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EDUCATION

INSTITUTION	DEGREE	DATE	FIELD
UC Berkeley	Ph.D.	1991	History
UCLA	M.A.	1985	Economics
Mount Holyoke College	A.B.	1984	Economics/European Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2012 -	Director, Concourse Program: First Year Learning Community, MIT
2006-2012	Department Head, History, MIT
2006-	Professor of History, MIT
1998-06	Associate Professor of History with Tenure, MIT
1995-98	Associate Professor of History without Tenure, MIT
1991-95	Assistant Professor of History, MIT
1993, 2002	Faculty Instructor, Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies at Radcliffe
1990	Acting Instructor, Dept. of History, UC Berkeley
1988	Graduate Student Instructor, Dept. of History, UC Berkeley
1986-88	Research Assistant, Family Reconstitution Project, UC Berkeley
1987	Graduate Student Instructor, Dept. of Economics, UC Berkeley

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

2015-(18)	Vice-President, International Economic History Association Followed by term as President (2018-2021) Will host 2018 World Economic History Congress at MIT
2014-15	Vice-President, Economic History Association (North America)
2012-	Editor, <i>Social Science History</i> (Journal of the Social Science History Association, published by Cambridge University Press)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2014 Arthur C. Smith Award for exemplary service to MIT undergraduate life and learning
- 2013 T.W. Smith Foundation, for “Humanistic Foundations and their Connection to the Sciences” for Concourse Freshman Learning Community. Competitively renewed in 2014 and 2015.
- 2013 CAST (MIT), for “Object-ive Narratives: Portraits of Science through Material Culture and Photography” within the Concourse Freshman Learning Community.
- 2010 SHASS Fund for Teaching and Learning for World History Course
- 2009 Elizabeth Topham Kennan Award for Outstanding Educational Achievement, Mount Holyoke College.
- 2008 SHASS Fund for Teaching and Learning for Ancient and Medieval Studies
- 2008 Class of 1960 Fund for Innovation in Education, for establishment of a Program in Ancient and Medieval Studies at MIT
- 2007 Arthur C. Smith Award for exemplary service to MIT undergraduate life and learning
- 2006 Classes of ‘51 and ‘55 Fund for Excellence in Teaching, awarded for “Engineering the Medieval Achievement”
- 2004 Margaret MacVicar Faculty Fellow –for exemplary and sustained contributions to undergraduate education at MIT
- 2000-2 William and Betsy Leitch Assoc. Professor of History in Residence
- 1999 Levitan Prize in the Humanities, MIT
- 1999 Mary Lyon Achievement Award, Mount Holyoke College Alumnae Assoc.
- 1997 Classes of ‘51 and ‘55 Fund for Excellence in Teaching, awarded for “History at the Bench: Reading and Writing about Modern Europe”
- 1996 Harold E. Edgerton Faculty Achievement Award, MIT
- 1995-8 Class of 1957 Career Development Professorship
- 1993 MIT Provost's Fund Research Award
- 1991 Finalist, Gerschenkron Prize for best dissertation on a non-American subject, awarded by Economic History Association
- 1990 Mabelle McLeod Lewis Dissertation Writing Fellowship
- 1989 Regents Fellowship, University of California
- 1987 Hans Rosenberg Fellowship for European History
- 1987 Ph.D. Oral Examination -- Distinction
- 1983 Phi Beta Kappa --Junior Year election
- 1982 Harry S Truman Scholar, (California)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Civic Charity in a Golden Age: Orphan Care in Early Modern Amsterdam. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 1997.

Railroads in Historical Context: Construction, Costs, and Consequences, Volumes I – III. Edited with Eduardo Beira, Jose M. Lopes Cordeiro, and Paulo Lourenco. Porto, Portugal: EDP, 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Articles in Refereed Journals:

“History and the Social Sciences: Past Imperfect; Future Promising” (Editor’s Introduction to the 40th Anniversary Issue), Social Science History, Vol. 40:4, 2016: 525-35.

“Measuring Prosperity and Preserving Freedom: an Economics Education from Michael Polanyi,” Tradition and Discovery, Vol. 42:3, 2016: 25-34.
<http://polanyisociety.org/TAD%20WEB%20ARCHIVE/TAD42-3/TAD42-3-final-full-pdf.pdf>

“The liberal studies curriculum as the basis for an engineering education,” Engineering Studies: Journal of the International Network for Engineering Studies, (Special Issue: Liberal Studies in Engineering), Vol. 7:2-3, 2015: 145-46.

“Nature and Power: A Global History of the Environment: the View from Economic History,” in *Special Issue: Global Environmental History*, Social Science History, Vol. 37:3, 2013: 407-22.

“Public Welfare and Economic Growth,” in Special Issue: Exploring the Roots of Development in Economic History of Developing Regions, Vol. 27, Supplement 1, 2012: S86-S91.

“Historical Demography and the Crisis of the Seventeenth Century,” Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol. 40:2, 2009:195-214. (With discussion comments on pages 295-96.)

“Poor Consumers as Global Consumers: the Diffusion of Tea and Coffee Drinking in the Eighteenth Century,” The Economic History Review, Vol. 61:S1, 2008:172-200.

“Exotic Goods, Popular Consumption, and the Standard of Living: Thinking About Globalization in the Early Modern World,” Journal of World History, Vol. 18:4, 2007: 433-62.

“Goods at Pawn: the Overlapping Worlds of Material Possessions and Family Finance in Early Modern Amsterdam,” Social Science History, Vol. 31:2, 2007:213-238.

