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Current employment and affiliations

University of Colorado, Boulder, Department of Economics

Associate Professor (2021-present), Assistant Professor (2017-21)

National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy

Research Associate (2021-present), Faculty Research Fellow (2016-21)

Previous positions

Chapman University, Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy

Visiting Associate Professor (2023-24)

Queen's University, Department of Economics

Assistant Professor (2014-17)

Chapman University, Economic Science Institute

Research Associate (2008-09)

Education

University of Arizona, PhD in economics (2009-14)

London School of Economics, MSc in economic history (2007-08)

George Washington University, BA in economics & international affairs (2003-07)

London School of Economics, General Course in economics & international history (2005-06)

Accepted and published papers in refereed journals

"Economic Geography and Air Pollution Regulation in the United States," with Alex Hollingsworth, Carl Kitchens, and Ivan Rudik, *Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics*, Vol. 4, No. 2 (May **2026**), forthcoming.

"Did War Mobilization Cause Aggregate and Regional Growth?" with Dongkyu Yang, *Explorations in Economic History*, Vol. 97, No. 3 (July **2025**), 101685.

"Poverty Dynamics and Social Mobility in Rural America," with Dylan S. Connor, Johannes H. Uhl, Siqiao Xie, Catherine Talbot, Cyrus Hester, Myron P. Gutmann, Stefan Leyk, and Lori M. Hunter, *Population, Space, and Place*, Vol. 30, No. 8 (November **2024**), e2802.

"Highways and Globalization," with Carl Kitchens and Sergey Nigai, *International Economic Review*, Vol. 64, No. 4 (November **2023**), pp. 1615–1648.

"Globalization and the Spread of Industrialization in Canada, 1871-1891," with Ian Keay, *Explorations in Economic History*, Vol. 86, No. 4 (October **2022**), 101466.

"Spillover Effects of Intellectual Property Protection in the Interwar Aircraft Industry," with Walker Hanlon, *Economic Journal*, Vol. 132, No. 645 (July **2022**), pp. 1824–1851.

"Specification and Structure in Economic History," *Explorations in Economic History*, Vol. 77, No. 3 (July **2020**), 101343.

"National Policy for Regional Development: Historical Evidence from Appalachian Highways," with Carl Kitchens, *Review of Economics & Statistics*, Vol. 101, No. 5 (December **2019**), pp. 777–790.

"Shakeout in the Early Airframe Industry," with Andrew Smyth, *Economic History Review*, Vol. 71, No. 2 (May **2018**), pp. 617–638.

"Revisiting the Great Compression," with Gregory T. Niemesh, *Historical Methods*, Vol. 51, No. 1 (March **2018**), pp. 39–48.

"Entry and Pricing on Broadway," with Maggie Jones and Mario Samano, *Applied Economics Letters*, Vol. 25, No. 10 (March **2018**), pp. 653–658.

"World War II and the Industrialization of the American South," *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 77, No. 4 (December **2017**), pp. 1048–1082.

"Ownership and the Price of Residential Electricity: Evidence from the United States, 1935–1940," with Carl Kitchens, *Explorations in Economic History*, Vol. 64, No. 2 (April **2017**), pp. 53–61.

"Bubbles, Crashes and Endogenous Uncertainty in Linked Asset and Product Markets," with Erik O. Kimbrough, *International Economic Review*, Vol. 57, No. 1 (February **2016**), pp. 155–176.

"'You're in the Army Now': The Impact of World War II on Women's Education, Work, and Family," *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 74, No. 1 (March **2014**), pp. 169–195.

"Health on the Home Front: Infant Deaths and Industrial Accidents During Mobilization for World War II," with Price V. Fishback, *Jahrbuch für Wirtschaftsgeschichte [Economic History Yearbook]* No. 2 (**2014**), pp. 15–30.

"Go West Young Man: Self-Selection and Endogenous Property Rights," with Bart J. Wilson, *Southern Economic Journal*, Vol. 78, No. 2 (April **2013**), pp. 886–904.

"The Ecological and Civil Mainsprings of Property: An Experimental Economic History of Whalers' Rules of Capture," with Bart J. Wilson, Karl Schurter, and Andrew Smyth, *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*, Vol. 28, No. 4 (October **2012**), pp. 617–656.

