EHA CONFERENCE PROGRAM:

**Book Exhibit:** Open throughout the meeting (Plaza C).

**Poster Session:** Friday afternoon, all day Saturday (Plaza Lobby).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**Workshop:** 9:00 AM – Noon (Seaport A). Conducted by James Fenske (University of Oxford) and Jessica Bean (Denison University).

**Coffee Break:** 10.15 – 11 AM (Seaport and Mezzanine Lobby)

**Local Tours:** (Departure point for the tours is the hotel lobby).

- **Tour 2:** 8 AM – 1 PM. *Tour of Boott Mill in Lowell.* Visit to Lowell, MA, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution in the US. Highlights of the trip include sites demonstrating water power technology, including turbines and control devices, and a weave room in the Boott Mill. Box lunches will be provided.

**Poster Session:** 1:00 – 5:00 PM (Plaza Lobby)

**SESSION 1: Friday 1:00 – 2:30 PM**

**A: Booms and Busts in the Long Run** (Plaza A)

Chair: Alan Taylor, University of Virginia ([alan.m.taylor@virginia.edu](mailto:alan.m.taylor@virginia.edu))

Farley Grubb (University of Delaware) ([grubbf@udel.edu](mailto:grubbf@udel.edu)), “The Collapse of the Continental Dollar: The Turning Point and Its Causes: An Alternative History of Financing the American Revolution, 1775-1781.”

Discussant: Richard Sylla, NYU ([rsylla@stern.nyu.edu](mailto:rsylla@stern.nyu.edu))

Martin Stürmer (University of Bonn) ([martin.stuermer@uni-bonn.de](mailto:martin.stuermer@uni-bonn.de)), “150 Years of Booms and Busts: What Drives Mineral Commodity Prices?”

Discussant: Robert Pindyck, MIT ([rpindyck@mit.edu](mailto:rpindyck@mit.edu))

Nathan Sussman (Hebrew University and CEPR) ([msussman@mscc.huji.ac.il](mailto:msussman@mscc.huji.ac.il)) and Yishay Yafeh (Hebrew University and CEPR) ([msyafeh@mscc.huji.ac.il](mailto:msyafeh@mscc.huji.ac.il)), “Globalization and the Current Financial Crisis in Historical Perspective.”

Discussant: Michael Bordo, Rutgers ([bordo@economics.rutgers.edu](mailto:bordo@economics.rutgers.edu))
**B: Back to the Land** (Plaza B)
Chair: Pinar Keskin, Wellesley College (pkeskin@wellesley.edu)

Helen Yang, George Mason (caseyang718@gmail.com), “Risk, Agricultural Technology and Contractual Choice: Evidence from Confucius’s Lineage in Late Qing China (1759-1901)”

Mats Olsson (Lund University) (Mats.Olsson@ekh.lu.se), Martin Dribe (Lund University) (Martin.Dribe@ekh.lu.se), and Patrick Svensson (Lund University) (Patrick.Svensson@ekh.lu.se), “The Demographic Response to Output Crisis in Rural Society: Grain Production, Mortality and Fertility in 18th and 19th Century Sweden.”

Max-Stephan Schulze (London School of Economics) (m.s.schulze@lse.ac.uk) and Oliver Volckart (London School of Economics) (o.j.volckart@lse.ac.uk), “The Long-Term Impact of the Thirty Years War: What Grain Price Data Reveal.”

Discussant: Paul Rhode, Michigan (pwrhode@umich.edu)

**Coffee Break:** 2.30 – 3 PM (Plaza Lobby)

**SESSION 2:** Friday 3:00 – 4:30 PM

**A: Banking, Finance, and Trade in Early Modern and Modern France** (Plaza A)
Chair: Eugene N. White, Rutgers (ewhite@economics.rutgers.edu)

Guillaume Bazot (Paris School of Economics) (bazot@pse.ens.fr), “Looking on English and German Banking in the French Mirror, Banking and Development in France (1880-1913).”

Discussant: Caroline Fohlin, Johns Hopkins (fohlin@jhu.edu)

Rui Esteves (University of Oxford) (rui.esteves@economics.ox.ac.uk), “The Belle Epoque of International Finance: The French Portfolio, 1880-1913.”

Discussant: Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, California Institute of Technology (rosenth@caltech.edu)

Veronica Santarosa (Yale University) (veronica.santarosa@yale.edu), “Financing Long-Distance Trade without Banks: The Joint Liability Rule and Bills of Exchange in 18th-century France.”