“Inequality Among the Poor of Eighteenth Century Amsterdam,” Explorations in Economic History, Vol. 44:1, 2007: 1-21.

“After-Death Inventories as a Source for the Study of Material Culture, Economic Well-Being, and Household Formation Among the Poor of 18th c. Amsterdam,” Historical Methods, Vol. 39:1, 2006: 10-23.

"The Not-So-Merry Widows of Amsterdam, 1740-1782." Journal of Family History, Vol. 24:4, 1999: 441-467.

"Individual Life Chances Within the Rural Norwegian-American Family, 1850-1910," coauthored with Jon Gjerde. Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol. 30:3, 1999: 377-406.

"Nederlands Republikeinisme en de Politiek van Liefdadigheid," Tijdschrift voor Sociale-Geschiedenis, Vol. 22:4, 1996: 443-455.

"Fertility, marriage, and culture: demographic processes among Norwegian immigrants to the rural Middle West," coauthored with Jon Gjerde, Journal of Economic History, Vol. 55:4, 1995: 860-888.

"Meeting needs and suppressing desire: consumer choice models and historical data," Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol. 26, Autumn, 1995: 191-207.

"Monotonous but not meager: the diet of burgher orphans in Early Modern Amsterdam," Research in Economic History, 1993: 69-116.

"Consumer behavior in an early modern Dutch orphanage: a wealth of choice," Journal of European Economic History, Vol. 22:1, 1993: 121-142.

"Summaries of recent dissertations," Journal of Economic History, Vol. 52, June, 1992: 447-449.

"Internal migration in Friesland: 1750-1805," Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol. 22, Winter, 1992: 387-409.

Book chapters:

"Encomium Oomphis: Regressions, Measure and Meaning in Historical Demography," with Fabian Drixler in Koen Matthijs, Saskia Hin, Jan Kok & Hideko Matsuo, editors, The Future of Historical Demography: Upside Down and Inside Out, Acco: Leuven, 2016: 117-21.

"Global History and the History of Consumption: Congruence and Divergence," forthcoming in Global History and New Polycentric Approaches edited by Manuel Perez-Garcia and Lucio Sousa.

"Textile Meanings in a Global Capital: Fabric and Fashion in 18th c. Amsterdam," forthcoming in Miki Sugiura, ed. Linking Cloth-Clothing Globally, Ochanomizu Publishing, 2016.

"Historical Demography," in the Oxford Handbook of Early Modern European History, edited by Hamish Scott, Oxford University Press, 2015: 119-44.

"Becoming Consumers: Asiatic Goods in Migrant and Native-born Middling Households in 18th Century Amsterdam," in Maxine Berg, ed., Goods from the East: Trading Eurasia 1600-1830, Palgrave Macmillan: 2015: 197-215.

"Opening up an 'isolated' region: the population dynamics of the Tras-os-Montes after the construction of the Tua Railroad," in Railroads in Historical Context: Construction, Costs, and Consequences, Volume III, edited by McCants, Beira, Cordeiro, and Lourenco. Porto, Portugal: EDP, 2013: 227-238.

"Porcelain for the Poor: the Material Culture of Tea and Coffee Consumption in Eighteenth Century Amsterdam," in Paula Findlan, ed. Early Modern Things: Objects and their Histories, 1500-1800. London: Routledge, 2013: 316-341.

"Narratives from an Isolated Region: Population and Commodity Dynamics of a Rural Hinterland," in Railroads in Historical Context: Construction, Costs, and Consequences, Volume II, edited by McCants, Beira, Cordeiro, and Lourenco. Porto, Portugal: EDP, 2012: 3-12.

"Financing public goods and social overhead capital: some historical lessons," in Railroads in Historical Context: Construction, Costs, and Consequences, Volume I, edited by McCants, Beira, Cordeiro, and Lourenco. Porto, Portugal: EDP, 2011: 357-70.

“Modest Households and Globally Traded Textiles: Evidence from Amsterdam Household Inventories,” in Laura Cruz and Joel Mokyr, eds. The Birth of Modern Europe: Culture and Economy, 1400-1800, Essays in Honor of Jan De Vries. Leiden: Brill, 2010: 109-132.

“Christian Charity and the Politics of Orphan Care in the Dutch Republic.” In Richard McKenzie, ed. Home Away From Home: The Forgotten History of Orphanages. New York: Encounter Books, 2009: 43-62.

“A Home Fit for Children: The Material Possessions of Amsterdam Orphans,” forthcoming in Domestic and Institutional Interiors in Early Modern Europe. London: Ashgate, 2009: 221-234.

“The Transmission of Assets and Family Networks: Managing the Property and Care of Orphans in Eighteenth Century Amsterdam.” In David Green and Alastair Owens, eds., Family Welfare: Gender, Property and Inheritance since the Seventeenth Century. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2004: 143-162.

“Petty Debts and Family Networks: The Credit Markets of Widows and Wives in Eighteenth-Century Amsterdam.” In Beverly Lemire et al., eds., Women and Credit: Researching the Past, Refiguring the Future. Oxford: Berg Publishers, 2001: 33-50.

Review articles:

“Special Forum on Deirdre McCloskey’s Bourgeois Virtues Project.” Guest editor and author. Historical Methods, Vol. 44:4, 2011:163-164 and 221-23.

“Special Section: Debating Gender, Work and Wages: a Roundtable Discussion of Joyce Burnett’s Gender, Work and Wages in Industrial Revolution Britain.” Session editor and author of introduction, Social Science History, Vol. 33:4, 2009.

