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Languages: English (native), French (fluent), German (elementary).

Education

University of Essex, PhD in Economics, April 2001

University of Alberta, MA in Economics, August 1997

Queen's University (Canada) BA (Honours) in Economics, May 1996

Academic Positions

Lecturer, Department of Economic History, London School of Economics and Political Science, August 2006-present.

Research Associate, Institute for International Integration Studies (IIIS), May 2003-present.

Lecturer, Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin, Sept. 2002-July 2006

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, McGill University, Sept. 2000-May 2002

Academic Awards

Explorations Prize for best article published in *Explorations in Economic History* in the previous academic year, September 2008.

Best paper by a new researcher, Economic History Society conference, April 1999.

External Research Awards

Erasmus Mundus Fellowship to visit the International Development Studies Department at Dalhousie University, August 2008.

“The development of the Canadian labour market, 1870-1920.” British Academy Small Grant, July 2007.

TCD representative and Steering Committee member on GlobalEuroNet European Science Foundation (ESF) Research Programme, April 2006 – August 2006.

“The emergence of national markets in Canada, 1870-1940,” overseas research collaborator with Mary MacKinnon and Dhanoos Sutthiphisal (McGill), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), April 2006.

Team member in IIS funded projects, “Historical antecedents of globalization,” and “Evaluating globalization using microdata,” March 2004.

“Schooling and school finance in Canada, 1871-1971,” as overseas research collaborator with Mary MacKinnon (McGill) and Alan Green (Queen’s), SSHRC, April 2003.

Internal Research Awards (TCD)

Research Capacity Building Scheme, Trinity College Dublin, August 2005. (With Ken Benoit)

Start-up Grant, Trinity College Dublin, March 2003.

Writings

Journal Articles:

“The times they are not changin’: days and hours of work in Old and New Worlds, 1870-2000.” (with Michael Huberman). *Explorations in economic history* **44** (2007), 538-567.

“The costs of doing hard time: a penitentiary based regional price index for Canada, 1883-1923,” (with Mary MacKinnon). *Canadian journal of economics* **40** (2007), 528-560.

“Immigration policy and the skills of Irish immigrants: evidence and implications.” *Journal of the statistical and social inquiry society of Ireland* **34** (158th session) (2005), 82-114.

“Conspicuous by their absence: French Canadians and the settlement of the Canadian West,” (with Alan Green and Mary MacKinnon). *Journal of economic history* **65** (2005), 822-849.

“The spirit of capitalism? Ethnicity, religion, and self-employment in early 20th century Canada,” (with Marian Rizov). *Explorations in economic history* **42** (2005), 259-281.

“Dominion or Republic? British immigrants to North America, 1870-1910,” (with Alan Green and Mary MacKinnon). *Economic history review* **55** (2002), 666-696.

“Income, cohort effects, and occupational mobility: a new look at immigration to the United States at the turn of the twentieth century.” *Explorations in economic history* **37** (2000), 326-350.

Unpublished papers:

“School resources and schooling outcomes in a frontier society: evidence from British Columbia, 1900-1920,” (with Mary MacKinnon). LSE Economic History working paper 116. (under review).

“Rules and reality: quantifying the practice of apprenticeship in premodern England.” (with Patrick Wallis). LSE Economic History working paper 11x (under review).

“Work, training, and economic mobility in premodern societies: new evidence from English apprenticeship records” (with Tim Leunig and Patrick Wallis). December 2008

“Canadian school attendance in 1901: laws, costs, and family characteristics,” (with Mary MacKinnon) May 2006.

“The First World War and the emergence of national markets in Canada,” (with Mary MacKinnon) September 2005.

“The economic progress of French Canadians, 1900-1970,” May 2003.

“The earnings gap between rural and urban Canada in 1901” (with Alan Green and Mary MacKinnon), December 2002.

Work in Progress

“Brain drain or safety valve? Emigration from Canada to the United States in the late 19th century.”

