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## Education

Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, 1994.  
Dissertation: "Exclusion and the Market: The Causes of Occupational Segregation in Industrial Revolution Britain"  
Committee: Joel Mokyr (chair), Rebecca Blank, Bruce Meyer  
B.A., Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, 1989.

## Employment History

Professor of Economics, Wabash College, 2009 – present  
Academic Visitor, Dept. of Economic History, Lund University, 2017-18  
Associate Professor of Economics, Wabash College, 2002-09  
Assistant Professor of Economics, Wabash College, 1996-2002  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Valparaiso University, 1995-96  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Loyola University, 1994-95

## Publications

- "How Not to Measure the Standard of Living: Male wages, non-market production and household income in nineteenth-century Europe," *Economic History Review*, 2024, DOI: 10.1111/ehr.13339
- "Why We Shouldn't Measure Women's Labor Force Participation in Pre-Industrial Countries" *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 2021, 36(3):422-427.
- "Missing Work: Absenteeism at Pepperell Manufacturing Co. in 1883," *Cliometrica*, Sept. 2021.
- with Maria Stanfors, "Understanding the Gender Gap Further: The Case of Turn-of-the-Century Swedish Compositors," *Journal of Economic History*, 2020, 80:175-206.
- "Gender in Economic History" in *Handbook of Cliometrics*, 2d ed., Claude Diebolt and Mike Hauptert, eds., Springer, 2019.
- "Seasonal Patterns of Agricultural Day-Labour at Eight English Farms, 1835-1844" in John Hatcher and Judy Stephenson, eds., *Seven Centuries of Unreal Wages*, Palgrave, 2018.
- "The Paradox of Progress: The Emergence of Wage Discrimination in US Manufacturing," *European Review of Economic History*, 2015, 19:128-148.
- with Maria Stanfors, "Estimating Historical Wage Profiles," *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, 2015, 48:35–51.
- "Agriculture, 1700-1870, in Roderick Floud, Paul Johnson, and Jane Humphries, eds., *The Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain*, Cambridge University Press, 2014.

- “Decomposing the Wage Gap: Within- and Between-Occupation Gender Wage Gaps at a Nineteenth-Century Textile Firm,” in A. Greif, L. Kiesling, and J. V. C. Nye, eds., *Institutions, Innovation, and Industrialization: Essays in Economic History and Development*, Princeton Univ. Press, 2014.
- "The Seasonality of English Agricultural Employment: Evidence from Farm Accounts, 1740-1850" in Richard Hoyle, ed., *The Farmer in England, 1650-1950*, Ashgate, 2013.
- "The Changing Economic Roles of Women," in Robert Whaples and Randall Parker, eds., *The Routledge Handbook of Modern Economic History*, Routledge, 2013, pp. 306–315.
- with Maria Stanfors, “Was there a Family Gap in the Late Nineteenth-Century Manufacturing? Evidence from Sweden,” *The History of the Family*, 2012, 17:51-76.
- “Child Day-Labourers in Agriculture: Evidence from Farm Accounts, 1740-1850” *Economic History Review*, 2012, 65:1077:1099.
- Gender, Work, and Wages in Industrial Revolution Britain*, Cambridge University Press, 2008
- “Married with Children: The Family Status of Female Agricultural Labourers at Two Southwestern Farms in the 1830s and 1840s,” *Agricultural History Review*, 2007, 55:75-94.
- “How Skilled Were Agricultural Labourers in the Early Nineteenth Century?” *Economic History Review*, 2006, LIX:688-716.
- “The Wages and Employment of Female Day-Laborers in English Agriculture, 1740-1850,” *Economic History Review*, 2004, LVII: 664-690.
- “Labor Markets: Segmentation and Discrimination,” and “John Stuart Mill” in Joel Mokyr, ed., *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, Oxford Univ. Press, 2003.
- “Labourers at the Oakes: Changes in the Demand for Female Day-Laborers at a Farm near Sheffield During the Agricultural Revolution,” *Journal of Economic History*, 1999, 59:41-67.
- “An Investigation of the Male-Female Wage Gap in Industrial Revolution Britain,” *Economic History Review*, 1997, L:257-281
- “Testing for Occupational Crowding in Eighteenth-Century British Agriculture,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 1996, 33:319-345
- “Exclusion and the Market: The Causes of Occupational Segregation in Industrial Revolution Britain” (dissertation summary), *Journal of Economic History*, 1996, 56:459-461
- “Businesswomen in Industrial Revolution Britain: Evidence from Commercial Directories,” *Essays in Economic and Business History*, 1996, XIV:387-408
- J. Burnette and J. Mokyr, “The Standard of Living through the Ages,” in J. Simon, ed., *The State of Humanity*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1995, pp. 135-148.

### **Presentations in the Past Three Years**

#### "Mismeasuring Women's Work"

- Social Science History Association meetings, Washington, DC, Nov. 17, 2023

- Economic History Association meetings, Pittsburg, Sept. 8, 2023
- Keynote address for “Making Households Count” mini-conference, Rome, July 6, 2023
- World Economic History Congress, Paris, July 26, 2022

"Understanding Piece Rates: Weavers in a US Factory"

- World Cliometrics Conference, Dublin, July 21, 2023
- World Economic History Congress, Paris, July 28, 2022

"Irregular Work"

- World Economic History Congress, Paris, July 25, 2022

"How Not to Measure the Standard of Living: The Male Breadwinner Family and the Little Divergence"

- Economic History Society conference, Cambridge, UK, April 3, 2022

"Understanding the Gender Gap among Piece-Rate Workers: Weavers in 1883"

- Social Science History Association, Philadelphia, Nov 12, 2021

"Explaining Earnings Variation among Weavers in a US Factory"

- Virtual presentation at "Rémunérations et usages du temps dans le textile en France de la fin du XVIIe au début du XXe siècle", Lyon, Sept. 10, 2021.

"Why We Should not Measure Labor Force Participation before the Twentieth Century"

- Women and Work in History and Economics, Virtual Conference from Stellenbosch Univ., Oct. 7, 2020.

**Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

The Economic History Society's First Monograph Prize, 2010, for *Gender, Work, and Wages in Industrial Revolution Britain*

McLain-McTurner-Arnold Research Fellowship, Wabash College, 2009-2010

NSF Grant, “Testing for Wage Discrimination: Measuring Relative Female Productivity in Nineteenth-Century English Agriculture” 2002-05

American Philosophical Society Sabbatical Fellowship, 2002-03

The Economic History Society's T.S. Ashton prize for 1995-6, awarded for the article “An Investigation of the Male-Female Wage Gap in Industrial Revolution Britain.”

Alfred P. Sloan Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-93.

**Professional Activities**

Editorial Board, *Economic History Review*

Editorial Board, *Cliometrica*

Economic History Association, Nominating Committee, 2022-23

Social Science History Association, Program Co-Chair for the 2023 meetings