THE MEETING

The theme for EHA 2016 is “economic history and economic development.” Economic history is contextual and a longitudinal process, and so too is economic development. Both fields, moreover, view law and politics as important drivers of economic change. Yet, the fields are typically somewhat divorced. Economic history focuses on past development experiences, often (though not exclusively) in currently-developed economies, while economic development focuses on economies that are currently poor. While there is a great deal of methodological congruence, studying the past usually requires exploiting observational, archival data (perhaps exploiting “natural experiments”), while the study of the present allows for implementation of randomized control trials that represent a benchmark for identifying causal effects. One aim of the conference is to point to what the two fields can learn from each other. We thus welcome papers wedding economic history and economic development, and papers drawing on insights from law and political science, as well as (naturally) economics and history.

EVENTS OVERVIEW

Friday

Workshop and Tours
One workshop and several local tour options are available for Friday morning, 8:00-Noon. Preregistration is required. Enrollment is limited to 40 participants for the workshop, and 30 participants for the tours. Sign up for a workshop or tour on the registration form.

- **Workshop: Job Market Tips and Tales.** Newly hired PhD’s will share their job market experiences.
- **Tour 1: Walking Tour of Boulder.** Attendees will get transportation to Boulder downtown, and a tour led by a guide.
- **Tour 2: Colorado Chautauqua.** See: [https://www.chautauqua.com/](https://www.chautauqua.com/). This is a national landmark, with gorgeous views. Transportation by bus from the conference hotel.
- **Tour 3: Denver Art Museum** ([http://denverartmuseum.org/](http://denverartmuseum.org/)). This is one of the best museums in the country. Transportation by bus from the conference hotel.

2 Sessions – 5 Panels
Commencing at 1:00 PM

Poster Session (1:00-5:00 PM)

Plenary Session: Gustavo Franco: *Money, institutions and development: Brazil’s experience in the late 20th century*

Reception
A reception will be held at the Institute of Behavioral Science ([https://behavioralscience.colorado.edu/](https://behavioralscience.colorado.edu/)).

Graduate Student Dinner

Saturday

Teachers’ Breakfast (featuring a guest speaker, TBA)
Historians’ Breakfast (featuring a guest speaker, TBA).
Poster Session (All day)
2 Sessions – 6 Panels (morning and afternoon)

Plenary Roundtable: *Beyond Institutions* (Albert Fishlow, John Wallis, Gillian Hadfield, Nathan Nunn, Christopher Udry)

Women’s Lunch

EHA Business Meeting

Presidential Address
President Lee Alston will give his presidential address: “Beyond Institutions”.

Dissertation Session

Banquet
Awards will be presented for best dissertations (Nevins and Gerschenkron prizes), best *Journal of Economic History* article of 2015 best *Explorations in Economic History* article of 2015, best book in American economic history, and excellence in teaching economic history.

President’s Party

Sunday

2 Sessions – 5 Panels

Adjourning at noon.
POSTER SESSION:
Graduate students will be disseminating preliminary results from their thesis in the poster session. The deadline for applications to the poster session has passed. Those accepted receive travel and hotel subsidies.

GRADUATE STUDENT INCENTIVES:
All students are eligible for free hotel accommodation. The EHA will pay for 3 nights (double occupancy only). To apply, send an e-mail by July 1, 2016 to Jari Eloranta, elorantaj@appstate.edu, and include your name, school, and advisor’s e-mail address. For assistance with roommate matching, include your gender and other preferences.

Students presenting papers or posters will receive travel subsidies as well as free hotel accommodation. The EHA will reimburse up to $500 for domestic flights and $800 for international flights.

Free graduate student dinner Friday night.
Discounted registration and banquet tickets.

For more information on all incentives, see: http://eh.net/eha/graduate-student-participation/

ACCOMMODATIONS:
The 2016 EHA conference hotel is the Omni Interlocken, approximately 10 minutes outside Boulder by car. It is a modern resort-style hotel that offers many outdoor entertainment options for the hotel guests, including a 27-hole championship golf course.