Discussant: Marc Flandreau, Graduate Institute, Geneva (marc.flandreau@graduateinstitute.ch)

**B: Institutions in the Developing World** (Plaza B)
Chair: Noel Maurer, Harvard Business School (nmaurer@hbs.edu)

Lee Alston (University of Colorado and NBER) (lee.alston@colorado.edu), Marcus Melo
(University of Pernambuco) (marcus.melo@uol.com.br), Bernardo Mueller (University of Brasilia) (bmueller@unb.br), and Carlos Pereira (Michigan State University) (pereir12@msu.edu), “Understanding Development in the Modern World: Power, Beliefs and Institutions, with an application to Brazil, 1960-2010.”

Discussant: Aldo Musacchio, Harvard Business School (amusacchio@hbs.edu)

Marlous van Waijenburg (Northwestern University) (lousje10@gmail.com) and Ewout Frankema (Utrecht University) (e.frankema@uu.nl), “Structural Impediments to African Growth? Countervailing Evidence from Real Wages in British Africa, 1880-1960.”

Discussant: Richard Freeman, Harvard and LSE (freeman@nber.org)


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C: Industrialization and Innovation (Seaport B&C)
Chair: Akira Motomura, Stonehill College (amotomura@stonehill.edu)


Discussant: Masami Imai, Wesleyan University (mimai@wesleyan.edu)

Liam Brunt (Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration) (liam.brunt@nhh.no) and Erik Meidell (Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration) (jan.meidell@stud.nhh.no), “How Fast and How Broad was British Industrialization? Evidence from a Synthetic Occupational Census for 1801.”

Discussant: Jeffrey G. Williamson, Harvard (jwilliam@fas.harvard.edu)

W. Walker Hanlon (Columbia University) (wwh2104@columbia.edu), “Industry Connections and the Geographic Location of Economic Activity: Evidence from 19th Century Britain.”

Discussant: Jeffrey Williamson (jwilliam@fas.harvard.edu)

Plenary Session: 4:45 – 5:45 PM (Lighthouse 1)


Reception: 6:30 – 8:30 PM (Baker Hall, Harvard Business School). Open to all conference participants. Note! Buses will pick up guests from the front of the hotel at 6 pm. Transportation back to the hotel from Harvard Business School at 8.30 pm.

Journal of Economic History Dinner: 9 – 11 PM (Flagship A). By invitation only!
Graduate Student Dinner: 9 PM – 12 AM (Location: TBA). Open to all graduate students.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Teachers’ Breakfast: 6.45 – 8 AM (Flagship Ballroom). Speaker: Dr. Ann Carlos (University of Colorado at Boulder). Open to those who purchased a ticket.

Historians’ Breakfast: 6.45 – 8 AM (Flagship Ballroom). Speaker: Dr. Ann Carlos (University of Colorado at Boulder). Open to those who purchased a ticket.

SESSION 3: Saturday 8:30 – 10:00 AM
A: Money, Trade, and Innovation during the Interwar Period (Plaza A)
Chair: Michael Bordo, Rutgers (bordo@economics.rutgers.edu)

John Cantwell (Rutgers University) (cantwell@business.rutgers.edu) and Anna Spadavecchia (University of Reading) (a.spadavecchia@henley.reading.ac.uk), “Innovation and British Regions in the Interwar Period.”
Discussant: Jochen Streb, Hohenheim (Jochen.Streb@uni-hohenheim.de)

Masahiko Shibamoto (Kobe University) (shibamoto@rieb.kobe-u.ac.jp) and Masato Shizume (Bank of Japan) (masato.shizume@boj.or.jp), “How Did Takahashi Korekiyo Rescue Japan from the Great Depression?”
Discussant: Albrecht Ritschl, LSE (A.O.Ritschl@lse.ac.uk)

Douglas Irwin (Dartmouth College and NBER) (douglas.irwin@dartmouth.edu), “Did France Cause the Great Depression?”
Discussant: Marc Flandreau, Graduate Institute, Geneva (marc.flandreau@graduateinstitute.ch)

B: Public Health and Demographic Change in Economic History (Plaza B)
Chair: John Brown, Clark University (JBrown@clarku.edu)

Gregory Niemesh (Vanderbilt University) (gregory.t.niemesh@vanderbilt.edu), “Ironing Out Deficiencies: Evidence from the United States on the Economic Effects of Iron Deficiency.”
Discussant: Rick Steckel, Ohio State (steckel.1@osu.edu)

Jonathan Fox (Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research) (jfox@demogr.mpg.de) and Mikko Myrskylä (Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research) (myrskyla@demogr.mpg.de), “Urban Fertility Responses to Local Government Programs: Evidence from the 1923-1932 U.S.”
C: Opiate of the Masses and Capital Accumulation: Religion from the Middle Ages to 19th Century Egypt (Seaport B&C)
Chair: Steven Nafziger, Williams College (snafzige@williams.edu)

