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## Employment

Harvard University, Department of Economics  
Frederic E. Abbe Professor of Economics: July 2016 to present  
Professor: March 2012 to July 2016  
Paul Sack Associate Professor of Political Economy: July 2011 to March 2012  
Assistant Professor: July 2007 to July 2011

Stanford University, Department of Economics  
Victor Trione Visiting Professor: July 2009 to July 2010

University of British Columbia, Department of Economics  
Assistant Professor: July 2005 to July 2007

## Other Affiliations

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Research Associate (DAE, DEV, ITI, POL)

Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), Fellow

Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Senior Scholar

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFA), Faculty Associate and Executive Committee Member

Center for African Studies (CAS), Faculty Affiliate and Executive Committee Member

## Education

PhD, Economics, University of Toronto, 2005

MA, Economics, University of Toronto, 2000

BA, Economics, Simon Fraser University, 1998

## Research Awards and Honors

J-PAL Governance Initiative, 2016. “Age Sets, Accountability, and Public Goods Provision: Evidence from the DRC” (with Sara Lowes, Eduardo Montero, and James A. Robinson).

Russell Sage Foundation Immigration Program Grant, 2014. “Migrants and the Making of America,” (with Nancy Qian and Sandra Sequeira).

Pershing Square Venture Fund for Research on the Foundations of Human Behavior. 2014. “The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom,” (with James A. Robinson).

NSF IBSS Grant, 2014. “The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom,” (with Joseph Henrich and James A. Robinson).

IPUMS-International Research Award, 2014. For “On the Origins of Gender Roles: Women and the Plough,” published in the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*.

Weatherhead Conference Grant, Harvard University, 2014-2015, “*Africa’s Development in Historical Perspective*” (with Emmanuel Akyeampong, Robert Bates, and James A. Robinson).

Weatherhead Center Research Grant, Harvard University, 2013, “*The Impact of Fair Trade Certification*”

Milton Fund, Harvard University, 2013, “*The Impacts of Fair Trade Certification on Farmers in Latin America*”

Emerald Management Reviews 2011 Citation of Excellence Award for “Relationship-Specificity, Incomplete Contracts, and the Pattern of Trade,” published in the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

Andrew E. Furer Fellow, Department of Economics, Harvard University, 2011-2014

Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow, 2009-2011

Weatherhead Initiative Award, 2008, “*Understanding African Poverty over the Longue Duree*” (with Emmanuel Akyeampong, Robert Bates, and James A. Robinson)

NBER Africa Project Grant, 2008, “*The Determinants of Food Aid Provision to Africa, and the Rest of the Developing World*” (with Nancy Qian)

Clark Award, Harvard University, 2008, 2011

Warburg Fund, Harvard University, 2007

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), 2006, “*An Examination of Why History Matters in Africa*”

## Journal Articles

“The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom” (with Sara Lowes, James A. Robinson, and Jonathan Weigel), *Econometrica*, forthcoming.

“Why Being Wrong can be Right: Magical Warfare Technologies and the Persistence of False Beliefs,” (with Raul Sanchez de la Sierra), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 2017, forthcoming.

“Keeping It in the Family: Lineage Organization and the Scope of Trust in Sub-Saharan Africa,” (with Jacob Moscona and James A. Robinson), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 2017, forthcoming.

“Understanding Ethnic Identity in Africa: Evidence from the Implicit Association Test (IAT),” (with Sara Lowes, James A. Robinson, and Jonathan Weigel), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 2015, Vol. 105, No. 5, pp. 340-345.

“U.S. Food Aid and Civil Conflict,” (with Nancy Qian), *American Economic Review*, 2014, Vol. 104, No. 6, pp. 1630-1666.

“The Economics of Fair Trade,” (with Raluca Dragusanu and Daniele Giovannucci), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2014, Vol. 28, No. 3, Summer 2014, pp. 217-236.

“Commercial Imperialism? Political Influence and Trade during the Cold War,” (with Daniel Berger, William Easterly, and Shanker Satyanath), *American Economic Review*, 2013, Vol. 103, No. 2, pp. 863-896.

“On the Origins of Gender Roles: Women and the Plough,” (with Alberto Alesina and Paola Giuliano), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2013, Vol. 28, No. 2, pp. 469-530.

