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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics, Stanford University, 2013-
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Stanford University, 2005- 2013

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), 2013-
Faculty Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR), 2007-

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2005
Dissertation: *The Limits of Equality: an Economic Analysis of the Israeli Kibbutz*
Supervised by Joel Mokyr (Chair), Joseph Ferrie, Rob Porter, Kathy Spier, Bill Rogerson
M.A. Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2000
B.A. Economics and Business, Hebrew University, Israel, 1998, *Summa cum laude*

I. RESEARCH

Book

The Mystery of the Kibbutz: An Economist's Perspective, under contract with Princeton University Press

Published and Accepted Papers

1. "Book Translations as Idea Flows: The Effects of the Collapse of Communism on the Diffusion of Knowledge," with Isabelle Sin, conditionally accepted, *Journal of European Economic Association* [current draft: September 2013]
2. "Have the poor always been less likely to migrate? Evidence from Inheritance Practices during the Age of Mass Migration," with Leah Boustan and Katherine Eriksson, *Journal of Development Economics*, 102, 2-14, 2013
3. "Europe's Tired, Poor, Huddled Masses: Self-Selection and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration," with Leah Boustan and Katherine Eriksson, *American Economic Review*, 102:5, 1832-1856, August 2012
4. "On the Optimality of Line Call Challenges in Professional Tennis," with Liran Einav, Shimon Kolkowitz, and Roy Mill, *International Economic Review*, 53:3, 939-964, August 2012

5. "Marrying Up: the Role of Sex Ratio in Assortative Matching," with Adeline Delavande and Luis Vasconcelos, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 3:3, 124-157, July 2011
6. "Lessons from the Kibbutz on the Equality-Incentives Trade-Off," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 25:1, 185-208, Winter 2011
7. "On the (lack of) Stability of Communes: An Economic Perspective," in *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion* (edited by Rachel McCleary), Oxford University Press, Chapter 9, 169-189, 2011
8. "Risk, Incentives and Contracts: Partnerships in Rio De Janeiro, 1870-1891," with Zephyr Frank and Aprajit Mahajan, *Journal of Economic History*, 70:3, 686-715, September 2010
9. "Is Hanukkah Responsive to Christmas?" with Liran Einav and Oren Rigbi, *Economic Journal*, 120, 612-630, June 2010
10. "The Effect of Redistribution on Migration: Evidence from the Israeli kibbutz," *Journal of Public Economics*, 93, 498-511, 2009
11. "The Limits of Equality: Insights from the Israeli Kibbutz," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123:3, 1111-1159, August 2008
12. "The Limits of Equality: An Economic Analysis of the Israeli Kibbutz," *Journal of Economic History*, 67(2), 495-499, 2007 [dissertation summary]
13. "Migration and Human Capital: Self-Selection of Indentured Servants to the Americas," with Fabio Braggion, *Journal of Economic History*, 66(4), 882-905, December 2006
14. "Du Pont Family", "Kettering Charles", "Lenin Vladimir Ilich", "Lewis John L.", "Malthusian and neo-Malthusian Theories" (with Fabio Braggion), "Vanderbilt Family", in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, Oxford University Press, 2004

Working Papers

15. "How Responsive is Investment in Schooling to Changes in Redistribution Policies and in Returns?" with Victor Lavy, revised and resubmitted, *Econometrica* [current draft: August 2013]
16. "A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration," with Leah Boustan and Katherine Eriksson, revised and resubmitted, *Journal of Political Economy* [current draft: August 2013]

Research Grants

National Science Foundation, "Economic Outcomes and Self-selection in the Age of Mass Migration: A Micro Approach," with Leah Boustan, Award amount and duration:

\$447,750, 2010-13

National Science Foundation Grant No. SES-0720901, "The Selection and Incentive Effects of Equal-Sharing," Award amount and duration: \$219,342, 2007-2010

Fellowships and Awards

Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*, 2013

Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Stanford, 2012

Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow, 2012

Excellence in Refereeing Award, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2012

