80th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION

EHA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM 2020:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020:

11 AM -12 PM EST (USA):

Job Market Workshop (for graduate students and early career scholars).

1-2:30 PM EST (USA):

Plenary Session: Benjamin M. Friedman, the William Joseph Maier Professor of Political Economy at Harvard, and the author of The Moral Consequences of Economic Growth will be delivering the Plenary Address. The title of his address is: *Religion and the Rise of Modern Economics.*

2:45-4:15 PM EST (USA):

Sessions 1-3:

Session 1: Demagogues, Racists and Censors

Chair: Andy Ferrara, University of Pittsburgh

1. Jordi Vidal-Robert, University of Sydney; Sascha O. Becker, Monash University

“Eppur si muove. Effects of Catholic Censorship during the Counter-Reformation”

Discussant: Augustin Bergeron, Harvard University

2. Tianyi Wang, University of Pittsburgh

“Media, Pulpit, and Populist Persuasion: Evidence from Father Coughlin”

Discussant: George Fenton, University of Michigan
3. Max Winkler, University of Zurich; Sebastian Ottinger, UCLA
“Political Competition and Racial Hate: Evidence from the U.S.”
Discussant: Jean Lacroix, Université Libre de Bruxelles

**Session 2 Monetary Reforms and Resumptions**

Chair: Kirsten Wandschneider, Occidental College

1. Thea Don-Siemion, London School of Economics
“Interwar Poland's Late Exit from Gold: A Case of Government as 'Conservative Central Banker' “
Discussant: Alain Naef, University of California, Berkeley

2. Francois Velde, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Lilia Costabile, University of Naples Federico II
“Monetary Crisis and Reform in 17th c. Naples”
Discussant: Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, California Institute of Technology

3. Pamfili Antipa, Sciences Po; Quoc-Anh Do, Sciences Po
“Charity Begins at Home-Why Britain resumed the Gold Standard after the French Wars”
Discussant: Bill Craighead, Colorado College

**Session 3: Financial Crises: Origins and Resolutions**

Chair: Gustavo Cortes, University of Florida

1. Patrick Van Horn, Scripps College; Ellis Tallman, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
“New York Clearing House Last Resort Lending in 1884: Orderly Resolution of a Systemically Important Financial Institution”
Discussant: Kaspar Zimmermann, Bonn Graduate School of Economics

“Micro-Evidence from a System Wide Financial Meltdown, The German Crisis of 1931”

Discussant: Caroline Fohlin, Emory University

3. Jean-Laurent Cadorel, Paris School of Economics

“A Monetary Explanation of the Great Crash of 1929”

Discussant: Adam Brzezinski, University of Oxford

4:30-6:00 PM EST (USA):

Sessions 4-6:

Session 4: Assimilating the Immigrant: Consequences for Growth and Innovation

Chair: Lee Alston, Indiana University

1. David Escamilla-Guerrero, University of Oxford; Moramay Lopez-Alonso, Rice University

“Migrant self-selection in the presence of random shocks: Evidence from the Panic of 1907”

Discussant: Zachary Ward, Baylor University

2. Lisa Tarquinio, Boston University; Konrad Burchardi, Institute for International Economic Studies, Stockholm; Thomas Chaney, Sciences Po; Tarek Hassan, Boston University; Stephen Terry, Boston University

“Immigration, Innovation, and Growth”

Discussant: Leah Boustan, Princeton University

3. Ariell Zimran, Vanderbilt University and NBER; William J. Collins, Vanderbilt University and NBER

“Immigrants' Changing Labor Market Assimilation in the United States during the Age of Mass Migration”

Discussant: Chris Minns, London School of Economics
Session 5: The Roles of Confidence and Information in Financial Crises

Chair: Sriya Anbil, Federal Reserve Board of Governors

1. Mark Carlson, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve; Charles W. Calomiris, Columbia University
   “Restoring Confidence in Troubled Financial Institutions after a Financial Crisis”
   Discussant: Eric Hilt, Wellesley College and NBER

2. Haelim Anderson, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Adam Copeland, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
   “Information Management in Times of Crisis”
   Discussant: Gertjan Verdickt, Monash Business School

3. Christopher Hoag, Trinity College
   “Bank Executive Experience in a Financial Crisis”
   Discussant: Carlos Hernandez, Arizona State University

Session 6: English and French Money Troubles

Chair: Kilian Rieder, Oesterreichische Nationalbank

1. Eric Monnet, Paris School of Economics; Angelo Riva, European Business School
   “Flight-to-safety and the Real Effects of Banking Crises: Evidence from the French Great Depression (1930-1931)
   Discussant: German Forero-Laverde, Universidad Externado de Columbia

2. Bryan Cutsinger, Angelo State University; Louis Rouanet, George Mason University
   “Assignats or Death: Inflationary Finance in Revolutionary France”
   Discussant: Matthijs Korevaar, Maastricht University

3. Maylis Avaro, Graduate Institute of Geneva
   Discussant: Rebecca Stuart, University of Neuchâtel
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2020:

12-1:30 PM EST (USA):