“Maps Matter: a new spatial view of the 13th century manorial economy.” A review of Bruce M.S. Campbell and Ken Bartley. England on the Eve of the Black Death: an Atlas of the Lay Lordship, Land and Wealth, 1300-49. Historical Methods, Vol. 40:4, 2007:181-83.

"Urban Identification in Early Modern Europe," Journal of Urban History, Vol. 33:2, 2007: 306-309.

“Summaries of Dissertations: Gerschenkron Prize Panel Discussion,” Journal of Economic History, Vol. 66:2, 2006: 499-502.

Other publications:

“How history can help us solve global economic issues.” In The Human Factor: Solving the political, cultural, economic dimensions of global issues, Spring 2016, <http://shass.mit.edu/news/news-human-factor-series-historian-anne-mccants-innovation-and-economic-opportunity>

“Alkmaar Auction” in The Oxford Companion to Cheese. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.

“Spice Trade” in The Encyclopedia of Consumer Culture. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2011.

“Sugar Trade” in The Encyclopedia of Consumer Culture. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2011.

“Pilgrim Donations & the Economics of Shrines,” in The Encyclopedia of Medieval Pilgrimage. Leiden: Brill Publishers, November, 2009.

“Orphans and Foundlings” and “Poverty,” in Europe, 1450-1789: Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World. Vols. 4 and 5. New York: Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2004.

Works in progress:

“Building in Stone: Gothic Cathedrals as Investment in Social Overhead Capital,” with Paul Hohenberg, manuscript 3 pages.

“Making Things in the Preindustrial West,” for inclusion in the Oxford Handbook for the History of Technology.

Book reviews:

Review of Daniëlle Teeuwen, Financing Poor Relief through Charitable Collections in Dutch Towns, c. 1600-1800, forthcoming in Journal of Economic History.

Review of Laurence Fontaine, The Moral Economy: Poverty, Credit, and Trust in Early Modern Europe, in The American Historical Review, Vol. 120:3, June, 2015: 1103-04.

Review of Oscar Gelderblom, Cities of Commerce: The Institutional Foundations of International Trade in the Low Countries, 1250-1650, in Business History Review, Vol. 89:2, Summer 2015: 360-62.

Review of Jessica Dijkman, Shaping Medieval Markets: The Organisation of Commodity Markets in Holland, c. 1200 - c. 1450. EH.Net, posted August, 20, 2013: http://eh.net/book_reviews/shaping-medieval-markets-organisation-commodity-markets-holland-c-1200-c-1450

Review of Francesco Boldizzoni, The Poverty of Clio, in Social History, Vol. 38:1, 2013: 89-91.

Review of Lotte van de Pol, The Burgher and the Whore, in Journal of Modern History Vol. 84:4, 2012: 998-1000.

Review of Timur Kuran, The Long Divergence: How Islamic Law Held Back the Middle East, in Historical Methods, Vol. 44:4, 2011:177-180.

Review of Bas van Bavel, Manors and Markets: Economy and Society in the Low Countries, 500-1600. EH.Net, posted June 20, 2011: http://eh.net/book_reviews/manors-and-markets-economy-and-society-low-countries-500-1600

Review of Barbara A. Hanawalt, The Wealth of Wives: Women, Law, and Economy in Late Medieval London, in Journal of Economic History, Vol. 70, No. 3, 2010: 775-777.

Review of Steven A. Epstein, An Economic and Social History of Later Medieval Europe, 1000-1500 in The Medieval Review, April 2010.

<https://scholarworks.iu.edu/dspace/bitstream/handle/2022/6942/10.05.02.html>

Review of Oscar Gelderblom, ed. The Political Economy of the Dutch Republic, forthcoming in Itinerario, 4 pps.

Review of Lisa Jardine, Going Dutch: How England Plundered Holland's Glory, for eh.net online reviews, July 7, 2009. <http://eh.net/pipermail/eh.net-review/2009-July/000658.html>

Review of Derek Phillips, Well-Being in Amsterdam's Golden Age, in American Historical Review, Vol. 114, No. 3, June 2009. Pp. 848-49.

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Review of Anne Goldgar. Tulipmania: Money, Honor, and Knowledge in the Dutch Golden Age, in Social History, Vol. 34:3, 2009:366-67.

Review of Maarten Prak, Catharina Lis, Jan Lucassen, and Hugo Soly, eds. Craft Guilds in the Early Modern Low Countries: Work, Power, and Representation, in Social History, Vol. 33, No. 2, May 2008.

Review of Herman Roodenburg, The Eloquence of the Body: perspectives on Gesture in the Dutch Republic, in Journal of Social History, Vol. 41, No. 3, Spring 2008.

Review of Maarten Prak, The Dutch Republic in the Seventeenth Century, in Journal of Economic History, Vol. 67, No. 2, June 2007.

Review of Govind Sreenivasan, The Peasants of Ottobeuren, 1487-1726: A Rural Society in Early Modern Europe, in Journal of Economic History, Vol. 65, No. 3, September 2005.

Review of Sheilagh Ogilvie, A Bitter Living: Women, Markets, and Social Capital in Early Modern Germany, in Journal of Economic History, Vol. 65, No. 2, June 2005.

Review of Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie, The Peasants of Languedoc, for the Economic History Net Project 2001. <http://eh.net/bookreviews/library/mccants.shtml>

Review of Patrick O'Brien, ed., Urban Achievement in Early Modern Europe: Golden Ages in Antwerp, Amsterdam and London, in Journal of Economic History, Vol. 63, No. 1, March 2003.