Economics Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award, Stanford, 2009

Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the best dissertation in economic history (European, Asian, and comparative topics) awarded by the Economic History Association, 2006

Graduate Research Grant, Mellon Foundation, 2005

Dissertation Fellowship, Crown Family Center for Jewish Studies, Northwestern, 2004-2005

Economic History Association Dissertation Award, 2004

Teaching Assistant Fellow, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern, 2004-2005

Dissertation Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2003-2004

Graduate Research Fellowship, Northwestern University, summer 2003

Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2003

Economic History Association Pre-Dissertation Award, 2003

Teaching Assistant Awards, Northwestern University, 2001, 2002, 2003

University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1999-2000

Department of Economics Award, Hebrew University, 1998-1999

Rector's Fellowship, School of Business Administration, Hebrew University, 1998-1999

Program for Outstanding Students, Economics Department, Hebrew University, 1996-1999

Dean's List, Hebrew University, 1996, 1997, 1998

Invited Seminars

2013-2014: Harvard, Berkeley, Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law, Cal Poly, Arizona (scheduled)

2012-2013: Toronto, UCLA department seminar, MIT, University of Chicago Booth economics, Stanford Center for International Development (scheduled)

2011-2012: Vanderbilt, Simon Fraser, UC Davis, Berkeley, Higher School of Economics (Moscow), Hebrew University, Tel Aviv University, Duke, Northwestern, Epstein Lecture at LSE

2010-2011: University of Colorado at Boulder, Brown, LSE, Warwick, Harvard Kennedy School

2009-2010: NYU Stern, UCLA Anderson, Bar-Ilan University, Tel-Aviv University, Ben-Gurion University, Berkeley public policy, Boston University, UC Merced, George Mason, Chapman

2008-2009: Yale, Harvard, Berkeley, Berkeley demography, Northwestern

2007-2008: UCLA, UCSD, UC Davis, Tel-Aviv University, Hebrew University

2006-2007: Tel-Aviv University, Hebrew University, Ben-Gurion University, Haifa University, Bar-Ilan University

2005-2006: University of British Columbia, University of Chicago (Booth Economics), UCLA, UC Berkeley Haas, LSE, UC Berkeley, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Toronto, University of Western Ontario

2004-2005: Harvard, Harvard Business School, Stanford, Yale SOM, Northwestern, Kellogg School of Management (Management and Strategy), UC San Diego, Maryland, UC Irvine, University of Illinois at Chicago, Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University

Conference Presentations

The Long Shadow of History - Mechanisms of Persistence in Economics and the Social Sciences, Munich November 2013 (scheduled)

Migration and Integration: Global and Local Dimensions, Stanford, September 2013 (scheduled)
Association of Israel Studies, UCLA, June 2013

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE), July 2012

AFD, the World Bank and the Center for Global Development, 5th International conference on migration and development, June 2012

All-UC Group in Economic History and UCLA (school of management and economics department), conference on The Long-Term Persistence of Economic Outcomes, May 2012

Association for the Study of Religion, Economics & Culture, Orange county, March 2012

Economic History Association Meetings, Boston, September 2011

NBER, Development of the American Economy, Summer Institute, July 2011

Harvard's Center for International Development, June 2011

NBER, Education program, Spring meetings, May 2011

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE), July 2010

Firm Governance: Law in History, Tel-Aviv University, June 2010

All-UC Group in Economic History, UC Davis, May 2010

Economic History Association Meetings, Tucson, September 2009

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE), Stanford, July 2008

NBER, Development of the American Economy, Summer Institute, July 2008

All-UC Group in Economic History, Pasadena, May 2008

NBER, Public Economics program, Spring meetings, Boston, April 2008.