"Discovering Economics in the Classroom with Experimental Economics and the Scottish Enlightenment," with Vernon L. Smith, and Bart J. Wilson, *International Review of Economics Education*, Vol. 9, No. 2 (**2010**), pp. 10–33.

Book chapters

"Two World Wars in American Economic History," with Price V. Fishback, in *Oxford Handbook of American Economic History*, eds. Louis P. Cain, Price V. Fishback, and Paul Rhode, Vol. 2 (**2018**), pp. 391–418.

"World War II and US Economic Performance," with Price V. Fishback, in *Economic History of Warfare and State Formation*, eds. Jari Eloranta, Eric Golson, Andrei Markevich, and Nikolaus Wolf (**2016**), pp. 221–241.

Book reviews

Review of Alexander J. Field's *The Economic Consequences of US Mobilization for the Second World War*, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 83, No. 2 (June **2023**), pp. 641–642.

Review of Charlie Whitham's *Corporate Conservatives Go to War: How the National Association of Manufacturers Planned to Restore Free Enterprise, 1939–1948*, *Economic History Review*, Vol. 74, No. 4 (November **2021**), pp. 1119–1120.

Review of Mark R. Wilson's *Destructive Creation: American Business and the Winning of World War II*, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 77, No. 2 (June **2017**), pp. 629–630.

Review of John L. Neufeld's *Selling Power: Economics, Policy, and Electric Utilities Before 1940*, *Business History Review*, Vol. 91, No. 2 (Summer **2017**), pp. 420–422.

Review of Bruce Smardon's *Asleep at the Switch: The Political Economy of Federal Research and Development Policy since 1960*, *Economic History Review*, Vol. 69, No. 1 (February **2016**), pp. 406–407.

Review of Paul A.C. Koistinen's *State of War: The Political Economy of American Warfare, 1945–2011*, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 73, No. 1 (March **2013**), pp. 297–298.

Review of Hugh Rockoff's *America's Economic Way of War: War and the US Economy from the Spanish-American War to the Persian Gulf War*, *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 72, No. 4 (December **2012**), pp. 1108–1109.

Non-refereed publications

“Globalization and the Value of Domestic Highway Infrastructure,” with Carl Kitchens and Sergey Nigai, *VoxEU*, November 1, **2020**.

“Innovation Spillovers and Market Structure: Evidence from the Interwar Aircraft Industry,” with Walker Hanlon, *VoxEU*, January 31, **2020**.

“WWII and the Industrialisation of the American South,” *VoxEU*, June 17, **2017**.

“The Warring Forties: The Economic Consequences of World War II,” *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 75, No. 2 (June **2015**), pp. 536–539. Dissertation Summary.

Working papers

“How Important Are Cultural Frictions for Internal Migration? Evidence from the Nineteenth Century United States,” with Erik Kimbrough and Nicole Saito. NBER Working Paper 33192. November **2024**.

“Revisiting the Impact of the Appalachian Development Highway System,” with Carl Kitchens. April **2024**.

“The Urban Wage Premium in Historical Perspective,” with Kyle Butts and Carl Kitchens. NBER Working Paper 31387. June **2023**.

Work in progress

“Resource Booms, Human Capital, and Parental Investments,” with Carl Kitchens and Luke Rodgers.

“Subsidizing Entry in Retail Electricity Markets: Evidence from the Rural Electrification Administration,” with Carl Kitchens and Andrew Smyth.

“Highways in the Twentieth Century,” with Carl Kitchens.

