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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  
Associate Professor, July 2009-  
Assistant Professor, 2002-2009  
  
National Bureau of Economic Research  
Research Associate, 2009-  
Faculty Research Fellow, 2003-2009  
  
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** Arthur H. Cole prize (best article in the *Journal of Economic History*), 2009  
Explorations prize (best article in *Explorations in Economic History*),  
co-winner, 2009  
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*, Occidental College, 1992
- Publications** “Rogue Finance: Life and Fire Insurance Company and the Panic of 1826,”  
*Business History Review*, 83 (Spring), 2009.  
  
“The Limited Partnership in New York, 1822-1858: Partnerships without Kinship,” with Katharine E. O’Banion. *Journal of Economic History*, 69(3), 2009. Also *NBER Working Paper* 14412.

- Publications, Cont'd.** “When Did Ownership Separate from Control? Corporate Governance in the Early-Nineteenth Century.” *Journal of Economic History*, 68(3), 2008. Also *NBER Working Paper* 13093.
- “The Negative Trade-Off Between Risk and Incentives: Evidence from the American Whaling Industry.” *Explorations in Economic History*, 45(3), 2008. Also *NBER Working Paper* 11960.
- “Investment and Diversification in the American Whaling Industry,” *Journal of Economic History*, 67(2), 2007.
- “Incentives in Corporations: Evidence from the American Whaling Industry,” *Journal of Law and Economics*, 49(1), 2006. Also *NBER Working Paper* 10403.
- Working Papers** “Wall Street’s First Corporate Governance Crisis: The Panic of 1826.” *NBER Working Paper* 14892, 2009.
- “Democratizing Incorporation: The Effect of Nineteenth-Century General Incorporation Acts.” 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.)
- Referee Service** *Explorations in Economic History*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Finance*, *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*, National Science Foundation.
- Invited Seminars** (2009-10) Queen’s University (forthcoming), Harvard (forthcoming); (2008-09) Tilburg, Amsterdam, NYU-Stern, Northeastern; (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** (2009-10), Economic History Association (discussant); (2008-09) Economic History Association; (2007-08) All-U.C. Economic History Conference, NBER Summer Institute, World Cliometrics Society Conference, Economic History Association; (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.
- 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.