Review of Rudolf Dekker, Childhood, Memory and Autobiography In Holland: From The Golden Age To Romanticism, in American Historical Review, Vol. 107, No. 5, December 2002.

Review of Richard Lachmann, Capitalists in Spite of Themselves: Elite Conflict and Economic Transitions in Early Modern Europe, in Enterprise and Society, Vol. 2, No. 4, December 2001.

Review of Pamela Sharpe, ed., Women's Work: The English Experience, 1650-1914, in Victorian Studies, Vol. 43, No. 1, Autumn 2000.

Review of Peter Musgrave, The Early Modern European Economy, in Sixteenth Century Journal, Vol. 30, No. 3, Fall 2000.

Review of Charles H. Parker, The Reformation of Community: Social Welfare and Calvinist Charity in Holland, 1572-1620, in Social History, Vol. 25, No. 2, May 2000.

Review of Craig Muldrew, The Economy of Obligation: The Culture of Credit and Social Relations in Early Modern England on EH.Net, August 1999. <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=3305>

Review of C. Trompetter, Agriculture, Proto-Industry and Mennonite Entrepreneurship: A History of the Textile Industries in Twente, 1600-1815, in American Historical Review, Vol. 104, No. 1, February 1999.

Review of Benjamin Roberts, Through the Keyhole: Dutch Child-rearing Practices in the 17th and 18th Century, Three Urban Elite Families, in Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol. 30, No. 2, Autumn 1999.

Review of Jan de Vries and Ad van der Woude, The First Modern Economy: Success, Failure, and Perseverance of the Dutch Economy, 1500-1815, in Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol. 29, No. 2, Autumn 1998.

Review of Marjolein 't Hart, Joost Jonker and Jan Luiten van Zanden, eds., A Financial History of the Netherlands, in Journal of Economic History, Vol. 59, No. 1, 1999.

Review of Benjamin Orlove, ed. The Allure of the Foreign: Imported Goods in Postcolonial Latin America, Electronic publication on the Economic History in February 1998.

Review of Thomas Max Safely, Charity and Economy in the Orphanages of Early Modern Augsburg, in Journal of Economic History, Vol. 58, No. 1, March, 1998.

Review of Barbara Krug-Richter, Zwischen Fasten und Festmahl: Hospitalverpflegung in Munster 1540 bis 1650, in Food & Foodways, 1997.

Review of Karel Davids and Jan Lucassen, eds., A Miracle Mirrored: The Dutch Republic in European Perspective, in Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol. 27, No. 4, Spring, 1997.

Review of Steven Harrell, ed., Chinese Historical Micro-demography, in Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol. 27, No. 2, Autumn, 1996.

Review of Herman van der Wee, The Low Countries in the Early Modern World, in Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Vol. 26, No. 3, Winter, 1996.

SEMINARS and COLLOQUIA

November 2016 “Roundtable on *Bourgeois Equality: How Ideas, Not Capital or Institutions, Enriched the World*, by Deirdre McCloskey. Social Science History Association, Chicago.

November 2016 “Roundtable on *1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created*, by Charles Mann. Social Science History Association, Chicago.

June 2016 “New Uses for Old Railways: Project Summary.” Conference on New Uses for Old Railways at the National Railway Museum, York, England.

April 2016 “Building wealth? The material culture of building craftsmen in early modern Amsterdam and Antwerp (16th-18th centuries)” with Heidi Deneweth. European Social Science History Conference, Valencia, Spain.

April “Global History and the History of Consumption: Congruence and Divergence.”

2016 Appalachian Spring Conference in World History and Economics, Boone, NC.

March 2016 “Gothic Investments: Social Overhead Capital in the High Middle Ages.” Harvard Economic History Workshop, Cambridge, MA.

December 2015 “Making Global Consumers: The Social Reach of 18th Century Trading Companies.” Keynote speaker at VI Jornadas Uruguayas de Historia Económica, Montevideo, Uruguay.

November 2015 Roundtable coordinator for “*Social Science History* and the Future of Academic Publishing.” Social Science History Association, Baltimore, MD.

October 2015 “Transport Technology and Economic Change on the ‘Frontier’ of Trás-os-Montes, Portugal.” Society for the History of Technology. Albuquerque, NM.

August 2015 “Asiatic Goods in Migrant and Native-born Middling Households in 18th Century Amsterdam.” World Economic History Congress. Kyoto, Japan.

July 2015 “Textile Meanings in a Global Capital: Fabric and Fashion in 18th c. Amsterdam.” Linking Cloth-Clothing Globally Symposium. Tokyo, Japan.

July 2015 “Gothic Economies: Building Cathedrals in the High Middle Ages.” Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences Colloquium. SUTD, Singapore.

March 2015 “Introduction to Interdisciplinary Research Methods and Innovation Studies.” MIT Portugal Program, EDAM session. Lisbon, Portugal.

January 2015 Roundtable participant for “Teaching Engineering from the perspectives of the Humanities and Social Sciences” session of the NSF sponsored project, *Liberal Studies in Engineering - Broadening the Path to the Profession*, Washington, D.C.

November 2014 “Roundtable on *Capital in the Twentieth First Century*, by Thomas Piketty. Social Science History Association, Toronto, Canada.

July 2014 “Narratives from an Isolated Region: Population and Commodity Dynamics of a Rural Hinterland.” Second World Congress of Environmental History, Guimaraes, Portugal.

June 2014 “Wealth and Social Capital: the Consumption of Asiatic Goods in Immigrant and Native Households in 18th Century Amsterdam.” Wageningen University, Netherlands.