Presentations

Auburn University (September 2019), Cliometric Society Conference (June 2025), Colorado State University (April 2025), Economic History Association Conference (September 2018), George Mason University (April 2019) Harvard Business School (May 2020), Mountain West Economic History Conference (February 2019, February 2023, February 2025), National Bureau of Economic Research (March 2018, July 2019, April 2024, March 2025), Santa Clara University (April 2024), University of Arizona (March 2019), University of Bristol (May 2019), University of California-Davis (December 2020), University of California-Irvine (October 2023), University of California-Santa Barbara (October 2017), University of Michigan (November 2017), University of Oxford (May 2019), University of Warwick (May 2019), Urban Economics Association Conference (October 2019, October 2023), Yale University (September 2021, April 2024)

Teaching and advising

COURSES: **University of Colorado, Boulder** – Econ 4514 (European Economic History, Undergraduate, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2025), Econ 4524 (Economic History of the United States, Undergraduate, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2025), Econ 4818 (Introduction to Econometrics, Undergraduate, Spring 2018), Econ 8219 (Economics Research Methods Workshop II, Graduate, Spring 2022, Spring 2023), Econ 8534 (History of Economic Growth: United States, Graduate, Fall 2018, Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

PHD MAIN ADVISOR: **University of Colorado, Boulder** – Michael Karas (ongoing), Dongkyu Yang (2025, Assistant Professor at KDI School of Public Policy and Management), Kyle Butts (2024, Assistant Professor at University of Arkansas), Matthew Hurt (2022, Economist for State of Idaho), Brian Marein (2021, Current: Assistant Professor at Wake Forest University), **Queen’s University** – Andrea Craig (2019, Assistant Professor at University of British Columbia, Okanagan), Maggie Jones (2018, Associate Professor at McGill University)

PHD COMMITTEE MEMBER: **University of Colorado, Boulder** – Pan Chen (ongoing), Lucas Ladenburger (ongoing), Rimjhim Saxena (2025), Anja Gruber (2025, Postdoctoral Associate at University of Wyoming), Chaz Simmons (2025, Load Forecast Analyst at Salt River Project), Weizhao Sun (2025, Assistant Professor at Grand Valley State), Adam Pfander (2024, Associate at Brattle Group), Peiyuan Li (2023, Assistant Professor at Duke Kunshan University), Colin Jareb (2023, Economist at the US National Wildlife Research Center), Loren Kruschke (2022, Data Scientist at NRG Energy), Laura Wreschnig (2022, Analyst at the Congressional Research Service), Danny Kurban (2022, Associate at Analysis Group), **Queen’s University** – Sergei Shibaev (2017, Senior Vice President at Citigroup)

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS: **University of Colorado, Boulder** – Giboney Ashmore (2025), Tsering Sherpa (2023), Ansh Jhatakia (2022), Olav Rohnbak (2021), Benjamin Potter (2020),

John Stafford (2019), Rebecca Landau (2018)

University service

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS: Executive Committee (January 2025-present, January 2022-August 2023), Ad-hoc Committee on the PhD Program (2024-2025), Faculty Hiring Committee (2024-2025), PhD Placement Director (2017-2023), Research Primary Unit Evaluation Committee (2021-2022), Graduate Curriculum Committee (2020-2021), ARPAC Outcomes Assessment Committee (2019-2020), PhD Admissions Committee (2017-2019)

BRUCE D. BENSON CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION: Interim Faculty Director (2025-present), Executive Committee (2022-present), Visiting Scholars Hiring Committee (2022-present), Associate Faculty Director (2022-2025)

Professional service

ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION: Editorial Board Journal of Economic History (2025-28), Alice Hanson Jones Book Prize Committee (2024-28), Board of Trustees (2022-23), Committee on Research in Economic History (2020-23), Program Committee Chair (2018-2019, 2021-2022)

NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH: Program Committee Chair, Development of the American Economy, Summer Institute (2025), Program Committee Member, Development of the American Economy, Summer Institute (2024)

REFEREEING: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* (×3), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Review* (×3), *American Journal of Health Economics*, *Business History Review* (×2), Cambridge University Press, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, *Demography*, *Econometrica* (×2), *Economic Development Quarterly*, *Economic History Review* (×4), *Economic Inquiry* (×2), *Economic Journal* (×2), *Enterprise & Society*, *European Review of Economic History* (×2), European Research Council, *Experimental Economics*, *Explorations in Economic History* (×10), *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic History* (×16), *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Journal of Regional Science*, *Journal of Urban Economics* (×3), National Science Foundation (×2), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Regional Studies*, *Review of Economics & Statistics* (×3), *Social Science History*, *Southern Economic Journal* (×4)