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## EDUCATION

**Harvard University, Ph.D. in Economics, 2006**

**Princeton University, A.B. in Economics *summa cum laude*, 2000**

## EMPLOYMENT

### **Princeton University**

Professor of Economics, 2017–present

### **University of California Los Angeles**

Professor of Economics, 2016–2017; Associate 2012–2016; Assistant 2006–2012

## POSITIONS

### **National Bureau of Economic Research**

Co-Director, Development of the American Economy Program, 2017–present  
Faculty Research Fellow/Research Associate 2007–present

### **Journal of Urban Economics**

Co-editor, 2017–present; Editorial board, 2013–17

### **Editorial board**

American Economic Review, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economic Perspectives, Journal of European Econ Assn (2013–15)

## BOOKS

*Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migrants in Northern Cities and Labor Markets*, Princeton University Press, 2017.

Winner of Allan Sharlin Award (Social Science History Association)

Winner of Alice Hanson Jones Award (Economic History Association)

*Human Capital in History: The American Record*, co-edited with Carola Frydman and Robert A. Margo. Chicago: U of Chicago Press, 2014.

## PUBLISHED OR FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“Do Immigrants Assimilate More Slowly Today Than in the Past?,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson. *American Economic Review: Insights*, Forthcoming.

(Previously: “Cultural Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration,” NBER Working Paper 22381)

“Variation in Women’s Success Across PhD Programs in Economics,” with Andrew Langan. *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 33 (2019), 23–42.

“To the New World and Back Again: Return Migration and Upward Mobility,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, 72 (2019) 300–322.

**PUBLISHED PAPERS, CONT.**

“Urbanization in the United States, 1800-2000,” with Devin Bunten and Owen Hearey. *Oxford Handbook of American Economic History*, ed. Louis Cain, Price Fishback, Paul Rhode. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018).

“Immigration in American Economic History,” with Ran Abramitzky. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 55 (2017) 1311–45.

“Racial Differences in Health in Long-Run Perspective,” with Robert A. Margo. *Oxford Handbook of Economics and Human Biology*, ed. John Komlos. (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016).

“The Origin and Persistence of Black-White Differences in Women’s Labor Force Participation,” with William J. Collins. In *Human Capital in History: The American Record*, ed. Leah Boustan, Carola Frydman and Robert A. Margo (U of Chicago Press, 2014).

“A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson. *Journal of Political Economy*, 122 (2014) 467-506.

“A Silver Lining to White Flight? White Suburbanization and African-American Homeownership, 1940-80,” with Robert A. Margo. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 78 (2013) 71–80.

“The Effect of Rising Income Inequality on Taxation and Public Expenditures: Evidence from US Municipalities and School Districts, 1970-2000,” with Fernando Ferreira, Hernan Winkler and Eric Zolt. *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 95 (2013), 1291–1302.

“Local Public Goods and the Demand for High-Income Municipalities,” *Journal of Urban Economics*, 76 (2013) 71–82.

“Have the Poor Always Been Less Likely to Migrate? Evidence from Inheritance Practices during the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson. *Journal of Development Economics*, 102 (2013) 2–14.

“Population Trends as a Counterweight to Central City Decline,” with Allison Shertzer. *Demography* 50.1 (2013): 125–47.

“Europe’s Tired, Poor, Huddled Masses: Self-selection and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration,” with Ran Abramitzky and Katherine Eriksson, *American Economic Review* 102.5 (2012): 1832–56.

“Moving to Higher Ground: Migration Response to Natural Disasters in the Early Twentieth Century,” with Matthew E. Kahn and Paul W. Rhode, *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings* 102.3 (2012): 238–44.

“School Desegregation and Urban Change: Evidence from City Boundaries,” *American Economic Journal: Applied* 4.1 (2012): 85–108.

“Racial Residential Segregation in American Cities,” in *Oxford Handbook of Urban Economics and Planning*, ed. Nancy Brooks and Gerrit-Jan Knaap (Oxford University Press, 2011), 318–39.

**PUBLISHED PAPERS, CONT.**

“The Effect of Internal Migration on Local Labor Markets: American Cities During the Great Depression,” with Price Fishback and Shawn Kantor, *Journal of Labor Economics* 28.4 (2010): 719–46. Winner of the 2010 IPUMS Research award

“Was Postwar Suburbanization White Flight? Evidence from the Black Migration,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 125.1 (2010): 417–43.

“Job Decentralization and Postwar Suburbanization: Evidence from State Capitals,” with Robert A. Margo, *Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs* (2009): 1–20.

“Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migration and Northern Labor Markets, 1940-1970,” *Journal of Economic History* 69.3 (2009): 756–83.

“Race, Segregation, and Postal Employment: New Evidence on Spatial Mismatch,” with Robert A. Margo, *Journal of Urban Economics* 65.1 (2009): 1–10.