“Incomplete Contracts and the Boundaries of the Multinational Firm,” (with Daniel Trefler), *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2013, Vol. 94, No. 1, pp. 330-344.

“The Transmission of Democracy: From the Village to the Nation State,” (with Paola Giuliano), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 2013, Vol. 103, No. 3, pp. 86-92.

“Ruggedness: The Blessing of Bad Geography in Africa,” (with Diego Puga), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2012, Vol. 94, No. 1, pp. 20-36.

“Culture and the Historical Process,” *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 2012, Vol. 27, Supplement 1, pp. 108-126.

“The Slave Trade and the Origins of Mistrust in Africa,” (with Leonard Wantchekon), *American Economic Review*, 2011, Vol. 101, No. 7, pp. 3221-3252.

- Reprinted in E. Spolaore (ed.), **Culture and Economic Growth**, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2014.
- Reprinted in N. Cheeseman (ed.), **African Politics. Volume 1: Africa and the World: Sovereignty, Dependency and Extraversion**, Routledge, 2016.

“The Potato's Contribution to Population and Urbanization: Evidence from a Historical Experiment,” (with Nancy Qian), *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2011, Vol. 126, No. 2, pp. 593-650.

“Fertility and the Plough,” (with Alberto Alesina and Paola Giuliano), *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 2011, Vol. 101, No. 3, pp. 499-503.

“The Structure of Tariffs and Long-Term Growth,” (with Daniel Trefler), *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, 2010, Vol. 2, No. 4, pp. 158-194.

“The Columbian Exchange: A History of Disease, Food, and Ideas,” (with Nancy Qian), *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 2010, Vol. 24, No. 2, pp. 163-188.

“Religious Conversion in Colonial Africa,” *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 2010, Vol. 100, No. 2, pp. 147-152.

- Reprinted in P. Oslington, M Hirschfeld, and P.S. Williams (eds.), **Recent Developments in the Economics of Religion**, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2015.

“The Importance of History for Economic Development,” *Annual Review of Economics*, 2009, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 65-92.

“The Long-Term Effects of Africa’s Slave Trades,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2008, Vol. 123, No. 1, pp. 139-176.

“Relationship-Specificity, Incomplete Contracts, and the Pattern of Trade,” *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 2007, Vol. 122, No. 2, pp. 569-600.

- Reprinted in D. Bernhofen (ed.), **Empirical International Trade**, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2010.

“Historical Legacies: A Model Linking Africa’s Past to its Current Underdevelopment,” *Journal of Development Economics*, 2007, Vol. 83, No. 1, pp. 157-175.

## Books

**Africa’s Development in Historical Perspective**, (with Emmanuel Akyeampong, Robert H. Bates, and James A. Robinson), Cambridge University Press, 2014.

## Book Chapters

“The Determinants of Food Aid Provisions to African and the Developing World,” (with Nancy Qian), in Sebastian Edwards, Simon Johnson, and David Weil (eds.), **African Successes: Sustainable Growth**, Chapter 5, University of Chicago Press, forthcoming.

“Historical Development,” in Philippe Aghion and Steven Durlauf (eds.), **Handbook of Economic Growth, Volume 2A**, Chapter 7, pp. 347-402. North Holland, 2014.

“Domestic Institutions as a Source of Comparative Advantage,” (with Daniel Trefler), in Elhanan Helpman, Gita Gopinath, and Kenneth Rogoff (eds.), **Handbook of International Economics**,

**Volume 4**, Chapter 5, pp. 263-315. North Holland, 2014.

“Gender and Missionary Influence in Colonial Africa,” in Emmanuel Akyeampong, Robert Bates, Nathan Nunn and James A. Robinson (eds.), **Africa’s Development in Historical Perspective**, Chapter 16, pp. 489-512. Cambridge University Press, 2014.

“Shackled to the Past: The Causes and Consequences of Africa’s Slave Trades,” in Jared Diamond and James A. Robinson (eds.), **Natural Experiments of History**, pp. 142-184. Harvard University Press, 2010.

“The Boundaries of the Multinational Firm: An Empirical Analysis,” (with Daniel Trefler), in Elhanan Helpman, Dalia Marin, and Thierry Verdier (eds.), **The Organization of Firms in a Global Economy**, pp. 55-83. Harvard University Press, 2008.