May 2014 Keynote Speaker, “Asian Goods and Eighteenth-Century Scandinavia,” Stockholm, Sweden.

April 2014 “Formalizing Informality: interdisciplinary research as supported by the SSHA,” European Social Science History Conference, Vienna, Austria.

January 2014 “Technology in Economic and Social Context” for Innovation Workshop of the MIT Portugal Program, Lisbon.

November 2013 “Becoming Consumers: Asiatic Goods in Migrant and Native-born Middling Households in 18th Century Amsterdam.” Brown University, Seminar in Renaissance and Early

Modern Studies, Providence, RI.

- November 2013 “Roundtable on Why the West Rules—For Now (Ian Morris).” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL.
- October 2013 “Exploring a Technological Landscape: the Tua Railroad in Historical Context.” For the MIT Portugal Program annual Rector’s Meeting.
- October 2013 “Opening up an ‘isolated’ region: the population dynamics of the Tras-os-Montes after the construction of the Tua Railroad.” 3rd Foz Tua International Conference, Alto Douro, Portugal.
- January 2013 “Becoming Consumers: Eastern Goods in Migrant and Native-born Middling Households in 18th Century Amsterdam,” Warwick University Europe’s Global Centuries Project Conference on ‘Goods from the East,’ Venice, Italy.
- October 2012 “Global Wardrobes: Clothing Assemblies Reconstructed from the 18th c. Amsterdam Lower ‘Burgerij,’” Canadian Eighteenth Century Studies Conference, Edmonton, Canada.
- October 2012 “Narratives from an Isolated Region: Population and Commodity Dynamics of a Rural Hinterland,” 2nd Foz Tua International Conference, Alto Douro, Portugal.
- April 2012 “Roundtable on Open Access Publishing in the Social Sciences,” European Social Science History Conference, Glasgow, Scotland.
- March 2012 “Medieval Flemish Textile Workers,” Colloquium respondent. Economic History Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- February 2012 “Contested Stones: Monumental Architecture and the Representation of Power in the High Middle Ages.” Conference on Resources: Endowment or Curse, Better or Worse? Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- December 2011 “Economic and Artistic Competition in the Amsterdam Art Market, c. 1630-1690.” Workshop presentation on the ECARTICO database, Amsterdam.
- November 2011 “Cloth, Cloister, Cathedral: the Economics of Cathedral Building.” Economic History Seminar, Rutgers University, NJ.
- November 2011 “Roundtable on Education and the Creation of Capital in the Early American Republic.” Social Science History Association, Boston, MA.
- November 2011 “Roundtable on Before and Beyond Divergence: the Politics of Economic Change in China and Europe.” Social Science History Association, Boston, MA.
- September 2011 “Building Cathedrals: Investment in Social Overhead Capital?” Presented with Paul Hohenberg at the Economic History Association, Boston, MA.
- September 2011 “Poverty and Microfinance: What can History Teach us?” The History of Microfinance Exploratory Workshop, NIAS, Wassenaar, The Netherlands.
- September “Cloth, Cloister, Cathedral: a Medieval Puzzle.” Invited lecture in the Department of

- 2011 Art, Art History & Visual Studies, Duke University.
- October 2011 “Financing Public Investments: some Historical Lessons.” Railroads in Historical Context conference, Foz Tua, Portugal.
- November 2010 “Nature and Power: Connections between economic and environmental history.” Social Science History Association, Chicago.
- November 2010 “Nancy Folbre’s Greed, Lust and Gender: A History of Economic Ideas.” Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL.
- November 2010 “Patronage, Charity and Renaissance Education.” History of Education conference, Cambridge, MA.
- September 2010 “Goods and People.” Symposium to honor the work of Jan de Vries. Evanston, IL.
- June 2010 “The Dutch in a Globalizing World.” Columbia University Queen Wilhelmina chair workshop on Dutch History, NY, NY.
- May 2010 “Financing Cathedral Construction: The Political Economy of One Type of Social Overhead Capital.” With Paul Hohenberg for the All-UC Group in Economic History, Berkeley, CA.
- April 2010 “Reflections on Paolo Malanima’s Pre-Modern European Economy: the role of consumer welfare.” European Social Science History Conference, Gent, Belgium.
- November 2009 “Spatial History: Prospects and Issues.” Social Science History Conference, Long Beach, CA.
- August 2009 “Gothic Economies: small gifts, high finance and investing in eternity.” World Economic History Congress, Utrecht, Netherlands.
- March 2009 “Wearing the World: Globally Traded Textiles during the ‘Industrious Revolution.’” Economic History Workshop, Western Ontario University, London, Canada.
- November 2008 “Wearing the World: Globally Traded Textiles during the ‘Industrious Revolution.’” Portuguese Economic History Association, Guimaraes, Portugal.
- October 2008 “Poor Consumers in a Global Marketplace: Consuming Tea, Coffee, and Sugar in the 18th c.” Institut National Reeherche de la Agronomique, Paris, France.
- October 2008 Convener: Economic Demography of Ancient Rome. Social Science History Conference, Miami, FL.
- October 2008 Roundtable on, “Gender, Work and Wages in the Industrial Revolution.” Social Science History Conference, Miami, FL.
- March 2008 “Luxury and Misery: the Mysterious Double-Life of Textile Production and Consumption.” Economic History Seminar at SUNY Binghamton, NY.

