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## Professional Appointments

Vanderbilt University: Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics	2019 -
National Bureau of Economic Research: Faculty Research Fellow	2017 -

## Previous Appointments

The College of William & Mary: Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics	2015 - 2019
The College of William & Mary: Faculty Affiliate, Public Policy	2015 - 2019

## Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Pittsburgh; 2015  
Dissertation "Government and Economic Outcomes"  
Supervised by: Werner Troesken

M.A. Economics, University of Pittsburgh; 2012  
B.A. Business Finance, University of Washington (Tacoma); 2010

## Publications

[Recessions, mortality, and migration bias: Evidence from the Lancashire Cotton Famine](#)  
(with Vellore Arthi and Walker Hanlon)  
Previously circulated as NBER working paper W23507.  
Conditionally Accepted: ***American Economic Journal: Applied Economics***.

[The 1918 influenza pandemic and its lessons for COVID-19](#)  
(with Karen Clay and Martin Saavedra)  
***Journal of Economic Literature***, Forthcoming

[Losing by less? Import competition, unemployment insurance generosity, and crime](#)  
(with John Lopresti)  
***Economic Inquiry***, 2019. 57(2): 1163-81

[Coal smoke and mortality in an early industrial economy](#)  
(with Walker Hanlon)  
***The Economic Journal***, 2018. 128(615): 2652-75.

[Gridlock: Ethnic diversity in government and the provision of public goods](#)  
(with Daniel Jones)  
***American Economic Journal: Economic Policy***, 2017. 9(1):112-36.

## Publications continued

Business as usual: Politicians with business experience, government finances, and policy outcomes

(with Daniel Jones)

***Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization***, 2016 131: 292-307.

Typhoid fever, water quality, and human capital formation

(with Joseph Ferrie, Martin Saavedra, and Werner Troesken)

***The Journal of Economic History***, 2016. 76(1) 41-75.

Awarded Arthur H. Cole prize for best article 2015-16.

Mitigating the effects of low birth weight: Evidence from quasi-randomly assigned adoptees

(with Martin Saavedra)

***American Journal of Health Economics***, 2015.1(3): 275-96.

Time or spot? A reevaluation of Amsterdam market data prior to 1747

(with Stephen Norman and Douglas Wills)

***Cliometrica***, 2013. 7 (1): 61-85.

## Working Papers

Fetal shock or selection? The 1918 influenza pandemic and human capital development

(with Joseph Ferrie and Martin Saavedra)

NBER working paper W24725.

Revisions Requested: ***The Journal of Political Economy***.

Minority representation in local government

(with Daniel Jones, Tate Twinam, and Randall Walsh)

NBER working paper W25192.

Revisions Requested: ***American Economic Journal: Economic Policy***.

Culture and the historical fertility transition

(with Walker Hanlon)

Previously circulated as NBER working paper W25752

Disease and the municipalization of private waterworks in nineteenth century England and Wales

(with Werner Troesken and Nicola Tynan)

NBER working paper W22553.

Land use regulation and individual welfare

(with Tate Twinam)

Do markets reward constitutional reform? Lessons from America's state debt crisis

## Invited Seminars

Colby College (Nov. 2019) ■ U. of Tennessee, Knoxville (Apr. 2019) ■ U. Pittsburgh (Dec. 2018) ■ Florida State U. (Oct. 2018) ■ Oberlin College (Oct. 2018) ■ George Mason U. (Sep. 2018) ■ Princeton U. (May 2018) ■ Auburn U. (Dec. 2017) ■ Northwestern U. (May 2015) ■ U. of South Carolina (Oct. 2014).

## Conferences and Workshops

NYU Stern Health and History Workshop (2020) ■ Economic Demography Workshop (2020) ■ UC Irvine Demography & Development (2020) ■ ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting (2020\*, 2019, 2018\*, 2016\*) ■ Urban Economic Association Annual Meeting (2019) ■ Economic History Association Annual Meeting (2019, 2014) ■ Cliometrics Society Annual Meeting (2019, 2014) ■ University of Michigan's H2D2 Workshop (2019) ■ Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting (2019) ■ Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (2018\*, 2016, 2015) ■ World Economic History Congress (2018) ■ NBER DAE Spring Meeting (2018) ■ Social Science History Annual Meeting (2017) ■ Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2017) ■ Pittsburgh Economics Medley (2014, 2013) ■ NBER Summer Institute, DAE group (2013).

\* Denotes discussant only.

## Teaching Experience

### Vanderbilt University

Economic History (PhD).  
Public Economics (undergraduate).  
Seminar in Microeconomic Policy (undergraduate).

### College of William & Mary

Public Economics (undergraduate).  
Economics of State and Local Policymaking (graduate).  
Microeconomics for Public Policy (graduate).  
Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate).  
Economics of Regulation (undergraduate).

### University of Pittsburgh

Introduction to Microeconomics (undergraduate).

## Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

College of William & Mary Summer Research Grant, 2017  
Arthur H. Cole Prize for best article in the Journal of Economic History, 2016  
Suzann Wilson Matthews Summer Research Grant, 2016  
Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, 2014-2015  
Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 2013-2014  
Arts and Sciences Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, 2013  
Jerome C. Wells Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistance, 2012

## **Referee Service**

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics ■ American Economic Journal: Economic Policy ■ American Journal of Health Economics ■ Applied Economics ■ Demography ■ Economic Inquiry ■ Economics of Education Review ■ Economic History Review ■ European Review of Economic History ■ Explorations in Economic History ■ Journal of Comparative Economics ■ Journal of Development Economics ■ Journal of Economic History ■ Journal of Health Economics ■ Journal of Political Economy ■ National Tax Journal ■ Public Choice ■ Quarterly Journal of Economics ■ Review of Economics and Statistics ■ Southern Economic Journal ■ The World Economy.