“Slavery, Inequality, and Economic Development in the Americas: An Examination of the Engerman-Sokoloff Hypothesis,” in Elhanan Helpman (ed.), **Institutions and Economic Performance**, pp. 148-180. Harvard University Press, 2008.

## Working Papers

“Bride Price and Female Education,” (with Nava Ashraf, Natalie Bau, and Alessandra Voena), submitted.

“Migrants and the Making of America: The Short- and Long-Run Effects of Immigration during the Age of Mass Migration,” (with Nancy Qian and Sandra Sequeira).

“Understanding Cultural Persistence and Change,” (with Paola Giuliano).

“Social Structure and Conflict,” (with Jacob Moscona and James A. Robinson).

“Ancestral Characteristics of Modern Populations,” (with Paola Giuliano).

“The Impacts of Fair Trade Certification: Evidence from Coffee Producers in Costa Rica,” (with Raluca Dragusanu).

“Winter is Coming: The Long-Run Effects of Climate Change on Conflict, 1400-1900,” (with Murat Iyigun and Nancy Qian).

“Resource Shocks and Conflict in Europe, 1400-2000,” (with Murat Iyigun and Nancy Qian).

## Seminars and Conference Presentations

### “Understanding Cultural Persistence and Change”

- The Role of History and Diversity in Understanding Development Conference (Moscow, October 2015); Arizona State University, School of Human Evolution and Social Change (Phoenix, March 2016); Stockholm University (October 2016); Stanford University (Palo Alto, December 2016).

### “Bride Price and Female Education”

- UNU-WIDER Gender and Development Project Kick-Off Conference (Helsinki, Finland, May 2015); MIT and Harvard, Seminar on Positive Political Economy (Cambridge, March 2016); Columbia University (New York, April 2016); Economics and Political Economy of Africa (Washington, DC, April 2016); Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, September 2016).

### “Migrants and the Making of America: The Short- and Long-Run Effects of Immigration during the Age of Mass Migration”

- The Long Shadow of History Conference, Center for Advanced Studies (Munich, Germany, November 2014); New York University (New York, January 2017).

### “The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom”

- Northwestern University (Evanston, November 2013); 15<sup>th</sup> Annual NBER Neemrana Conference (India, December 2013); Boston College (Chestnut Hill, March 2014); Conference on Legal Innovations: Law, Economics and Governance, Columbia University (New York, April 2014); World Bank (Washington, D.C., April 2014); Stanford University (Palo Alto, May 2014); University of Colorado, Boulder and Denver (Boulder, September 2014); Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS), Ideas, Institutions, and Political Economy Workshop (Princeton, October 2014); University of California Berkeley, Agricultural and Resource Economics (Berkeley, November 2014); AEA Annual Meetings (Boston, January 2014); African Economic Development: Past, Present, and Future, Harvard University (Cambridge, April 2015); Deep-Rooted Factors in Comparative Economic Development, Brown University (Providence, May 2015); Oxford University, Center for the Studies of African Economies (Oxford, UK, May 2015); RAND International Development Speaker Series (IDSS) (Santa Monica, May 2015); Boston University (Boston, November 2015); University of Calgary, Distinguished Lecture (Calgary, March 2016); NBER Culture and Institutions Workshop (Cambridge, April 2016); George Mason University (Fairfax, VA, April 2016); University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business (Philadelphia, April 2016); Oliver Williamson Seminar on Institutional Analysis (Berkeley, May 2016), University of Copenhagen (May, 2016); Sciences Po (Paris, September 2016); University of Chicago Booth School of Business (Chicago, November 2016).

“The Impacts of Fair Trade Certification: Evidence from Coffee Producers in Costa Rica”

- NBER Summer Institute 2013 International Trade and Investment (Cambridge, July 2013); M.I.T. Trade Seminar (Cambridge, October 2013); LACEA-IDB TIGN Annual Conference (Santiago de Chile, May 2014)

“Ancestral Characteristics of Modern Populations”

- AEA Annual Meetings (San Diego, January 2013); University of California Los Angeles (Los Angeles, March 2013)

“Resource Shocks and Conflict in Europe, 1400-2000”

- AEA Annual Meetings (Chicago, January 2012)

“On the Origins of Gender Roles: Women and the Plough”