- November 2007 “Middlemen, Middlewomen and Markets.” Discussant for Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL.
- December 2006 “Gothic Economies: Small Gifts, High Finance, and the Politics of Investing in Eternity.” Columbia University Seminar in Economic History, NY.
- March 2006 “Public Goods vs. Private Spending: Monumental Architecture in Medieval Europe.” European Social Science History Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- November 2005 “Public Goods versus Private Spending: Surplus Production, Capital Accumulation, and Monumental Architecture in Medieval Europe and the Mediterranean.” Medieval Global Economies conference, Western Ontario University, London, Canada.
- November 2005 “Material Possession of Amsterdam Orphans during the Period of the Consumer Revolution.” Social Science History Conference, Portland, OR.
- October 2005 “Exotic Goods, Popular Consumption, and the Standard of Living: Thinking about Globalization in the Early Modern World.” Economic History Workshop, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- March 2005 “Global Consumers in Unexpected Places: Working Class Consumption of Tea and Coffee in 18th century Amsterdam.” Economic History Workshop, University of Utrecht, Netherlands.
- November 2004 “A Home Fit for Children: The Material Possessions of Amsterdam Orphans.” Invited lecture at the Victoria & Albert Museum as part of their program on Domestic and Institutional Interiors in Early Modern Europe, London, UK.
- April 2004 “Wealth Inequality in 18th Century Amsterdam: A case study of the poor to middling citizenry.” All-UC Conference in Economic History: The New History of Economic Inequality, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- September 2003 “Wealth Inequality in 18th Century Amsterdam.” Economic History Association. Nashville, TN.
- July 2002 “Goods at Pawn: the Overlapping Worlds of Material Possessions and Family Finance in Early Modern Amsterdam.” World Economic History Congress, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- February 2002 “Clothing on Credit.” European Social Science History Conference, The Hague, Netherlands.
- April 2001 “Global Trade brought Home: Consumption of Tea, Coffee and Porcelain in Middling and Poor Households in 18th Century Amsterdam.” All-UC Economic History Conference, Berkeley, CA.
- May 2001 National Bureau of Economic Research, Development of the American Economy, Conference Discussant, Cambridge, MA.
- April “The Transmission of Assets and Family Networks: Managing the Property of

- 2000 Orphans in 18th Century Amsterdam." European Social Science History Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- June 1999 "Migration and the Opportunity to Marry Among Norwegian-American Children, 1850-1910." Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute conference on "Leavers and Stayers in the Household." The Hague, Netherlands.
- September 1998 "Let Them Drink Tea: The Consumption of Colonial Groceries Among the Amsterdam Kleine Burgerij." Economic History Association, Durham, NC.
- August 1998 "The Credit Markets of Widows and Wives in 18th Century Amsterdam." World Economic History Congress, Madrid, Spain.
- March 1998 "Organized Paternalism, Risk-Sharing, and the Deserving Poor in Republican Holland." European Social Science History Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- November 1997 "The Acquisition of Status: Cultural Consumption among Amsterdams *Kleine Burgerij*." Invited lecture at N.W. Posthumus Instituut conference on "Culture and Consumption in the Eighteenth Century," Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- April 1997 "The Politics of Inequality: Widows and Orphans in Early Modern Europe." Invited lecture by Women's Studies Program, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI.
- February 1997 "From Petty Debts to State Finance: the Credit Markets of the Working Poor in Eighteenth Century Amsterdam." Harvard Economic History Workshop.
- November 1996 "The Not-so-Merry Widows of Amsterdam, 1740-1782." Indiana University Economic History Workshop, Bloomington, IN.
- October 1996 "Men, Women and Debt: Gender and Access to Credit in Eighteenth Century Amsterdam." Social Science History Association.
- May 1996 "Petty Possessions: Consumption and Debt in Amsterdam." European Social Science History Conference, Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands.
- April 1996 The John Lax Memorial Alumnae Lecture, Department of History, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA.
- February 1996 Panel co-chair, "Boundaries of Domesticity in Early Modern Europe." College Art Association, Boston, MA.
- December 1995 "Nederlands Republikeinisme en de Politiek van Liefdadigheid." Presented at the invitation of the N.W. Posthumus Instituut, Rotterdam, Netherlands.
- November 1995 "The Debts and Possessions of Amsterdammers: Evidence from the Mid-eighteenth Century." Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL.
- March 1995 "Dutch Republicanism and the Politics of Charity." Stanford University, History Department Lecture Series, Stanford, CA.
- December "Civic Duty and Personal Gain: The Management of the Amsterdam Municipal

- 1993 Orphanage." Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.
- November 1993 "Childhood Mortality in the Amsterdam Orphanage: Some Eighteenth Century Evidence." Social Science History Association.
- March 1993 "Fertility, Household Structure and the Life Course: Demographic Processes among Immigrants to the Rural Middle West." Harvard Economic History Workshop.
- November 1992 "Employment Opportunities for Orphan Boys in Early Modern Amsterdam." Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL.
- September 1992 "Meeting Needs and Suppressing Desire: Civic Morality and Institutional Consumption in the Dutch Republic." Economic History Association, Boston, MA
- September 1991 "Rise of the Charitable Institution in the Early Modern Dutch Economy." Economic History Association, Boulder, CO.