Anne McCants (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) (amccants@mit.edu) and Paul Hohenberg (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute) (paul.hohenberg1@verizon.net), “Financing Cathedral Construction: an Investment in Social Overhead Capital?”
   Discussant: Peter Temin, MIT (ptemin@mit.edu)

Jared Rubin (Chapman University) (jrubin@chapman.edu), “Printing and Protestants: Reforming the Economics of the Reformation.”
   Discussant: Jeremiah Dittmar, American University (dittmar@american.edu)

Mohamed Saleh (University of Southern California) (msaleh@usc.edu), “Laborers, Scribes, and Financiers: Modernization and Inter-Religious Human Capital Differentials in Mid-19th Century Egypt.”
   Discussant: Metin Cosgel, University of Connecticut (metin.cosgel@uconn.edu)

Coffee Break: 10.00 – 10.30 AM (Plaza Lobby)

SESSION 4: Saturday 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
A: Networks and Markets: Integration and Disintegration (Plaza A)
Chair: Mark Carlson (Mark.A.Carlson@frb.gov)

Alexander J. Field (Santa Clara University) (afield@scu.edu), “Railroads and Productivity Growth During the Depression.”
   Discussant: Douglas Puffert, The King’s College (dpuffert@tkc.edu)

John A. James (University of Virginia) (jaj8y@virginia.edu), David F. Weiman (Barnard College) (dfw5@columbia.edu), and James McAndrews (Federal Reserve Bank of New York) (jamie.mcandrews@ny.frb.org), “Panics and the Disruption of Private Payments Networks: The United States in 1893 and 1907.”
   Discussant: Hugh Rockoff, Rutgers (rockoff@economics.rutgers.edu)

Matthias Morys (University of York) (matthias.morys@york.ac.uk) and Martin Ivanov
(Bulgarian Academy of Sciences) (hadjimartin@abv.bg), “Business Cycles in South-East Europe 1870 – 2000: A Bayesian Dynamic Factor Model.”
   Discussant: Eric Chaney, Harvard (echaney@fas.harvard.edu)

**B: Wages, Kids, and Careers** (Plaza B)
Chair: Dan Fetter, Wellesley College (dfetter@wellesley.edu)

Andrew Seltzer (Royal Holloway, University of London) (a.seltzer@rhul.ac.uk), “The Impact of Female Employment on Male Wages and Careers: Evidence from the English Banking Industry, 1890-1914.”
   Discussant: Claudia Goldin, Harvard (cgoldin@fas.harvard.edu)

Gregory Clark (University of California, Davis) (gclark@ucdavis.edu) and Neil Cummins (CUNY-Queens College) (neil.cummins@qc.cuny.edu), “The Beckerian Family and the English Demographic Revolution of 1800.”
   Discussant: Claudia Goldin, Harvard (cgoldin@fas.harvard.edu)

Tomas Cvrcek, Clemson University (tcvrcek@clemson.edu), “Convergence and Catch-up at the Periphery? Living Standards in the Habsburg Empire, 1829 - 1910.”
   Discussant: Max-Stephan Schulze, LSE (m.s.schulze@lse.ac.uk)

**C: You Call That (Technological) Progress?** (Seaport B&C)
Chair: Anne McCants, MIT (amccants@mit.edu)

Claudia Rei (Vanderbilt University) (claudia.rei@vanderbilt.edu), “Turning Points in Leadership: Shipping Technology in the Portuguese and Dutch Merchant Empires.”
   Discussant: Jan DeVries (devries@berkeley.edu)

James Bessen (Boston University School of Law) (jbessen@bu.edu), “Was Mechanization De-Skilling? The Origins of Task-Biased Technical Change.”
   Discussant: Bill Lazonick, University of Massachusetts, Lowell (William_Lazonick@uml.edu)

Peter Scott (University of Reading) (p.m.scott@reading.ac.uk), “The Origins of the Anglo-American ‘Productivity Gap’ in Electronics: The British and American Interwar Radio Equipment Industries.”
   Discussant: Stephen Broadberry, LSE (S.N.Broadberry@lse.ac.uk)

**Women’s Lunch: Noon – 1:00 PM** (Flagship A). Co-organized by Simone Wegge and Juliette Levy. Open to those who purchased a ticket.

**EHA Business Meeting: 1:00 – 2:00 PM** (Lighthouse 1). Open to all conference participants.
Coffee Break: 2.00 – 2.30 PM (Lighthouse 1)

Dissertation Session: 2:15 – 4:15 PM (Lighthouse 1). Open to all conference participants.

Presidential Address: 4:45 – 5:45 PM (Lighthouse 1). Open to all conference participants.

Cocktail Reception: 6:30 – 7:30 PM (Lighthouse 2) Open to all conference participants.

Banquet: 7:30 – 9:30 PM (Lighthouse 1). Open to all those who purchased a ticket for this event.