The EHA conference rate is $149 per night, both for single and double rooms. You can make a reservation directly with the hotel via this link: https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/denver-interlocken/meetings/economic-history-association-annual-meeting

The deadline for receiving the group rate is August 23, 2016.
*Note: Hotel space is always at a premium at the EHA meetings, so please reserve your room early to ensure availability.

TRAVEL:
Information on all the travel options to the hotel can be found here: https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/denver-interlocken/property-details/directions.


The easiest way to get to the hotel is to rent a car and take the E-470 tollway. Another option is a shuttle/shared ride. There are several companies that provide this kind of service: http://www.flydenver.com/parking_transit/transit/shared-vans. The EHA does not endorse any in particular—we urge you to look for them online. You can also grab a (yellow) taxi, which offers a fixed rate ($70.57) to Broomfield.

Parking at the hotel is free for conference attendees.

Book early to secure your preferred travel destination!

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:
Contact Jari Eloranta (elorantaj@appstate.edu) to make arrangements for vegetarian meals or other food requirements, or if you have special transportation or accommodation needs.

SUPPORT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS:
Please help support the next generation of scholars. Donations will be used to provide free accommodations, travel subsidies, and various discounts to students.

Check the meeting Web site often for updates and announcements: http://eh.net/eha/economic-history-association-2016-annual-meeting/

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2017 Economic History Association Meeting – September 15-17, 2017 – Boulder, Colorado

President-elect Michael Bordo will host the 2017 meeting at the Hilton San Jose hotel in California. Program proposals will be due January 31, 2017 and can be submitted via the EHA Web site, eh.net/eha. Alex Field will chair the local arrangements committee and has already begun preparations. Further details about the conference will be announced in Boulder and posted to the Web site. Contact Jari Eloranta, elorantaj@appstate.edu, for more information.
### EHA ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

Abstracts and links to papers will be available on the meeting website in August-September.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**Workshop & Local Tours: 8:00 AM – Noon**

**Poster Session: 1:00 – 5:00 PM**

**SESSION: Friday 1:00 – 2:30 PM**

1: **Conflict and the State in Europe**
- Seth Gordon Benzell (Boston University) and Kevin Cooke (Boston University), "A Network of Thrones: Kinship and Conflict in Europe, 1495-1918"
- Francisco J. Pino (University of Chile) and Jordi Vidal-Robert (University of Sydney), "Habemus Papam? Polarization and Conflict in the Papal States"
- Jakob Schneebacher (Yale University), "State Formation and Social Conflict: The Political Economy of the Old Swiss Confederacy"

2: **Transportation and Development**
- Dan Bogart (UC Irvine), Leigh Shaw-Taylor (University of Cambridge) and Max Satchell (University of Cambridge), "Structural Change: Railways, Coal and Employment Growth in 19th Century England and Wales"
- Dustin Frye (Vassar College), "Transportation Networks and the Geographic Concentration of Industry"
- Santiago Pérez (Stanford University), "Moving to Opportunity: Railroads, Migrations and Economic Mobility"

**SESSION: Friday 3:00 – 4:30 PM**

3: **The Civil War: Long-run Impact**
- Philipp Ager (University of Southern Denmark), Leah Boustan (UCLA) and Katherine Eriksson (UC-Davis), 'The Effect of Fathers' Wealth on Sons' Adult Outcomes in the Nineteenth Century: Evidence from the Civil War”
- Shari J Eli (University of Toronto), Laura Salisbury (York University) and Allison Shertzer (University of Pittsburgh), "The Long-Run Effects of Losing the Civil War: Evidence from Border States"
- Peter H. Lindert (UC-Davis) and Jeffrey G. Williamson (University of Wisconsin), “The Civil War Revisited: Losing World Leadership, Gaining Emancipation, Widening Northern Inequality”