MIT PRESENTATIONS

- September 2016 Discussant for Comédie-Française Registers Project Workshop devoted to quantitative analysis of theater attendance, climate, and econometric data.
- January 2016 "Economic inequality, growth, and the standard of living: lessons from economic history for uncertain times." Tau Beta Pi, Da Vinci Lecture.
- February 2015 "Calories, Nutrition, and Social Meaning: Making Sense of Food in the Archives." WGS Symposium, *Consuming Food, Producing Culture*.
- December 2013 "A Home Fit for Saints: the Gothic Cathedral as Reliquary." Ancient and Medieval Studies Speaker Series.
- March 2013 "Teaching History in the Digital Age." MacVicar Day Symposium on "Reimagining the MIT Classroom: Experiments With Digital Learning."
- April 2012 "Why Economic History is Relevant to Your Life Too." Save TFP Faculty Talent Program, Campus Preview Weekend.
- September 2011 "Great Expeditions: Commerce and Communication in the Late Medieval World." MIT World History Workshop.
- May 2011 "Why Graduate School is Hard, and What you can do about it." Presented at The Warehouse, Graduate Living Group.
- June 2010 "Cloth, Cloister, Cathedral: a Medieval Puzzle." The Phi Beta Kappa Lecture, MIT PBK initiation ceremony.
- October 2007 "Hands-on History." Redefining the MIT Classroom: Award-Winning Experiments in Curricular Change.

- June 2003 “How much did it cost to discover America” Teaching World History symposium at MIT.
- January 2003 “Declining Fertility in Post-Industrial Societies.” Panelist for MIT/MISTI forum.
- March 1999 “Columbus and the 2 Million Maravedis.” Lecture for MIT Odyssey Series, with the John’s Hopkins University Center for the Academic Advancement of Youth
- October 1996 "The Methodology of the Economic Historian," Ford Methodology Colloquium, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- October 1994 "Consumption, leisure and the gendered division of labor." Presented to the MIT Burchard Scholars' program.

PUBLIC SERVICE

- 2017- Membership on the External Achievement Awards Committee of the Mount Holyoke College Alumnae Association
- 2015 Public Lecture, Boston Museum of Fine Arts: “Town Dwellers and Market Sellers: Economy and Society in the Dutch Golden Age” in conjunction with *Class Distinctions: Dutch Painting in the Age of Rembrandt and Vermeer* exhibition.
- 2013-15 Foz Tua Oral History Project, connecting secondary school students with elderly community members in the Tras-os-Montes region of northern Portugal.
- 2012 Elementary School program on pre-industrial textile production, geared for Colonial History Unit.
- 2012 Consultant for PBS programming: *Finding Your Roots*.
- 2011 Community lecture, Plymouth Church: Gothic Economies: Building Cathedrals in the High Middle Ages.

FIELDS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Economics of Gothic church building
 Wealth and income inequality
 Global trade networks and European consumerism
 Women's work and access to credit
 History of nutrition and social welfare
 Migration and labor market participation
 Historical demography

LANGUAGES

Dutch – reading, writing and speaking
French, German and Latin – reading
Portuguese – beginning reading and speaking

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Courses:

The Medieval Economy in Comparative Perspective
Making Books: The Renaissance and Today
The World Since 1400
Writing the History of Modern Europe
History of the Western World, 1400-1815
The Emergence of Europe, 500-1300
Seminar in the History of Western Thought, 500-1300
The Renaissance and Reformation
The Economic History of Work and the Family
Family Time -- Market Time: Seminar in Gender, Work and Leisure
Art and Society in the Dutch Golden Age
Peasants, Paupers and Poor Relief: Charity in Early Modern Europe
Labor, Class and Community in Industrializing Europe
The News is Current – Are You? – Concourse fall seminar
Thinking Across the Disciplines – Concourse spring seminar
A Brief History of Cosmology -- Freshmen advising seminar
Medieval Foodways – Freshmen advising seminar.

Graduate Courses:

Technology and the Global Economy, 1000-2000
Engineering Systems Research Methods – MIT Portugal Program
Theories and Methods of History -- HASTS graduate seminar
Methods for Research in the Social Sciences – HASTS graduate seminar
Boundaries of Domesticity in Early Modern Europe – graduate seminar in the Women's Studies Consortium
Transformations of Families – graduate seminar in the Women's Studies Consortium

PhD STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Committee Member: Fabian Drixler, *Infanticide and Fertility in Eastern Japan: Discourse and Demography, 1660-1880* (Harvard, History, 2008).

Supervisor: Ellan Spero, *Institutes for Innovation: The Emergence of Academic-Industrial Cooperation and Narratives of Progress in the Early 20th Century* (MIT, History, Anthropology, and STS, 2014).

Promotie reader: Danielle Teeuwen, *Generating Generosity: Financing Poor Relief through Charitable Collections in Dutch Towns, c. 1600-1800* (Utrecht University, Netherlands, 2014).

Committee Member: Ricardo Greenfield, *On the Development of Internal Legitimacy in Intentional Innovation Networks* (MIT Portugal Program -- Engineering Design and Advanced Manufacturing Sub-group, 2016).

