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Education

Ph.D., UCLA, 2003
M.A., Economics, UCLA 2000
B.S., Economics, University of Minnesota 1998
B.A., Summa Cum Laude, History, University of Minnesota 1998
B.A., Mathematics, University of Minnesota 1998

Employment

2003 to present, Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Economics, UC Irvine

Editorial

2015-2018, Co-Editor European Review of Economic History

Journal Articles, Peer-Reviewed

‘Investing in Early Public Works: Financial risks and returns in English and Welsh turnpikes 1820-1882.’ Forthcoming *Economic History Review*

‘Party connections, interest groups, and the slow diffusion of infrastructure: Evidence from Britain’s first transport revolution.’ *The Economic Journal*, 128 (March 2018), 541–575.

‘Political Party Representation and Electoral Politics in England and Wales, 1690-1747,’ *Social Science History*, Vol. 40, Number 2, Summer 2016, pp. 271-303

‘Off the Rails: Is State Ownership Bad for Productivity? (Joint with Latika Chaudhary)’ *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Vol. 43, Issue 4, November 2015, pp: 997-1013.

Engines of Growth: The Productivity Advance of Indian Railways, 1874-1912 (Joint with Latika Chaudhary), *Journal of Economic History*, 73 (2013), 339-370

Note: this paper was awarded the Cole Prize for the best article in the Journal of Economic History 2013.

Regulation, Ownership and Costs: A Historical Perspective from Indian Railways (Joint with Latika Chaudhary) *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 4 (2011), 28-57.

‘Did the Glorious Revolution Contribute to the Transport Revolution? Evidence from Investment in Roads and Rivers’ *Economic History Review* 64 (November 2011), 1073-1112.

‘Property Rights and Parliament in Industrializing Britain.’ (Joint with Gary Richardson), *Journal of Law & Economics* 54 (May 2011), 241-274.

‘The Estate Acts Database: A New Source for British History.’ (Joint with Gary Richardson). *Research in Economic History* 27 (2010), 1-50.

‘A Global Perspective on Railway Inefficiency and the Rise of State Ownership, 1880-1912.’ *Explorations in Economic History* 47 (April 2010), 158-178.

‘Making Property Productive: Reorganizing Rights to Real and Equitable Estates in Britain, 1600-1830.’ With Gary Richardson. *European Review of Economic History* 13 (April 2009), 3-30.

‘Nationalizations and the Development of Transport Systems: Cross-Country Evidence from Railroad Networks: 1860-1912.’ *Journal of Economic History* 69 (March 2009) 202-237.

‘Inter-modal Network Externalities and Transport Development: Evidence from Roads, Canals, and Ports during the English Industrial Revolution.’ *Networks and Spatial Economics* 9 (2009), 309-338.

'Turnpike Trusts and Property Income: New Evidence on the Effects of Transport Improvements and Legislation in Eighteenth-Century England,' *Economic History Review* 62 (2009), 128-152.

'Neighbors, Networks, and the Development of Transport Systems: Explaining the Diffusion of Turnpike Trusts in Eighteenth Century England,' *Journal of Urban Economics* 61 (March 2007), 238-262.

'Turnpike Trusts and the Transportation Revolution in Eighteenth Century England.' *Explorations in Economic History*, 42 (October 2005), 479-508.

Note: this paper was awarded the Explorations Prize for best article in Explorations in Economic History 2005.

'Did Turnpike Trusts Increase Transport Investment in Eighteenth Century England?' *The Journal of Economic History*, 65 (June 2005), 439-468

Peer-reviewed Book Chapters

'When do toll roads pay? Local conditions and the financial returns to English turnpike roads.' in *Le financement des infrastructures de transport XVIIe-début XIXe siècle*, edited by Anne Conchon, David Plouviez, Eric Szulman, Paris, IGPDE-Comité pour l'histoire économique et financière de la France, 2018.

'The East Indian Monopoly and the Transition from Limited Access in England, 1600-1813.' in *Organizations, Civil Society, and the Roots of Development*, edited by Naomi R. Lamoreaux and John J. Wallis, University of Chicago and National Bureau of Economic Research 2017.

Railways in Colonial India: An Economic Achievement? (Joint with Latika Chaudhary) book chapter in *A New Economic History of Colonial India*, edited by Tirthankar Roy, Bishnupriya Gupta, Anand Swamy and Latika Chaudhary, Routledge 2016.

The Transport Revolution in Industrializing Britain: A Survey in *Cambridge Economic History of Britain 1700 to 1870*, third edition, edited by Roderick Floud and Jane Humphries, Cambridge University Press, 2014.

The Economic History of Transportation in Routledge *Handbook of Modern Economic History*, edited by Robert Whaples and Randall E. Parker, Routledge, 2013.

'Two Roads to the Transportation Revolution: Early Corporations in the U.K. and the United States,' (Joint with John Majewski) in *Understanding Long-Run Economic Growth: Geography, Institutions, and the Knowledge Economy*, edited by Dora Costa and Naomi Lamoreaux, University of Chicago Press and National Bureau of Economic Research, 2011.

'British Legal Institutions and Transaction Costs in the Early Transport Revolution,' in *Law and Long-Term Economic Change*, Eds. Debin Ma and Jan Luiten van Zanden, Stanford University Press, 2011.

'State and Private Institutions,' With Mauricio Drelichman, Oscar Gelderblom, and Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, in *Unifying the European Experience: An Economic History of Modern Europe*. Eds. Stephen Broadberry and Kevin O'Rourke, Cambridge University Press, 2009.

Fellowships and Grants

Leverhulme Trust Grant, Co- PI with Leigh Shaw Taylor and Tony Wrigley of Cambridge University RPG-2013-093, 2014-2017.
Project Title: Transport, urbanization and economic development in England c.1670-1911

NSF Grant, PI. Award number SES-1260699, 2013-2015
Project Title: Modeling the Transport Revolution and the Industrial Revolution in England

Seed Grant, Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, UC Irvine, 2011
Project Title: Infrastructure Development and Regulation: Historical Perspectives from the Industrial Revolution

Seed Grant, Academic Senate, Council on Research, Computing, and Libraries, UC Irvine 2011
Project Title: Infrastructure Development and Regulation: Historical Perspectives from the Industrial Revolution'

Seed Grant, Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, UC Irvine, 2008
Project Title: State Ownership and Infrastructure Performance: Evidence from Indian Railways, 1860-1913

Social Science Alumni Assistant Professor Research Award, University of California Irvine, 2005

Project Title: The Political Foundations of Economic Growth in England, 1600-1850

Seed Grant, Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, UC Irvine, 2004 (with Gary Richardson)

Project Title: The Political Economy of Parliamentary Legislation in England

Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2002-03

National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement grant # SES-0136749, 2001-02 (with Jean-Laurent Rosenthal)

Project Title: Privatizing the King's Highway: Institutional Change and Infrastructure Investment in Eighteenth Century England

Mentoring Fellowship, UCLA, 2000-2001

Project Title: Corruption and Rent-Seeking in Early Modern Europe

Pauley Fellowship, UCLA, 1998-1999

Awards

Cole Prize for best article in the Journal of Economic History, 2013

Explorations Prize for best article in Explorations in Economic History, 2005

Social Science Alumni Assistant Professor Research Award, UC Irvine, Summer 2005

Finalist for the Gerschenkron Dissertation Prize in Economic History, 2004