4: **Banking Risk, Policy and Institutions**
- Anna Grodecka (Sveriges Riksbank) and Antonis Kotidis (University of Bonn), "Double Liability in a Branch Banking System: Historical Evidence from Canada"
- Charles W. Calomiris (Columbia University) and Matthew Jaremski (Colgate University), "Stealing Deposits: Deposit Insurance, Risk-Taking and the Removal of Market Discipline in Early 20th Century Banks"
- Geoffrey Fain Williams (Transylvania University), "Lending Money to People Across the Water: The British Joint Stock Banking Acts of 1826 and 1833, and the Panic of 1837"

5: **Trade and Migration in Formal and Informal Empire**
- Ellora Derenoncourt (Harvard University), "Atlantic Slavery's Impact on European Economic Development"
- Daphne Alvarez Villa (Oxford University) and Jenny Guardado (Georgetown University), "The Long-Run Influence of Institutions Governing Trade: The Case of Colonial and Pirates' Ports in Mexico"
- Edward Kosack (Xavier University), "The Long-Run Development Impacts of a Guest Worker Program: Evidence from the Bracero Program"

**Plenary Session: Gustavo Franco: Money, institutions and development: Brazil’s experience in the late 20th century**

**Reception: 6:45 – 8:45 PM**

**Graduate Student Dinner: 9:00 – 11:00 PM**

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**Historians’ Breakfast: 6:45 – 8:00 AM**

**Teachers’ Breakfast: 6:45 – 8:00 AM**

**Poster Session: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**SESSION: Saturday 8:15 – 9:45 AM**

6: **Science and Innovation**
- Margaret Charlero (University of Warwick) and Katie Genadek (University of Minnesota), "The Women in the Scientific Workplace: Life Course Experiences of Female Scientists in the Early 20th Century"
- Alice Kuegler (University of Cambridge), "The Responsiveness of Inventing: Evidence from a Patent Fee Reform"
- Barbara Biasi (Stanford University) and Petra Moser (NYU), "Effects of Copyrights on Science: Evidence from the World War II Book Reproduction Program"

7: **Water Quality and Economic Development**
- Francisca Antman (University of Colorado Boulder), "For Want of a Cup: The Rise of Tea in England and the Impact of Water Quality on Economic Development"
- Gisella Anne Kagy (Vassar College), "Economic Consequences of Childhood Exposure to Environmental Toxins: A Case Study of Lead Service Pipes in Massachusetts"
- Anthony Wray (Hitotsubashi University), "Water Quality, Morbidity, and Mortality in London, 1906-1926"

8: **Religion, Institutions and Economic Growth**
- Tomas Cvrcek (University College London) and Miroslav Zajicek (Vysoka skola ekonomicka v Praze), "The Making of a Liberal Education: Political Economy of the Austrian School Reform, 1865 - 1875"
- Noel Johnson (George Mason University) and Mark Koyama (George Mason University), "Jewish Communities and City Growth in Preindustrial Europe"
EHA ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM, cont’d.


**Plenary Roundtable: 10:15 – 11:45 AM**

**Beyond Institutions** (Albert Fishlow, John Wallis, Gillian Gillian Hadfield, Nathan Nunn, Christopher Udry)

Women’s Lunch: 11:45 AM – 1:15 PM

EHA Business Meeting: 1:15 – 2:00 PM

**SESSION: Saturday 2:15 – 3:45 PM**

9: Health and Nutrition

Karen Clay (Carnegie Mellon), Ethan Schmick (University of Pittsburgh) and Werner Troesken (University of Pittsburgh), “Nutrition and Southern Welfare: Evidence from the Boll Weevil and State Level Fortification Laws”

Stefan Bauernschuster (University of Passau), Anastasia Driva (LMU Munich) and Erik Hornung (University of Bayreuth), “Bismarck’s Health Insurance and the Mortality Decline”

Richard Steckel (Ohio State University), “Sweet Blood: A New Peril of Rapid Economic Growth”