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS SUPERVISED

Ellan Spero: MIT-SUTD Postdoctoral Fellow, Singapore University of Technology and Design (September 2014 – 2016)

Xi Lin: MIT-SUTD Postdoctoral Fellow, Singapore University of Technology and Design (September 2016 – 2018)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

American Historical Association

Chair, Program Committee for the 2014 meeting, 2013-14
Member, Program Committee for the 2013 meeting, 2011-12

Economic History Association:

Vice President, 2014-15
Member, Nominating Committee, 2013 and 2014
Representative to the International Economic History Association, 2001-05 and 2013-15
Chair, 2018 World Congress American Bid committee, 2012-14
Chair, Local Arrangements Committee, Boston, 2011
Chair, Research Grants and Fellowship Committee, 2008-09
Member, Dissertation Grant Committee, 2007-09
Co-chair, Program Committee for Annual Meeting, 2007
Trustee, Executive Board, 2007-10
Convener, Dissertation Session of Annual Meeting, 2005
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Economic History*, 2001-05
Chair, Board of Trustees, EH Net, 2000-01
Trustee, EH.Net, 1998-2000
Member, Program committee for Annual Meeting, 1997 and 2000
Member, EH Net Oversight committee, 1997-98

European Social Science History Conference

Network co-chair, Economics, 2006-12
Founding Participant, Noordwijkerwout, 1996

Global History Network (School of International Relations at Renmin University, Beijing)

International Steering Committee Member

Graduate Consortium in Women's Studies

Chair, Finance Committee, 2005-08
Chair, Board of Trustees, 2004-05
Co-Chair, Board of Trustees, 2003-04
MIT representative to the Board of Trustees, 2002-03
Faculty instructor, 1993 and 2002

International Economic History Association

Vice-President, 2015-18

Chair, 2018 Congress Host City Organizing Committee, 2014-

American delegate, 2001-05 and 2013-15

International Institute for Social History, Amsterdam

Visiting Fellow, 2000

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

Member, Undergraduate Research Paper Prize Committee, 2007 and 2008

Low Countries Journal of Social and Economic History

Member of International Committee of Recommendation

MIT Portugal Program

Faculty, Interdisciplinary Research Methods in Technology, Innovation and Policy Studies,
Summer Program, 2015 and 2016

Faculty mentor for visiting student, 2015

Faculty, Engineering Systems Research Methods Course, 2007-12 and 2014

Project Organizer, Technology in Economic and Social Context, 2013-ongoing

Co-organizer, 3rd FozTua Conference on Railroads in Historical Context, Portugal, 2013

Co-organizer, 2nd FozTua Conference on Railroads in Historical Context, Portugal, 2012

Co-organizer, 1st FozTua Conference on Railroads in Historical Context, Portugal, 2011

Faculty, Engineering Systems Research Methods Course, 2007-12

National Endowment for the Humanities

Project reviewer, 1995

Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study (NIAS)

Project Reviewer, 2014

Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO),

Project Reviewer for the Council for the Humanities, 2011-12

Phi Beta Kappa Society

MIT Delegate to the 44th Triennial Council, 2015

MIT Delegate to the 42nd Triennial Council, 2009

MIT Delegate to the 40th Triennial Council, 2003

N.W. Posthumus Institute

Member, Visitation Committee, 2015

Research Foundation – Flanders

Project reviewer, 2015

Social Science History Association

Editor, Social Science History, 2012-ongoing

Ex officio Member, Executive Committee, 2012-ongoing

Chair, *SSH* Founders Best Article Prize Committee, 2016-ongoing

Member, Tilly Prize Committee, 2012

2009 Member, Special Task Force on Student Support Services
 2009 Member, Institute Task Force on the Budget, sub-committee for Student Life
 2008-12 Co-Chair, MIT Council on Family and Work
 2008- Member, MIT Committee on Distinguished and Foreign Scholarships
 2006-09 Member, MIT Committee on Student Life (Chair – 2006-08)
 2007-08 Member, MIT Search Committee for Dean of Student Life
 2007 Member, Compton Prize selection committee
 2007-08 Member, MIT committee to plan the Sesquicentennial celebration
 2007-09 Faculty House Fellow, Random Hall
 2006-13 Member, Dean for Undergraduate Education Faculty Advisory Committee
 2005-12 Steering Committee for the Doctoral Program in History, Anthropology and STS
 2005-06 Director of Graduate Studies, Doctoral Program in History, Anthropology, and STS
 2005-06 MIT Classroom Assessment and Advisory Group
 2005 Margaret MacVicar Faculty Fellow Selection Committee
 2004-12 Faculty House Fellow, Next House
 2003-04 Faculty House Fellow, East Campus
 2003-08 MIT Council on Family and Work
 2003-06 Chair, MIT Child Care Advisory Committee
 2001-04 Member, Faculty Policy Committee
 2001-02 Steering Committee on the Status of Senior Women Faculty, School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences

 2000-02 Faculty Advisor, Alpha Epsilon Phi Sorority
 2000, 03 Chair, Modern Europe Faculty Search
 2001-03 President, Board of Trustees of the Technology Children's Center
 2000-01 Vice President, Board of Trustees of the Technology Children's Center
 1999-02 Chair, Founders Group for Simmons Hall
 1999-04 Women's Studies Steering Committee, Chair of Curriculum Committee
 1999-07 President, Xi Chapter, Phi Beta Kappa
 1999-01 Member, Provost's Committee on Child Care Policy
 1998-99 Member, MIT Residence System Redesign Steering Committee
 1998-01 Member, MIT Faculty Committee on Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid
 1997-12 Freshmen Seminar Faculty Advisor
 1997-99 Faculty Facilitator, MIT LeaderShape Program
 1997 Member, Client Team for New Graduate Housing
 1997-99 Member, IAP Policy Committee
 1997- Minor/major Advisor for Ancient and Medieval Studies
 1996-99 Member, CUP Subcommittee on Freshman Advising
 1996-97 Member, CUP Faculty Working Group on Residence/Orientation
 1995-96 Member, MIT Faculty Committee on the Undergraduate Program
 1993-95 Freshmen Seminar Faculty Advisor
 1993-03 Board of Trustees, Technology Children's Center
 1992-02 Faculty Resident Housemaster, Green Hall -- graduate women's dorm