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Education

Ph.D. Econ (1999), M.A. Econ (1992), B.A. Econ (Hons, 1990) — Simon Fraser University

Fields of Interest

Economic History, Economics of Long-Run Growth and Technological Change, Game Theory, Agent Based Modeling and Simulation

Professional Positions

Associate Professor of Economics, Lewis and Clark College (June 2004 to present)
Assistant Professor of Economics, Lewis and Clark College (Sept. 1998 to June 2004)
Research Associate, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (1995 to 1998)

Academic Awards

Mellon Senior Fellowship Prize (2012)

Schumpeter Prize for best work on Innovation and Economic Growth (for *Economic Transformations: General Purpose Technologies and Economic Growth*, 2006).

Distinguished Dissertation award given by Canadian Association of Graduate Studies for the best dissertation in Canada in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Fine Arts (2000).

Faculty-Student research grants, Lewis & Clark College (2012, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2005).

Publications

"Prime Movers of Globalization: The History and Impact of Diesel Engines and Gas Turbines" by Vaclav Smill, Book Review for *Economic History Review*, Vol. 65 No. 2 (May, 2012).

"Teaching Economic Principles Through the Novel: Richard Powers Gain," (with James Grant), *Perspectives in Economic Education* Vol. 6, No. 1 (2010).

"Information Technology and the New University," (with Richard Lipsey) *Academic Matters: Journal of Higher Education* (Winter, 2006).

"Science, Institutions, and the Industrial Revolution," (with Richard Lipsey) *Journal of European Economic History*. Vol. 33, No. 3 (2004): 709-753.

"Open Fields, Risk, and Land Divisibility," (with Clyde Reed) *Explorations in Economic History*. Vol. 40, No. 3 (2003): 308-325.

"Religious Prohibitions Against Usury," (with Clyde Reed) *Explorations in Economic History*. Vol. 40, No. 4 (2003): 347-368.

"Clusters and Economic Policy," (with Richard Lipsey) *ISUMA: Journal of Canadian Public Policy* (2002).

"Scattering as Insurance: A Robust Explanation of Open Fields?" *Research in Economic History*, Vol. 20 (2001): 173-221.

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Books, Book Chapters, Conference Collections:

“Signaling Risk Tolerance: Nuclear Arsenals and Alliance Formation in the Cold War,” (with Greg Dow, Clyde Reed, and Josh Stine), *Industrial Organization, Trade, and Social Interaction: Essays in Honour of B. Curtis Eaton*: University of Toronto Press (2010).

Economic Transformations: General Purpose Technologies and Economic Growth, (with Richard Lipsey and Kenneth Carlaw). Oxford: Oxford University Press (2005).

“Income Sharing Amongst Medieval Peasants,” *International Institute of Economics and Trade, Conference Proceedings* (2000).

“General Purpose Technologies: What Requires Explanation?” (with Richard Lipsey and Kenneth Carlaw) in *General Purpose Technologies*, edited by Helpman, E.. MIT Press: Cambridge (1998).

“The Consequences of Changes in GPTs,” (with Richard Lipsey and Kenneth Carlaw) in *General Purpose Technologies*, edited by Helpman, E.. MIT Press: Cambridge (1998).

“A Structuralist View of Technical Change and Economic Growth.” (with Richard Lipsey) Reprinted in *Microeconomics, Growth and Political Economy: The Selected Essays of Richard Lipsey Vol. One*. Edward Elgar: Cheltenham, UK (1997).

“A Structuralist View of Technical Change and Economic Growth,” (with Richard Lipsey) *Bell Canada Papers on Economic and Public Policy, Vol. 3; Technology, Information and Public Policy*. John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy; Queens University (1995).

Working Papers, In Progress

“Risk, Asset Markets and Inequality: Evidence from Medieval England,” (with Clyde Reed) *Oxford University, Discussion Papers in Economic and Social History, No. 79* (October 2009).

“Fair is Fair: The 50-50 Rule in Sharecropping Contracts,” with Tamma Carleton.

Conference Presentations

Presented “Land as Insurance and the Changing Distribution of Land Ownership in the 13th and 14th Centuries” at the Canadian Network for Economic Historians (Montreal, 2008).

Invited presentation of “Optimal Arsenals in a Bipolar World” at Conference in Honor of Curt Eaton (Vancouver, 2008).

Presented, “Land as Insurance and the Changing Distribution of Land Ownership in the 13th and 14th Centuries.” At the Allied Social Science Association Meetings, Chicago (2007).
Presented, “Teaching Economics Principles Through the Novel: Richard Powers Gain.” At

Economics in The Classroom Conference, Idaho State University, Jackson Lake Lodge (Sept. 2003).

Presented, “Pooling, Storage, and Scattering: A Simulation of Some Proposed Medieval Insurance Mechanisms” at Economic History Association sessions held during ASSA meetings in New Orleans (2001).

Presented, “Pooling, Storage, and Scattering: A Simulation of Some Proposed Medieval Insurance Mechanisms” at All-University of California Economic History Group Meeting, UC-

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Riverside (2000).

Presented, "Religious Prohibitions Against Usury" at International Institute Fisheries Economics and Trade International Conference, Oregon State University (2000).

Presented, "Science, Institutions, and the Industrial Revolution" at All-University of California Economic History Group Meeting, UC-Davis (1999).

Presented, "A Structuralist View of Technical Change and Economic Growth" at John Deutsch Institute for the Study of Economic Policy; Queens University (1994).

Referee for

Journal of Economic Growth, Explorations in Economic History, Research in Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Journal of European Economic History