Sessions 7-9:

Session 7: Money Supply and Global Currencies

Chair: Alan Taylor, University of California, Davis and NBER

1. Roger Vicquery, London School of Economics
   “The Rise and Fall of Global Currencies over Two Centuries”
   Discussant: Georges Pantelopoulos, Hunter Research Foundation Centre

2. Paul Schmelzing, Yale School of Management
   “Eight centuries of global real interest rates, R-G, and the ‘suprasecular’ decline, 1311-2018”
   Discussant: Ralf Meisenzahl, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

3. Nuno Palma, University of Manchester and CEPR; Adam Brzezinski, University of Oxford
   “The Vagaries of the Sea: Evidence on the Real Effects of Money from Maritime Disasters in the Spanish Empire”
   Discussant: Jane Knodell, University of Vermont

Session 8: The Political Economy of Sovereign Debt Crises

Chair: Larry Neal, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

1. Gail Triner, Rutgers University
   “The Political Economy of the First Modern Sovereign Debt Crisis”
   Discussant: Juan Flores, University of Geneva

2. Rui Esteves, IHEID Geneva; Sean Kenny, Lund University
   “The Aftermath of Sovereign Debt Crises: A Narrative Approach”
**Discussant:** Emilie Bonhoure, Paris School of Economics

3. Ali Coskun Tuncer, University College London; Leonardo Weller, Sao Paulo School of Economics, FGV


**Discussant:** Samuel Segura Cobos, IHEID

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### Session 9: Some Demographic Origins of the Modern World

**Chair:** Richard Steckel, The Ohio State University

1. Carl Kitchens, Florida State University; Luke P. Rodgers, Florida State University

“Were Children Always Normal? Historic Evidence from the WWI Agricultural Boom and Bust”

**Discussant:** Carolyn Moehling, Rutgers University

2. Mohamed Saleh, Toulouse School of Economics; Xinyan Lao, Toulouse School of Economics

“Income and Net Fertility in a Malthusian Economy: Evidence from the Lancashire Cotton Famine”

**Discussant:** Steve Broadberry, University of Oxford

3. Guillaume Blanc, Brown University

“Modernization Before Industrialization: Cultural Roots of the Demographic Transition in France”

**Discussant:** Phillip Hoffman, California Institute of Technology

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2:15-3:45 PM EST (USA):

**Sessions 10-12:**

### Session 10: Sovereign Debts and Credit Markets

**Chair:** Marc Weidenmeier, Chapman University
1. Colin Weiss, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve; Nathanael Coffey, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS

“Sovereign Default and Capital Flows: Evidence from the American States in the 1840s”

Discussant: Gillian Brunet, Wesleyan University

2. Marc Flandreau, University of Pennsylvania

“Vulture Diplomacy: The London Stock Exchange and the Political Economy of Distressed Sovereign Debt in the 19th Century”

Discussant: Marc Weidenmier, Chapman University

3. Oscar Gelderblom, Utrecht University; Joost Jonker, University of Amsterdam and International Institute for Social History

“Call it a Loan: Dutch Intermediated and Non-Intermediated Credit Markets in 1921”

Discussant: Chris Colvin, Queen’s University Belfast

Session 11: Manufactures, Transportation, and Information Access

Chair: Caroline Fohlin, Emory University

1. Reka Juhasz, Columbia University; Mara Squicciarini, Bocconi University; Nico Voigtlaender, UCLA

“Technology Adoption and Productivity Growth During the Industrial Revolution: Evidence from France”

Discussant: Joel Mokyr, Northwestern University

2. Richard Hornbeck, University of Chicago; Martin Rotemberg, NYU

“Railroads, Reallocation, and the Rise of American Manufacturing”

Discussant: Jeremy Atack, Vanderbilt University and NBER

3. Peter Nencka, The Ohio State University; Enrico Berkes, The Ohio State University


Discussant: Alice Kügler, University College London
Session 12: Banking Services for Underserved Communities

Chair: Marty Olney, University of California, Berkeley

1. Geoff Clarke, Brandeis University
   “Generating African-American Wealth through Banking”
   Discussant: Liang Bai, University of Edinburgh

2. Masato Shizume, Waseda University
   “Modern Banking Reforms and Financial Activities of Indigenous Merchants: A Case from Japan in the Late 19th Century”
   Discussant: Matthew Jaremski, Utah State University

3. Craig M. McMahon, Villanova University; Jeremy Land, University of Jyväskylä and University of Helsinki
   “Public Banking and Global Marketplaces in Antebellum Georgia and South Carolina”
   Discussant: David Wheelock, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

4-4:45 PM EST (USA):
   EHA virtual Business Meeting (everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!)

