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Education

Ph.D. (Distinction), Columbia University, New York NY, 2002
Dissertation: "Contracts, Risk Taking and Diversification in the American Whaling Industry"

A.B. (*magna cum laude*), Occidental College, Los Angeles CA, 1992
Majors: Economics and Political Science. Graduated with honors in both subjects.

Academic Positions

Department of Economics, Wellesley College
Assistant Professor, 2002-

National Bureau of Economic Research
Faculty Research Fellow, 2003-

Department of Economics, Columbia University
Instructor, 2001-02
Teaching Assistant, 1997-01

Graduate School of Business, Columbia University
Teaching Assistant, 1997-99

Honors and Awards

Editorial board, *Journal of Economic History*, 2008-

One of three finalists for the Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize, 2002.

President's Fellowship, Columbia University, 1996-99

Phi Beta Kappa, and *Wall Street Journal Award*, Occidental College, 1992

Publications

"The Negative Trade-Off Between Risk and Incentives: Evidence from the American Whaling Industry." *Explorations in Economic History*, forthcoming (2008). Previously released as *NBER Working Paper* 11960.

"When Did Ownership Separate from Control? Corporate Governance in the Early-Nineteenth Century." *Journal of Economic History,* Vol. 68, no. 3 (September 2008). Previously released as *NBER Working Paper* 13093.

Publications, Cont'd.

"Investment and Diversification in the American Whaling Industry," *Journal of Economic History,* Vol. 67, No. 2 (June 2007).

"Incentives in Corporations: Evidence from the American Whaling Industry," *Journal of Law and Economics,* Vol. 49, No. 1 (April 2006). Previously released as *NBER Working Paper* 10403.

Working Papers

"Wall Street's First Corporate Governance Crisis: The Conspiracy Trials of 1826." Draft, 2008.

"Democratizing Incorporation: The Effect of Nineteenth-Century General Incorporation Acts." Draft, 2008.

"Partnerships without Kinship: The Effect of New York's 1822 Limited Partnership Act," (With Katharine E. O'Banion, Wellesley '08). Draft, 2008.

Other Papers

Review of "The Global Economy in the 1990s: A Long-Run Perspective," Edited by Paul Rhode and Gianni Toniolo. *Journal of Economic History,* Vol. 66, No. 4 (December 2006).

"Contracts, Risk Taking and Diversification in the American Whaling Industry." (Dissertation summary.) *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 63, No. 2 (June 1993).

"Private Investment and Democracy in Latin America," *World Development* 21(4), April 1993. With Prof. Manuel Pastor. (Published as an undergraduate.)

Invited Seminars

(2007-08) Rutgers, Duke-Fuqua, Harvard, UC Merced, UC Davis, Stanford; (2006-07) Oxford, Bergen, MIT-Sloan, Columbia, Harvard, UNC-Chapel Hill; (2005-06) Yale, UCLA; (2004-05) Northwestern, Colby, Maryland, Nantucket Whaling Museum; (2003-04) Harvard.

Conference Presentations

(2007-08) All-U.C. Economic History Conference, NBER Summer Institute, World Cliometrics Society Conference (forthcoming), Economic History Association (forthcoming); (2006-07) NBER Summer Institute, Economic History Association, ASSA Meetings (discussant); (2005-06) International Economic History Congress, Cliometric Society Conference; MIT-Sloan BPS Mini-conference, ASSA Meetings (discussant); (2004-05) Economic History Association, NBER Summer Institute, ISNIE Annual Meeting, NBER DAE program meeting; (2002-03) Economic History Association.

Referee Service	*Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Finance,* National Science Foundation.
Other Service	Program committee, NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy, 2005, 2006.
Professional Affiliations	Member, Economic History Association, American Finance Association, American Economic Association, Cliometric Society.