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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025–	Assistant Professor of Humanities University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2023–2024	Lecturer in Economics University of Georgia, Athens, GA
2022–2023	Visiting Assistant Professor in Economics Drew University, Madison, NJ
2020–2022	Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in the Social Sciences—Law, Letters and Society University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

EDUCATION

2020	Ph.D., U.S. History, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
2016	M.A., U.S. History, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
2012	B.A. Economics and History, Georgetown University, Washington, DC

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Business, economic, and labor history; nineteenth- and twentieth-century U.S.; regulatory policy and public choice; history of economic thought; American political development; microeconomics; American religious history; Catholic social thought; risk and uncertainty; small business

PUBLICATIONS

Books in Progress

In preparation *Managers of Uncertainty: Labor, the Limits of Insurability, and America's Corporate Consolidation, 1885–1921*

Scholarly Articles

2024 “Evading Capture: Army Engineers and Railroad Policy, 1827-1853,” *Journal of Policy History*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (Winter 2024), 95-133.

First View “Strike Insurance: The Labor Question and the Limits of Insurance, 1900-1910,” *Enterprise and Society* (First View).

Under Revision “Risk, Uncertainty, and (Entrepreneurial) Profit before Knight.”

Under Review “Pressing a Suit Against the New Deal: Small-Business Resistance to the NRA and the Origins of Libertarian Populism.”

In preparation “American Traditionalists and the Liturgy Wars, 1965-2007.”

Book Chapters

- 2019 “Warning Out, Settlement Laws, and Managing Poor-Relief CPRs in the Tocquevillian Township,” in *Interdisciplinary Studies of the Political Order: New Applications of Public Choice Theory*, edited by Donald J. Boudreaux; Christopher J. Coyne and Bobbi Herzberg (Rowman & Littlefield International, 2019), 159-186.

Book Reviews

- 2022 Review of *Capital in the Nineteenth Century* by Robert E. Gallman and Paul W. Rhode, *Business History Review*, Vol. 95, Issue 4 (Winter 2021), 854-856.
- 2022 Review of *Highway Robbery: The Two-Decade Battle to Reform America’s Automobile Insurance System* by Peter Kinzler, *H-Sci-Med-Tech* (September 2022).

Public Scholarship

- 2023 “Rest in Peace, Anchor Brewing Company,” *The American Conservative* (July 22, 2023).
- 2021 “Röpke’s *The German Question* at 75,” *The American Conservative* (Sept. 29, 2021).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 “The Business of Brewing Labor: Labor-Relations Strategies in Milwaukee and New York Breweries, 1885-1891,” to be presented at the Business History Conference
- 2024 “Unmaking a New Deal: Small-Business Resistance to the NRA and the Origins of Libertarian Populism,” presented at the Policy History Conference
- 2023 “Unmaking a New Deal: Resistance to the NRA and the Origins of Small-Business Economic Conservatism,” presented at the Business History Conference
- 2023 “American Traditionalists and the Liturgy Wars, 1965-2007,” presented at the Ciceronian Society
- 2020 “Brewing Corporate Consolidation: Labor Relations, Financialization, and Regulation at Blatz Brewing,” presented at the Business History Conference
- 2019 “Regulatory Uncertainty and Railroad Asset Prices during World War I,” presented at the Social Science History Association
- 2019 “Harvesting Horizontal Integration,” presented at the Economic and Business History Society
- 2019 “Risk, Uncertainty, and (Entrepreneurial) Profit before Knight,” presented at the History of Economics Society
- 2018 “Risk, Uncertainty, and (Insurance) Profit before Knight,” presented at the History of Economics Society
- 2018 “The Labor Problem, the Insurance Idea, and American Employers’ Quest for Strike Insurance,” presented at the Business History Conference

SELECTED WORKSHOP PAPERS

- 2022 “Froth, Fraud, and New Financial Technologies: the Anglo-American Brewery Syndication Craze, 1888-1891,” History and Theory of Capitalism Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2019 “How the Corps of Engineers Avoided Capture and Came to Oppose Federal Aid to Railroads, 1827-1853,” U.S. History Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2019 “Harvesting Horizontal Integration: Labor Relations, Corporate Strategy, and the Great Merger Movement, 1885-1902,” Historical Capitalisms and Social Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2018 “Unmaking a New Deal: Massive Resistance to the National Recovery Administration and the Origins of Small-Business Economic Conservatism,” U.S. History Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2018 “Warning Out, Settlement Laws, and Poor Relief in the Tocquevillian Township,” Political Process & Political Order Colloquium, Mercatus Center
- 2016 “The Labor Problem, the Insurance Idea, and American Employers’ Quest for Strike Insurance,” U.S. History Workshop, University of Chicago

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught at the University of Georgia

- 2024 (x6) Principles of Macroeconomics
- 2024 (x2) Economic History of the U.S.
- 2023 (x3) Principles of Macroeconomics
- 2023 Economic History of the U.S.

Courses Taught at Drew University

- 2023 (x2) Principles of Microeconomics
- 2023 The Emergence of Capitalism in Early Modern Europe
- 2022 (x2) Principles of Microeconomics
- 2022 American Economic Development

Courses Taught at the University of Chicago

- 2021, 2022 Economics in the Twentieth Century/Modern Theories of Capitalism
- 2021, 2022 Alcohol and American Society
- 2021, 2022 Christianity Confronts Capitalism: Natural Law, Economics, and Social Reform
- 2020, 2022 American Conservatism Since 1945
- 2018 Social Sciences Core: Early Modern Political Theory

Other Teaching

- 2018 Economics Boot Camp for Historians (week-long class for graduate students)

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

2012-2015 *Senior Analyst*, Summit Consulting, LLC, Washington DC
Verified and cleaned historic financial data, performed econometric analyses on time-series data for the Federal Reserve's Long-Term Fiscal Forecast Model, and developed models forecasting repayments, prepayments, and defaults for USDA federal-credit programs with a \$27 billion loan portfolio.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024 Special Collections Libraries Teaching Fellow, University of Georgia
2023 Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Menard Family George Washington Forum, Ohio University (Declined)
2023 Postdoctoral Travel Grant, Business History Conference
2020-2022 Teaching Fellow in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2019-2020 Michael and Ling Markovitz Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Chicago
2019 HES Young Scholars Award (highest level), History of Economics Society
2018-2019 Humane Studies Fellowship, The Institute for Humane Studies
2018 Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., Travel Grant, Business History Conference
2016-2018 Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center
2016-2017 Bernard Marcus Scholar, The Institute for Humane Studies
2014-2019 Five-Year Social Sciences Fellowship, University of Chicago

SELECTED ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2021 Master Class, The Integralism of Jacques Maritain, Lumen Christi Institute
2021 Master Class, Toward an Adequate Anthropology: Social Aspects of Imago Dei, Lumen Christi Institute
2019 Master Class, Philosophy of Democratic Government, Lumen Christi Institute
2019 Seminar, Federalists and Antifederalists, Institute for Humane Studies
2019 Seminar, Catholic Social Thought, Lumen Christi Institute
2019 Seminar, Tocqueville on Pauperism, Mercatus Center
2018 Seminar, Economics and Catholic Social Thought, Lumen Christi Institute
2018 Master Class, Councils and Popes, Lumen Christi Institute
2018 Master Class, *Democracy in America*, Lumen Christi Institute
2016 Seminar, Liberty and Civil Society, The Institute for Humane Studies

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Business History Conference
CREDO: the Catholic Research Economists Discussion Organization
Ciceronian Society
Economic and Business History Society
History of Economics Society
Policy History Conference
Social Science History Association