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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA, September 2014  
Dissertation Title: *Public Schooling and Corporate Regulation: Essays on Institutions of Development in the Early Twentieth-Century United States*  
Dissertation Committee: Robert A. Margo, Carola Frydman, and Claudia Olivetti
- M.A., Political Economy, Boston University, Boston, MA, January 2013
- B.A., Economics (*Summa Cum Laude*), Clemson University, Clemson, SC, December 2007

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, The College of New Jersey, 2015 – present  
Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University, 2014 – 2015

### **FIELDS OF INTEREST**

Economic History, Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Development Economics

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Instructor, European Economic History, The College of New Jersey, Spring 2016  
Instructor, Introductory Macroeconomics, The College of New Jersey, Spring 2016  
Instructor, Introductory Microeconomics, The College of New Jersey, Fall 2015  
Instructor, Wages, Employment, and Labor Markets, Vanderbilt University, Spring 2015  
Instructor, Topics in the Economic History of the United States, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2014  
Teaching Fellow, Economics of Information (M.A. course), Boston University, Spring 2011  
Teaching Fellow, Economics of Organization (M.A. course), Boston University, Spring 2011  
Teaching Fellow, Game Theory (M.A. course), Boston University, Spring 2011  
Teaching Fellow, Introductory Microeconomics, Boston University, Fall 2010  
Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Microeconomics, Boston University, Spring 2010  
Teaching Fellow, Government, Business, and Labor, Boston University, Spring 2010  
Teaching Fellow, Environmental Economics, Boston University, Spring 2010

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- Research Assistant to Carola Frydman, Boston University, Fall 2011 – Fall 2012  
Research Assistant to Daniel K. Benjamin and Terry L. Anderson, Property and Environment Research Center (PERC), Summer 2007 – Summer 2008  
Research Assistant to David Cuberes, Clemson University, Spring 2007

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Small Research Grant, Spencer Foundation, Spring 2016 – Spring 2018 (\$48,891)  
Dissertation Fellowship, Economic History Association, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014  
GRS Graduate Scholarship, Boston University, Fall 2013 – Spring 2014  
Student Research Award, Institute for Economic Development, Boston University, August 2013  
Selected to Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop,  
June 2013  
Dean's Fellowship, Boston University, Fall 2008 – Spring 2013  
Harvey J. Wheeler Award for Excellence in Economics, Clemson University, 2008  
Phi Beta Kappa, Clemson University, 2008  
Classified Staff Annual Scholarship, Clemson University, 2006/07, 2007/08

## PUBLICATIONS

“From the Field to the Classroom: The Boll Weevil's Impact on Education in Rural Georgia,”  
*Journal of Economic History*, December 2015.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Finding the Fat: The Relative Impact of Budget Fluctuations on African-American Schools,”  
January 2016.  
“From Plutocracy to Progressivism? The Assassination of President McKinley as a Turning Point in  
American History,” (with Carola Frydman and Eric Hilt), July 2014.  
“The Great Migration's Impact on the Education of Southern-born African Americans,” March 2011.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

“School Resources and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from Early Twentieth-Century Georgia”  
“Death of a Banker: Estimating the Value of Financiers' Human Capital” (joint with Carola Frydman  
and Eric Hilt)  
“Race, Family Background, and Educational Attainment in the Early Twentieth-Century South” (joint  
with Robert A. Margo)  
“The Determinants of School Funding in the South: 1910-1940” (joint with Celeste Carruthers and  
Marianne Wanamaker)

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Rutgers University, March 2016  
Vanderbilt University, January 2016  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2015  
Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Nashville, September 2015  
Development of the American Economy, Summer Institute, NBER, July 2015 (abstract)  
The College of New Jersey, February 2015  
American Economic Association (AEA) Annual Meeting, Boston, January 2015  
Canadian Network for Economic History (CNEH), Peterborough, Ontario, October 2014  
Vanderbilt University, June 2014  
Cliometrics Conference, Clemson, SC, May 2014  
Vassar College, March 2014  
Institute for Defense Analyses, January 2014  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, November 2013  
Clemson University, October 2013  
Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., September 2013 (poster)  
European Historical Economics Society Conference, London, September 2013

EconCon, Columbia University, August 2013  
Development of the American Economy, Summer Institute, NBER, July 2013 (poster)  
Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Seattle, June 2013  
Frontier Research in Economic and Social History (FRESH), University of Valencia, June 2013  
Economic History Tea, Harvard University, April 2013  
Economic History Tea, Harvard University, March 2011

**OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, November 2015 (discussant)  
Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, November 2013 (discussant)  
EconCon, Columbia University, August 2013 (discussant)  
Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Seattle, June 2013 (discussant)

**REFEREE EXPERIENCE**

*Explorations in Economic History*  
*Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*  
*International Journal of Management and Economics*  
*Journal of Economic History*  
*Social Science History*

**SKILLS**

*Computer:* Stata, R, Python, LaTeX, HTML, Microsoft Office  
*Languages:* English (Native) and Spanish (Intermediate)

**CITIZENSHIP**

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**REFERENCES**

**Professor Robert A. Margo**

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