.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Graduate*

Microeconomic Theory (MA level, GMU); Analytical Narratives (PhD level, GMU), Political Economy of the State (PhD level, GMU); Economics of Religion (PhD level, GMU).

### *Undergraduate*

Topics in Economic History (GMU); Economics of Developing Areas (GMU); International Growth and Development (York); Development Economics (York); The British Industrial Revolution (York); British Economic and Social History Since 1870 (Department of Economics, Oxford), Macroeconomics Finals (St Catherine's College, Oxford), Prelims Microeconomics (Corpus Christi, Oxford).

## REFERENCES

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