NBER, empirical personnel economics workshop, Summer Institute, Boston, July 2007

Economic History Association Meetings, Pittsburgh, September 2006

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE), July 2006

American Economic Association Meetings, Boston, January 2006

The Structure and Evolution of Institutions, Stanford University, November 2005

Economic History Association Meetings (Poster Presentation), St. Louis, September 2004

Fifth World Congress in Cliometrics, Venice, Italy, July 2004

Illinois Economic Association Meetings, October 2003

Association for Israel Studies' Annual Conference, San Diego, California, April 2003

II. TEACHING

Graduate: European Economic History, Topics in Economic History

Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomics

Ph.D. Students

David Yang (current)

Scott Kamino (current)

Santiago Perez (current), primary advisor
Issac Opper (current), primary advisor
Michela Giorcelli (current), primary advisor
Nicola Bianchi (current), committee member
Scott Baker (current), committee member
Rebecca Dizon-Ross (current), committee member
Roy Mill (2013, Ancestry.com), primary advisor
Shirlee Lichtman (2013, Ben Gurion University), committee member
William Gui Woolston (2013, Boston Consulting Group), committee member
Luke Stein (2013, Arizona State University finance), committee member
George Bulman (2013, UC Santa Cruz), committee member
Michael Bailey (2012, Facebook), committee member
Jennifer Doleac (2012, University of Virginia Public Policy school), committee member
Arthur van Benthem (2012, Wharton), committee member
Nadeem Karmali (2011, World Bank), committee member
Isabelle Sin (2011, Motu Economics and Public Policy research, NZ), primary advisor
Marika Cabral (2011, UT Austin, Economics), committee member
Christopher Paik (2010, Postdoc at Princeton Woodrow Wilson School), committee member
Natalie Chun (2009, Asian Development Bank), committee member
Oren Rigbi (2009, Ben Gurion University, Economics, Israel), committee member
Itai Ater (2008, Tel Aviv University, Recanati School of Management), committee member
Assaf Eilat (2008, Compass LexEcon), committee member
Stephan Mcbride (2008, Analysis group), committee member
Jared Rubin (2007, California State University, Fullerton), committee member

III. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic History*, 2013-2017
Co-director, Summer Institute for High School Economics Teachers, 2013-
Committee on education in economic history, Economic History Association, 2013-2016
Program committee, European Economic Association (EEA) annual meetings, 2013
Program committee, Economic History Association (EHA) annual meetings, 2012
Program committee, World Bank and the Center for Global Development, 5th International
conference on migration and development, 2012, 2013
Economic History Association (EHA) representative to the Allied Social
Science Association (ASSA), 2009-2011
Co-Organizer, Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics on “Economic History”, 2006, 2008,
2010, 2012
Referee for *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of economics*, *Econometrica*,
Journal of Political Economy, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Journal of Economic History*,
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, *American Economic Journal:*
Macroeconomics, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *International Economic Review*,
Journal of Public Economics, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Development*
Economics, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of European*
Economic Association, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *Demography*, *Journal of*
Population Economics, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Population and*
Development, *Review*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *B.E. Journal of*

Economic Analysis & Policy, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics, Economic Quarterly [Hebrew], National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation, Falk Institute

Department and University service

Job market placement officer, 2013
Undergraduate policy committee, 2012-2013
Transfer credit policy, 2012-2013
Graduate admission committee, 2006-2007
Junior recruiting committee, 2005-2006

Past Positions

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), 2011-2013
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Economics, Tel-Aviv University, February 2007
Trainer of new economic Teaching Assistants, Northwestern University, 2004
Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, Department of Economics, 2000-2003:
 Public Finance, Introductory Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics
Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, MMSS program, 2003:
 Game Theory, Turbo Microeconomics
Lecturer, Jerusalem College, 1997-1999: Introductory Micro, Macroeconomics and Finance
Teaching Assistant, Hebrew University, Department of Economics, 1997-1999:
 Intermediate Macroeconomics #1, #2
Top Sergeant, IDF, 1992-1995

Personal Information

Israeli citizen, US citizen
Born in Jerusalem, Israel, February 1974
Married with three children