President’s Party: 10 PM – 12 AM (Flagship A). Open to all conference participants and those invited by the President.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

EHA Breakfast: 7 – 8.30 AM (Plaza Lobby). Full breakfast free to all conference participants, compliments of EHA.

SESSION 5: Sunday 8:30 – 10:00 AM
A: Banking during the Great Depression (Plaza A)
Chair: Scott Sumner, Bentley University (ssummer@bentley.edu)

Mark Carlson (Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve) (mark.a.carlson@frb.gov) and Jonathan Rose (Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve) (jonathan.d.rose@frb.gov), “Credit Availability and the Collapse of the Banking Sector in the 1930s.”
   Discussant: Joe Mason, LSU (masonj@lsu.edu)

Mrdjan Mladjan (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) (mrdjan.mladjan@upf.edu), “Accelerating into the Abyss: Financial Dependence and the Great Depression.”
   Discussant: Joe Mason, LSU (masonj@lsu.edu)

Patrick Van Horn (New College of Florida) (pvanhorn@ncf.edu) and Gary Richardson (University of California, Irvine and NBER) (garyr@uci.edu), “When the Music Stopped: Transatlantic Contagion During the Financial Crisis of 1931.”
   Discussant: Olivier Accominetti (oacomin@princeton.edu)

B: From Here to There and from There to Here: Migration (Plaza B)
Chair: Jerry Friedman, Massachusetts (gfriedma@econs.umass.edu)
Ran Abramitzky, Stanford (ranabr@stanford.edu), Leah Boustan, UCLA (lboustan@econ.ucla.edu), and Katherine Eriksson, UCLA (kath722@ucla.edu), “A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration.”
Discussant: Robert Margo, Boston University (margora@bu.edu)

Marianne Wanamaker (University of Tennessee) (wanamaker@utk.edu) and William Collins (Vanderbilt University) (william.collins@vanderbilt.edu), “The Great Migration of African Americans: New Insights from Linked Census Data.”
Discussant: Chris Minns, LSE (C.Minns@lse.ac.uk)

Martina Viarengo, LSE and Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (martina_viarengo@hks.harvard.edu), Oriana Bandiera, LSE (o.bandiera@lse.ac.uk), and Imran Rasul, University College London (i.rasul@ucl.ac.uk), “The Making of Modern America: Accounting for Migratory Inflows and Outflows During the Age of Mass Migration.”
Discussant: Farley Grubb, Delaware (grubbf@udel.edu)

Coffee Break: 10.00 – 10.30 AM (Plaza Lobby)

SESSION 6: Sunday 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

A: Financial Markets in Peace, War, and Civil Unrest (Plaza A)
Chair: Eric Hilt, Wellesley College (ehilt@wellesley.edu)

Caroline Fohlin (Johns Hopkins University) (fohlin@jhu.edu), “Transforming the NYSE: Market Microstructure and Liquidity during World War I.”
Discussant: David Chambers, Judge Business School, Cambridge (d.chambers@jbs.cam.ac.uk)

Hans-Joachim Voth, Pompeu Fabra (jvoth@crei.cat), Jacopo Ponticelli, Pompeu Fabra (jacopo.ponticelli@upf.edu), “Austerity and Anarchy: A Century of Fiscal Consolidation and Social Unrest.”
Discussant: Marc Weidenmier, Claremont McKenna (marc.weidenmier@claremontmckenna.edu)

Stefan Houpt, Carlos III, Madrid (shoupt@clio.uc3m.es) and Stefano Battilossi, Carlos III, Madrid (battilos@clio.uc3m.es), “Predicting Institutional Collapse? Financial Markets and Political Violence at the Onset of the Spanish Civil War.”
Discussant: Marc Weidenmier, Claremont McKenna (marc.weidenmier@claremontmckenna.edu)

B: Can You Spare a Dollar/Guilder/Quid Until Payday? Small Scale Lending from the 17th
to 20th Centuries (Plaza B)
Chair: Martha Olney, University of California, Berkeley (olney@econ.berkeley.edu)

Christiaan van Bochove, Utrecht (C.J.vanBochove@uu.nl) and Ton van Velzen, Dutch National Archives (ton.van.velzen@nationaalarchief.nl), “Loans for Salaried Employees: The Case of the Dutch East India Company, 1602-1795.”

Eoin McLaughlin (University of Edinburgh) (eoin.mclaughlin@ed.ac.uk), “Regulation and Crises in Microfinance: Irish Loan Fund Societies, 1830-1914.”

Gunnar Trumbull (Harvard Business School) (gtrumbull@hbs.edu), “Regulating for Legitimacy: Consumer Credit Access in France and America.”

Discussant: Timothy Guinnane, Yale (timothy.guinnane@yale.edu)

Conference ends at noon.