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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-  
*Senior 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: how egalitarian principles survived in a capitalist world* , under contract with Princeton University Press

**Published Papers**

1. "Economics and the Modern Economic Historian," *Journal of Economic History* (forthcoming)
2. "Immigration in American History," with Leah Boustan, *Journal of Economic Literature* (forthcoming)
3. "Book Translations as Idea Flows: The Effects of the Collapse of Communism on the Diffusion of Knowledge," with Isabelle Sin, *Journal of European Economic Association*, 12:6, 1453-1520, December 2014
4. "How Responsive is Investment in Schooling to Changes in Redistribution Policies and in Returns?" with Victor Lavy, *Econometrica*, 82:4, 1241-1272, July 2014

5. "A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration," with Leah Boustan and Katherine Eriksson, *Journal of Political Economy*, 122:3, 467-717, June 2014 (lead article)
6. "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
7. "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
8. "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
9. "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
10. "Lessons from the Kibbutz on the Equality-Incentives Trade-Off," *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 25:1, 185-208, Winter 2011
11. "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
12. "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
13. "Is Hanukkah Responsive to Christmas?" with Liran Einav and Oren Rigbi, *Economic Journal*, 120, 612-630, June 2010
14. "The Effect of Redistribution on Migration: Evidence from the Israeli kibbutz," *Journal of Public Economics*, 93, 498-511, 2009
15. "The Limits of Equality: Insights from the Israeli Kibbutz," *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 123:3, 1111-1159, August 2008
16. "The Limits of Equality: An Economic Analysis of the Israeli Kibbutz," *Journal of Economic History*, 67(2), 495-499, 2007 [dissertation summary]
17. "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

18. “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**

“Cultural Assimilation During the Age of Mass Migration,” with Leah Boustan and Katherine Eriksson

“Were Jews in Interwar Poland More Educated?” with Hanna Halaburda

## **Work in Progress**

“To the New World and Back Again: Return Migration and Upward Mobility,” with Leah Boustan and Katherine Eriksson

## **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**

Stanford Faculty Scholar, 2013-2014

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**

2014-2015: UCLA, Yale, Warwick, Arizona, Irvine  
2013-2014: Harvard, Berkeley, Berkeley Institute for Jewish Law, Cal Poly  
2012-2013: Toronto, UCLA department seminar, MIT, University of Chicago Booth economics, Stanford Center for International Development  
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**

A Workshop on Complete Census Count Data and Record Linkage Techniques, Berkeley Population Center and Department of Demography, December 2015  
Economic History Association Meetings, Nashville, 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of EHA Panel on the future of economic history, September 2015  
NBER, Development of the American Economy, Summer Institute, July 2015  
International conference on migration and development, keynote lecture, June 2015  
The Long Shadow of History - Mechanisms of Persistence in Economics and the Social Sciences, Munich November 2014  
Economic Workshop, IDC Herzliya June 2014  
Networks, Institutions, and Economic History, Cambridge UK June 2014  
Climbing the Social Ladder: Social and Geographic Mobility over Time, Toulouse June 2014  
The Long Shadow of History - Mechanisms of Persistence in Economics and the Social Sciences, Munich November 2013  
Migration and Integration: Global and Local Dimensions, Stanford, September 2013  
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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 AND ADVISING**

Graduate: European Economic History, Topics in Economic History

Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomics

### **Ph.D. Students**

David Yang (current), co-primary advisor with Muriel Niederle  
Scott Kamino (current), on leave  
Thomas Ginn (current), primary advisor  
Adriane Fresh (current), committee member  
Zoe Cullen (current), committee member  
Santiago Perez (current), primary advisor  
Issac Opper (current), primary advisor  
Michela Giorcelli (current), primary advisor  
Nicola Bianchi (2015, Northwestern Kellogg strategy), committee member  
Scott Baker (2014, Northwestern Kellogg finance), committee member  
Rebecca Dizon-Ross (2013, Prize Fellow in Economics, History, and Politics at Harvard), 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 (2010-2012, Postdoc at Princeton Woodrow Wilson School; 2013 NYU Abu Dhabi), 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 (2008-2012, Compass LexEcon; 2013, Chief Economist at Israel Antitrust Authority), committee member  
Stephan McBride (2008, Analysis group), committee member  
Jared Rubin (2007-2011, Cal State, Fullerton; 2011, Chapman), committee member

### **III. OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Co-editor, *Explorations in Economic History*, 2015-  
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, World Bank and the Center for Global Development, International conference on migration and development, 2012-  
Program committee, European Economic Association (EEA) annual meetings, 2013  
Program committee, Economic History Association (EHA) annual meetings, 2012  
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, 2015  
*Referee* for *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Econometrica*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *Science*, *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*, *European Economics Review*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *Demography*, *Journal of Urban Economics*, *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*, *Journal of Sports Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *Social Forces*, *Economic Quarterly [Hebrew]*, *National Science Foundation*, *Israel Science Foundation*, *Falk Institute*

### **Department and University Service**

Economics department vice chair, 2014-

Faculty Senate, 2014-2016  
Job market placement director, 2013  
Undergraduate policy committee, 2012-2013  
Transfer credit policy, 2012-2013  
Graduate admission committee, 2006-2007  
Junior recruiting committee, 2005-2006

### **Past Positions**

*Faculty Fellow*, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR), 2007-2015  
*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