“New evidence on inter-urban, inter-regional wages in late 19th Century Canada.”

“Matching matters: a comparison of linkage algorithms using 19th century microdata” (with Gill Newton).

“Labour regulation and the wage gap in Old and New Worlds during the first great wave of globalisation.” (with Michael Huberman)

Book Reviews:

Review of *Immigration and American Unionism*, by V. Briggs Jr., (Cornell/ILRR 2001), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*. 57 (2003) 148-150.

Review of *Issues in the Economics of Immigration*, ed. G. Borjas (NBER 2001), *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 55 (2001), 172-173.

Professional Activities

External Academic Service

Academic participant, Economic History Society PhD student training course, December 2008.

Program Committee, Canadian Network for Economic History Meetings, Montreal, April 2008.

Co-editor, SSRN-Economic History abstracting journal, September 2006-present.

Assessor, junior promotion review, NUI-Galway, September 2006.

Invited Lectures

“Immigration policy and the skills of Irish immigrants: evidence and implications,” delivered to the Social and Statistical Society of Ireland, ESRI (Dublin), February 2005.

“Migration and economic growth, 1870-1910,” delivered to the European Summer School in Economic History, Tartu, Estonia, August 2007.

Seminar Presentations (last 5 years):

2008: Institute for Historical Research (London), All Souls College (Oxford)

2007: Royal Holloway College, Warwick University

2006: London School of Economics

2005: McGill University, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, ESRI (Dublin)

2004: NUI-Maynooth, Queen’s University, City University

Conference Presentations (last 5 years):

2008: World Congress of Cliometrics, “Rags to Riches” CEPR Macro/History conference

2007: Canadian Economics Association

2006: Canadian Economics Association

2005: Economic History Association, Economic History Society

2004: World Congress of Cliometrics

Other Conference Participation (last 5 years):

Discussant, Canadian Economics Association, Halifax, June 2007

Discussant, Canadian Economics Association, Montreal, June 2005

Discussant, CEPR-ESSLE conference, Buch am Ammersee, September 2004.

Professional Membership: American Economic Association, Canadian Economics Association, Canadian Network for Economic History, Cliometric Society, Economic History Association, Economic History Society.

Journal Referee: *Economic and Social Review*, *Economic History Review*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *International Migration Journal*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of International Economics and Business*, *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*, *Social Science History*, *Southern Economic Journal*.

Book Referee: Routledge

Project Referee: European Science Foundation

Media Appearance

BBC World Service

Teaching Experience

From Slavery to Asylum: International Migration (graduate), 1500-2000. LSE, 2007-
Quantitative Topics in Economic History (graduate), LSE, 2006-
Theories and Methods in Economic History (undergraduate). LSE, 2009-
The Internationalisation of Economic Growth (undergraduate), LSE, 2006-
Foundations of the Industrial Economy (undergraduate), LSE, 2007-
The Economic History of North America (undergraduate), LSE 2007-

Microeconomics (graduate), Trinity College, 2004-2005
Research Methods (graduate), Trinity College, 2003
World Economic History (undergraduate), Trinity College, 2003-2005
Labour Economics (undergraduate), McGill University, 2001-2002, Trinity College, 2002-2006
Macroeconomics (undergraduate), Trinity College, 2003-2004
Current Economic Problems (undergraduate), McGill University, 2001-2002
Topics in Economic Policy (undergraduate), McGill University, 2001
Urban Economics (undergraduate), Trinity College, 2006.

PhD Student Supervision

Peter Cirenza (Irish immigrant assimilation in late 19th Century USA), ongoing
Johan Custodis (The international market for WWII prisoner of war labour), ongoing

Internal Academic Service

Internal (LSE)

Coordinator, PhD Workshop in economic history, 2008-

LSE course coordinator, LSE-Sciences Po Double Degree in Development Economics and Economic History, 2007-

Internal (TCD)

Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Economics, Trinity College, 2003-2006
Convenor, Dublin Economics Workshop, Trinity College, 2003-2006.