

## Eric D. Hilt

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| <b>Education</b>           | Ph.D. (Distinction), Columbia University, New York NY, 2002<br>Dissertation: "Contracts, Risk Taking and Diversification in the American Whaling Industry"<br><br>A.B. ( <i>magna cum laude</i> ), Occidental College, Los Angeles CA, 1992<br>Majors: Economics and Political Science. Graduated with honors in both subjects.   |  |
| <b>Academic Positions</b>  | Department of Economics, Wellesley College<br>Assistant Professor, 2002-<br><br>National Bureau of Economic Research<br>Faculty Research Fellow, 2003-<br><br>Department of Economics, Columbia University<br>Instructor, 2001-02<br>Teaching Assistant, 1997-01<br><br>Graduate School of Business, Columbia University<br>Teaching Assistant, 1997-99   |  |
| <b>Honors and Awards</b>   | Editorial board, <i>Journal of Economic History</i> , 2008-<br><br>One of three finalists for the Allan Nevins Dissertation Prize, 2002.<br><br>President's Fellowship, Columbia University, 1996-99<br><br><i>Phi Beta Kappa</i> , and <i>Wall Street Journal Award</i> , Occidental College, 1992   |  |
| <b>Publications</b>        | "The Negative Trade-Off Between Risk and Incentives: Evidence from the American Whaling Industry." <i>Explorations in Economic History</i> , forthcoming (2008). Previously released as <i>NBER Working Paper</i> 11960.<br><br>"When Did Ownership Separate from Control? Corporate Governance in the Early-Nineteenth Century." <i>Journal of Economic History</i> , Vol. 68, no. 3 (September 2008). Previously released as <i>NBER Working Paper</i> 13093. |  |

- Publications, Cont'd.** “Investment and Diversification in the American Whaling Industry,” *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 67, No. 2 (June 2007).
- “Incentives in Corporations: Evidence from the American Whaling Industry,” *Journal of Law and Economics*, Vol. 49, No. 1 (April 2006). Previously released as *NBER Working Paper* 10403.
- Working Papers** “Wall Street’s First Corporate Governance Crisis: The Conspiracy Trials of 1826.” Draft, 2008.
- “Democratizing Incorporation: The Effect of Nineteenth-Century General Incorporation Acts.” Draft, 2008.
- “Partnerships without Kinship: The Effect of New York’s 1822 Limited Partnership Act,” (With Katharine E. O’Banion, Wellesley ’08). 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.)
- Invited Seminars** (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** (2007-08) All-U.C. Economic History Conference, NBER Summer Institute, World Cliometrics Society Conference (forthcoming), Economic History Association (forthcoming); (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.

**Referee Service**      *Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Finance, National Science Foundation.*

**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.