5-6 PM EST (USA):
   Presidential Address will be delivered by EHA President Hugh Rockoff (Rutgers University). The title of his address is: *Oh, How the Mighty Have Fallen: Common Features of the Bank Failures that Started America’s Greatest Financial Panics.*

6:30-8 PM EST (USA):
   EHA virtual social hour, hosted by Hugh Rockoff.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020:

12-1:30 PM EST (USA):

**Sessions 13-15:**

**Session 13: Institutions Matter**

**Chair:** Leticia Arroyo Abad, City University of New York - Queens College

1. Sheilagh Ogilvie, Faculty of Economics, University of Cambridge; Alexander Klein, School of Economics, University of Kent
   “Was Domar Right? Serfdom and Factor Endowments in Bohemia”
   **Discussant:** Jan de Vries, Columbia University

2. Mario Francesco Carillo, University of Naples, Federico II
   “Fascistville: Mussolini’s New Towns and the Persistence of Neo-Fascism”
   **Discussant:** Rowena Gray, University of California, Merced

**Session 14: Education and Innovation**

**Chair:** Katherine Eriksson, University of California, Davis

1. Felix Selgert, University of Bonn; Alexander Donges, University of Mannheim
   “The Consequences of Radical Patent-Regime Change”
   **Discussant:** Petra Moser, New York University

2. Juliana Jaramillo, London School of Economics; Andres Alvarez, Los Andes University
   “Surnames, Status and Schools: A Long-term View of the Social Ladder in Colombia”
   **Discussant:** Gregory Clark, University of California, Davis

3. Benjamin Andrew Milner, University of British Columbia
   “The Impact of State-Provided Education: Evidence from the 1870 Education Act”
Discussant: David Mitch, UMBC

Session 15: Inequality and its Persistence

Chair: Marianne Wanamaker, University of Tennessee

1. Felipe Valencia, University of British Columbia; Laura Schechter, Wisconsin
   “Country of Women? Repercussions of the War of the Triple Alliance in Paraguay”
   Discussant: Bernardo Mueller, Universidade de Brasília

2. Yuzuru Kumon, University of California, Davis
   “The Deep Roots of Inequality”
   Discussant: Pauline Grosjean, University of New South Wales

3. Laura Salisbury, York University; Shari Eli, University of Toronto
   “The Intergenerational Persistence of Welfare Receipt”
   Discussant: James Feigenbaum, Boston University

2:15-4:45 PM EST (USA):

Dissertation Sessions: Gerschenkron Prize presentations, focusing on the best for the best dissertation in the economic history of an area outside of the United States or Canada completed during the preceding year, will be followed by Nevins Prize presentations, focusing on the best dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history completed during the previous year.

Gerschenkron Prize

Finalists to Be Announced Soon…

Nevins Prize

The Allan Nevins Prize in American Economic History is awarded annually by the Economic History Association on behalf of Columbia University Press for the best dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history completed during the previous year.
Chair: Zorina Khan, Bowdoin College and NBER

1. Sarah Quincy, Vanderbilt University (University of California, Davis)
   *Back to Good Times: The Real Effects of Credit in Great-Depression California*

2. Cory Smith, MIT
   *Land Use and Development Over the Long Run*

3. Jessica LaVoice, University of Pittsburgh
   *Essays about Race, Discrimination, and Inequality*

5-6:30 PM EST (USA):

Sessions 16-18:

Session 16: Discrimination: Immigrants, Women, and Mortgage Lending

Chair: Robert Margo, MIT

1. Leonhard Vollmer, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich; Mathias Buehler, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich
   “Education and Women's Empowerment”

Discussant: Claudia Goldin, Harvard University

2. Francisca Antman, University of Colorado Boulder; Kalena E. Cortes, Texas A&M University
   “The Long-Run Impacts of Mexican-American School Desegregation”

Discussant: Trevon Logan, The Ohio State University

3. Mintra Dwarkasing, Erasmus University, Rotterdam
   “The Dark Side of Social Capital? Battles and Mortgage Lending”

Discussant: Daniel Aaronson, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Session 17: The Politics of Health

Chair: Price Fishback, University of Arizona
1. Vincent Geloso, King’s University College; Raymond March, North Dakota State University

“Rent-Seeking for Madness: The Political Economy of Mental Institutionalization in America, 1880 to 1923”

Discussant: Gregory Niemesh, Miami University of Ohio

2. Brian Marein, University of Colorado Boulder


Discussant: Craig Palsson, Utah State University

3. Nikolaos Prodromidis, University of Duisburg-Essen; Martin Karlsson, University of Duisburg-Essen

“The Long-Term Effects from Hospital Deliveries in Sweden”

Discussant: Melissa Thomasson, Miami University of Ohio

Session 18: Human Capital Legacies

Chair: Elizabeth Cascio, Dartmouth College

1. Andreas Backhaus, Federal Institute for Population Research

“Fading Legacies: Human Capital in the Aftermath of the Partitions of Poland”

Discussant: Paul Sharp, University of Southern Denmark

2. Ezra Karger, University of Chicago

“The Long-Run Effect of Public Libraries on Children: Evidence from the Early 1900s”

Discussant: Katherine Eriksson, University of California, Davis

3. Conor Lennon, University of Louisville

“Female Educational Achievement, Labor Market Outcomes, and the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944”

Discussant: Joyce Burnett, Wabash College
Please note that all the EHA awards will be announced shortly after the conference.

Conference ends 6:30 PM EST (USA).