

# Matthew J. D. Curtis

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## Employment

**Assistant Professor, University of Southern Denmark**      2023-  
Postdoctoral researcher, IRES, Université catholique de Louvain      2023  
Postdoctoral researcher, ECARES, Université libre de Bruxelles      2021-2023  
Senior Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston      2012-2015

## Education

**University of California, Davis**  
Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Davis, 2021  
BA in Quantitative Economics and Mathematics, Tufts University, 2012

## Publications

**Twins Support Absence of Parity-Dependent Fertility Control in Pretransition Populations**  
with Gregory Clark and Neil Cummins. *Demography*.      2020

## Working Papers

**The Her in Inheritance: How Marriage Matching Has Always Mattered, Quebec 1800–1970**  
Job market paper. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Economic History*.

**Was There A Crisis? A Human Development Index for Lower Canada, 1760 to 1848**  
with Vincent Gelo. Revise and resubmit, *European Review of Economic History*. SSRN working paper.

**Three New Occupational Status Indices for England and Wales, 1800–1939**  
with Gregory Clark and Neil Cummins. Conditional accept, *Historical Methods*.

**The Mismeasure of Man: Why Intergenerational Occupational Mobility is Much Lower than Conventionally Measured, England, 1800–2021**  
with Gregory Clark and Neil Cummins. Submitted. CEPR Discussion paper DP17346.

**How Did the European Marriage Pattern Persist? Social versus Familial Inheritance: England and Quebec, 1650–1850**  
with Gregory Clark and Neil Cummins. Submitted. CEPR Discussion paper DP17475.

**Seeds of Knowledge: Premodern Scholarship, Academic Fields, and European Growth**  
with David de la Croix. Submitted. CEPR Discussion paper DP18321.

**The Expansion of Public Education in Puerto Rico after 1900**

with Mateo Uribe-Castro. Prepared for the book “Roots of Underdevelopment: A New Economic (and Political) History of Latin America and the Caribbean,” edited by Felipe Valencia-Caicedo.

**Works in Progress**

**Inheritance Customs, the European Marriage Pattern, and Female Empowerment**

with Paula Gobbi, Marc Goñi, and Joanne Haddad. Funded by ERC Starting Grant 947654, IDED, granted to Paula Gobbi.

**Resource Curses and Production Functions: Sugar, Coffee, and Schooling in Early 20th Century Puerto Rico**

with Mateo Uribe-Castro.

**Before the Fall: Child Quantity and Quality in Pre-Demographic Transition Quebec**

**Treating the Filles Like a Roi? — Sex Ratios and Infant Mortality, Quebec 1620–1849**

**Teaching**

Business History	2023
Economic Development	2021
World Economic History Since the Industrial Revolution	2019
Undergraduate Economic History Research Seminar	2021
Teaching Assistant 2016–2020	

**Fellowships, Honors and Awards**

GSA Travel Award, UC Davis	2020
Travel Grant, UC Davis Economics Department	2019
Exploratory Travel and Data Grant, Economic History Association	2018
ISS Summer Research Support Award, UC Davis	2017
Grad Scholars Fellowship, UC Davis	2016
Phi Beta Kappa, Tufts Chapter, Delta of Massachusetts	2012
Daniel Ounjian Prize in Economics, Tufts Economics Department	2011

**Presentations**

Economic History Association Annual Meeting	2021, 2023
World Cliometrics Conference	2023
All UC Economic History Group Conference	2023
Economic History Society Meeting	2023
12th Annual Workshop on “Growth, History and Development”, SDU	2023
“Religion, culture and economic growth in historical perspective” Workshop, IRES UCLouvain, Poster Session	2023
Danish & Scandinavian Societies for Economic and Social History Meeting	2022
World Economic History Congress	2022
European Historical Economics Society Conference	2019, 2022
Annual Cliometric Conference	2019, 2021, 2022
IRES Seminar, UC Louvain	2022
“Sex Ratios and Missing Girls in History” Conference	2022

European Historical Demography Society Conference	2022
UNamur Internal Workshop	2022
6th HEDG Mini Workshop for Young Scholars	2021
All UC Economic History Graduate Student Workshop	2019, 2020
Economic History Association Annual Meeting Poster Session	2020
Economic History Society New Researcher Online Sessions	2020
YSI Economic History Graduate Seminar	2020
LSE Graduate Economic History Seminar	2020
Mountain West Economic History Conference	2019
CAGE, EHES, and IAS Summer School	2017

## **Refereeing**

Journal of Economic History  
European Review of Economic History