“Were Jews Political Refugees or Economic Migrants? Assessing the Persecution Theory of Jewish Emigration, 1881-1914,” in *The New Comparative Economic History: Essays in Honor of Jeffrey G. Williamson*, ed. Tim Hatton, Kevin O’Rourke and Alan Taylor (MIT Press, 2007), 267–90.

“Black Migration, White Flight: The Effect of Black Migration on Northern Cities and Labor Markets,” *Journal of Economic History* 67.2 (2007): 484–88. (Dissertation summary)

**WORKING PAPERS**

“Automated Linking of Historical Data,” with Ran Abramitzky, Katherine Eriksson, James Feigenbaum, and Santiago Perez. NBER Working Paper 25825, May 2019.

“The Intergenerational Effects of a Large Wealth Shock: White Southerners after the Civil War,” with Philipp Ager and Katherine Eriksson. NBER Working Paper 25700, March 2019.

“The Effect of Natural Disasters on Economic Activity in US Counties: A Century of Data,” with Matthew Kahn, Paul Rhode and Maria Lucia Yanguas. NBER Working Paper 23410, May 2017.

**CURRENT PROJECTS**

“The Effects of Immigration on the Economy: Lessons from the 1920s Border Closure,” with Ran Abramitzky, Philipp Ager, Elior Cohen and Casper Worm Hansen.

“Economic and Cultural Assimilation in Immigrant Enclaves: Evidence from the Industrial Removal Office,” with Ran Abramitzky and Dylan Connor.

“Intergenerational Mobility of Immigrants in the U.S. over Two Centuries,” with Ran Abramitzky, Elisa Jacome & Santiago Perez

“The Role of the Condominium in Urban Gentrification,” with Robert A. Margo and Justin Steil.

“The Political and Economic Effects of Black Emigration from US South,” with Marco Tabellini.

Immigrant oral histories with Ran Abramitzky, Peter Catron, Dylan Connor and Rob Voigt

Labor market effects of automation in mid-20<sup>th</sup> century with David Clingingsmith

**BOOK REVIEWS**

- Gavin Wright, *Sharing the Prize: The Economics of the Civil Rights Revolution in the American South*.
- Jared Diamond and James A. Robinson, eds., *Natural Experiments of History*.
- Kenneth Kuzmer and Joe Trotter, eds., *African-American Urban History Since World War II*.
- Kevin M. Kruse and Thomas J. Sugrue, eds., *The New Suburban History*.
- Nancy Foner and George M. Fredrickson, eds., *Not Just Black and White: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity in the US*.

**HONORS, PRIZES AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2019	IZA Young Labor Economist Award
2018	Graduate Economics Club, Best Advisor Award, Princeton University
2016–17	Russell Sage Foundation Research Project Award
2014	<i>American Economic Review</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award
2013–14	Research Fellow, Straus Institute at NYU School of Law
2012–14	Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship
2011	<i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> Excellence in Refereeing Award
2010	IPUMS Research Award, Best Journal Article
2010–13	National Science Foundation Research Grant
2006–14 (x 4)	Distinguished Teaching Award, UCLA Economics Dept
2006	Alan Nevins Prize for best dissertation in American Economic History
2001–04	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

**PUBLIC LECTURES, INVITED CONFERENCES AND INVITED TEACHING**

2019	Keynote, Neighborhoods, Externalities and Inequality workshop, Copenhagen
2019	Public lecture, “Streets of Gold: Immigration and the American Dream,” Trinity-Dublin
2018	Keynote, Urban Economics Association
2018	“The Economics and Ethics of Immigration,” New York University
2018	Departmental seminar, Princeton University
2018	Departmental seminar, UC-Berkeley Department of Economics
2014	Mary MacKinnon Lecture, Canadian Network for Economic History
2013	Keynote, “Migration: Global Development, New Frontiers,” University College London
2011	Institut d’Economia de Barcelona, Summer School in Immigration & Public Policy
2010	Public lecture, “Black Migration and the Transformation of American Cities in the 20 <sup>th</sup> Century,” Dartmouth College

**GRADUATE ADVISING** \* indicates chair or co-chair

2019	Jessica Brown (South Carolina); Mingyu Chen; Andrew Langan* (Mathematica); Maria Lucia Yanguas (Cornerstone)
2017	Peter Catron (Sociology; U Washington); Dylan Connor (Geography; Arizona State); Matthew Miller (Amazon); Colin Weiss (Fed Board)
2016	Devin Buntin (Fed Board; now MIT Urban Planning); Owen Hearey (Analysis Group); Carlos Hernandez* (Universidad de Los Andes)
2015	Francisco Haimovich* (World Bank); Sandra Rozo (USC Marshall)
2014	Gabriela Rubio (UC-Merced)
2013	Katherine Eriksson* (Cal Poly; now UC Davis); Molly Ball (History; Rochester)
2012	Matt Hill (Pompeu Fabra); Mohamed Saleh (Toulouse)
2011	Allison Shertzer (Pittsburgh); Hernan Winkler (World Bank)

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