10: Financial Crisis: Causes and Consequences

Fabio Braggion (Tilburg University), Alberto Manconi (Tilburg University) and Haikun Zhu (Tilburg University), “International Liquidity Shocks, the Real Economy, and Social Unrest: China, 1931-1935”

Erin McGuire (University of Arizona), “Estimating the Impact of Local Conditions during the Great Depression on Asset Preferences in Adulthood”

Eugene N. White (Rutgers University), “How to Prevent a Banking Panic: the Barings Crisis of 1890”

11: Human Capital and Industrialization

Alexandra de Pleijt (LSE and Utrecht University), Alessandro Nuvolari (Sant’ Anna School of Advanced Studies) and Jacob Weisdorf (University of Southern Denmark and CEPR), “Human Capital Formation during the First Industrial Revolution: Evidence from the Use of Steam Engines”

Anton Howes (King’s College London), “The Relevance of Skills to Innovation during the British Industrial Revolution, 1651-1851”

William Maloney (World Bank) and Felipe Valencia (Bonn University), “Engineers, Innovative Capacity and Development in the Americas”

**Presidential Address: 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

Lee Alston: **Beyond Institutions**

**Dissertation Session: 5:15 – 7:15 PM**

**Cocktail Reception: 7:45 – 8:15 PM**

**Banquet: 8:15 – 10:00 PM**

**President’s Party: 10 PM – 12 AM**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**Poster Session: 8:00 – 10:30 AM**

**SESSION: Sunday 8:30 – 10:00 AM**

12: Long-run Economic Growth: Macro and Micro Perspectives

Daniel Bernhofen (American University) and John C. Brown (Clark University), “Understanding the Gains from Trade through the Window of Japan during the 19th-Century Globalization: Analysis of a Natural Experiment”

William Easterly (NYU), Laura Freschi (NYU) and Steven Pennings (World Bank), “A Long History of a Short Block: Four Centuries of Development Surprises on a Single Stretch of a New York City Street”

John Wallis (University of Maryland) and Stephen Broadberry (Oxford University), “Shrink Theory: The Nature of Long Run and Short Run Economic Performance”

**13: Patronage and Administrative Capacity**

Morgan Henderson (University of Michigan), “The Economic Consequences of Immigrant Disenfranchisement”


Debin Ma (LSE) and Jared Rubin (Chapman University), “Weak Administrative Capacity as a Solution to Principal-Agent Problems in Tax Collection”

**14: Culture and Social Norms**

Andrew Dickens (York University), “Ethnolinguistic Favoritism in African Politics”

Sara Rachel Lowes (Harvard University), Nathan Nunn (Harvard University), James A. Robinson (University of Chicago) and Jonathan Weigl (Harvard University), “The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom”

Yu Hao (Peking University) and Melanie Meng Xue (UCLA Anderson School of Management), “Friends from Afar: Migration, Cultural Proximity and Primary Schooling in the Lower Yangzi, 1850-1949”

**SESSION: Sunday 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

15: Political Disorder and Revolution

Mathias Iwanowsky (Institute for International Economic Studies) and Andreas Madestam (Stockholm University), “Surviving the Killing Fields: The Long Term Consequences of the Khmer Rouge”

John V. Nye (George Mason University and NRU-HSE), Maxym Bryukhanov (NRU-Higher School of Economics), Sergiy Polyachenko (NRU-Higher School of Economics) and Vasily Rusanov (NRU-Higher School of Economics), “Social Mobility in the Russia of Revolutions, 1850-2015: A Surname Study”

Craig Ogden Palsson (Yale University), “Land Markets and State Capacity in Haiti, 1928-1944”

16: Infrastructure and Development


Joshua Lewis (University of Montreal) and Edson Severnini (Carnegie Mellon University), “The Value of Rural Electricity: Evidence from the Rollout of the U.S. Power Grid”

Eric Edwards (Utah State University) and Steven M. Smith (Haverford College), “The Role of Irrigation in the Development of American Agriculture”

CONFERENCE ENDS AT NOON.
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Register online June 1, 2016 onward at:
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