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## Employment

Assistant Professor of Economics, Marquette University, 2020-present  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Washington & Jefferson College, 2017-2020

## Education

*Ph.D.*, Economics, University of Pittsburgh, 2017  
*M.A.*, Economics, University of Pittsburgh, 2014  
*B.A.*, Economics, Muhlenberg College, *summa cum laude*, 2012

## Research Interests

Economic history, labor economics, public economics

## Published and Accepted

[The Rise and Fall of Pellagra in the American South](#) (with Karen Clay and Werner Troesken)  
*The Journal of Economic History*, 2019, 79(1): 32-62; NBER Working Paper No. 23730

[Collective Action and the Origins of the American Labor Movement](#)  
*The Journal of Economic History*, 2018, 78(3): 744-784.

[Does the Direct-response Method Induce Guilt Aversion in a Trust Game?](#) (with David Amdur)  
*Economics Bulletin*, 2013, 33(1): 687-693.

## Working Papers

[Reintegrating Wounded Veterans into the Civilian Labor Market: Evidence from World War I](#)  
Revisions requested at *Social Science History*

[The Impact of Early Investments in Urban School Systems in the United States](#) (with Allison Shertzer)  
NBER Working Paper No. 25663

[Changes in Black-White Inequality: Evidence from the Boll Weevil](#) (with Karen Clay and Werner Troesken)

## Works in Progress

“The Flexner Report, Physician Markets, and Mortality (with Karen Clay, Grant Miller, and Rita Portnykh)

“Freedmen, Schooling, and Economic Opportunity” (with Daniel Jones)

“The Short and Long Run Effects of Black Strikebreakers on Racial Inequality” (with Jessica LaVoice)

“Milk Stations, Infant Health, and Economic Productivity” (with Brian Beach)

“Religion, Slavery, and Abolition”

## **Other Writing**

[Book review of \*How Growth Really Happens: The Making of Economic Miracles through Production, Governance, and Skills\*. By Michael Best.](#)

*The Review of Regional Studies*, 2020, 50(1): 147-149.

## **Conference Presentations**

North American Regional Science Association Conference (2019), LACDev Conference (Liberal Arts Colleges Development Economics Conference joint with Liberal Arts Economic History Workshop 2019), ASSA/AEA Annual Meeting (2019, 2018\*), World Economic History Congress – Boston (2018); NBER – Development of the American Economy (Spring 2018, Summer 2016); Economic History Association Annual Meeting (2016, 2014); Population Association of America Annual Meeting (2015); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (2015); Undergraduate Research Conference (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; 2012)

\* Denotes discussant only

## **Teaching Experience**

### ***Washington & Jefferson College:***

- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- The Economics of America’s Civil Rights Movement
- Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- Game Theory
- History of Economic Thought
- Economics Major Senior Thesis

### ***University of Pittsburgh:***

- Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory
- Introduction to Microeconomic Theory (teaching assistant)
- American Economic History (grader)

## **Awards and Fellowships**

Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD) Fellowship, 2015-2016

Arts and Sciences Graduate Summer Fellowship, 2014, 2015

Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship, 2012-2013

## **Professional Activities**

**Referee Service:** The Journal of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Comparative Economics

**Memberships:** American Economic Association, Economic History Association

## **College and University Service**

### ***Washington & Jefferson College:***

Strategic Planning Committee for Advising

Academic Affairs Assessment Committee (chair Spring 2020)

Co-curricular Advisory Committee

Faculty Development Committee

Faculty Colloquium Coordinator

Environmental Studies Advisory Committee

Strategic Planning Subcommittee – Strengthening Student Support and Campus

Infrastructure

Faculty Athletic Representative – Swimming and Diving Team

Washington Fellows Symposium Leader

### ***University of Pittsburgh:***

Teaching Assistant Mentor (2015-2016)

Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Organization Alternate Representative (2015-2016)