- Trust, Civic Spirit, and Economic Performance Conference (Paris, June 2010); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Summer Workshop (Stanford, July 2010); M.I.T. Political Economy Seminar (Cambridge, September 2010); Brown University (Providence, September 2010); Harvard University (Cambridge, November 2010); University of Oklahoma (Norman, November 2010); Washington University (Saint Louis, December 2010); Bank of Italy (Rome, December 2010); AEA Annual Meetings (Denver, January 2011); World Bank (Washington, D.C., January 2011); Brookings Africa Growth Initiative, Africa Growth Forum (Washington, D.C., January 2011); Washington Area Economic History Seminar (Arlington, VA, April 2011); NBER Political Economy Meeting (Cambridge, April 2011); M.I.T. Economic Development Seminar (Cambridge, April 2011); NBER DAE Summer Institute (Cambridge, July 2011); Journal of Comparative Economics Conference. Institutions in Africa, Latin America and Around the World (Pittsburgh, September 2011); Sustainable Food and Farming Workshop, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFIA), Harvard University (Cambridge, October 2011); University of Toronto (Toronto, November 2011); Tufts University (Medford, December 2011); University of Zurich (Zurich, December 2011); Princeton University (Princeton, December 2011); Georgetown University (Washington, DC, April 2012); University of Houston (Houston, May 2012); Williams College (Williams, MA, October 2012); Center for Global Development (Washington, DC, November 2012); CEP-LSE Labor Seminar (London, December 2012)

“U.S. Food Aid and Civil Conflict”

- NBER African Successes Ghana Conference (Accra, July 2010); New York University (New York, March 2011); BREAD Conference (New York, May 2011); CEA Annual Meetings (Ottawa, June 2011); Stanford University, Center on Democracy,

Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) (Stanford, March 2012); Clemson University (Greenville, SC, March 2012); Carleton University (Ottawa, April 2012); Nemmers Conference (Evanston, May 2012); University of California Los Angeles Department of Political Science (Los Angeles, May 2012); NBER SI 2012 Economics of National Security Meeting (Cambridge, July 2012); NBER SI 2012 Income Distribution and Macroeconomics (Cambridge, July 2012); George Washington University (Washington, DC, November 2012); STICERD-UCL Development and Growth Seminar (London, December 2012)

“Fertility and the Plough”

- AEA Annual Meetings (Denver, January 2011)

“Commercial Imperialism? Political Influence and Trade during the Cold War”

- Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings (Toronto, June 2009); University of California Davis (Davis, September 2009); University of California San Diego (La Jolla, October 2009); University of North Carolina Chapel Hill (Chapel Hill, October 2009); University of California Berkeley (Berkeley, October 2009); University of California Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, October 2009); Stellenbosch University (South Africa, November 2009); Stanford University (Stanford, February 2010); NBER Development of the American Economy (DAE) Program Meeting (Cambridge MA, February 2010); NBER International Trade and Investment (ITI) Program Meeting (Cambridge MA, March 2010); University of British Columbia (Vancouver, April 2010); University of Southern California (Los Angeles, May 2010); University of Chicago School of Business (Chicago, May 2010); University of California Los Angeles (Los Angeles, Dec 2010); Columbia University, Trade and Development Seminar (New York, March 2011); Columbia University, Economic History Seminar (New York, April 2011); Johns Hopkins SAIS (Washington, DC, April 2011); Vanderbilt University (Nashville, April 2011); University of Toronto (Toronto, November 2011); University of Maryland (College Park, MD, December 2011); Sciences Po and Paris School of Economics Political Economics Seminar (Paris, June 2012)

“Gender and Missionary Influence in Colonial Africa”

- Harvard University, Religion and Political Economy Seminar (Cambridge MA, May 2008); ERSAs Conference on Slavery, Colonial History and the New Economic History of Southern Africa (Stellenbosch, South Africa, November 2009); ASSA Annual Meetings (Atlanta, January 2010); New Technologies and Interdisciplinary Research in Religion Conference (Cambridge, MA, March 2010); African Poverty over the Longue Duree (Accra, Ghana, July 2010); Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar on Ethnicity in Africa: Historical, Comparative and Contemporary Investigations (Ann Arbor, December 2010); Before and Beyond Europe: Economic Change in Historical Perspective Conference (New Haven, February 2011)



“The Potato's Contribution to Population and Urbanization: Evidence from an Historical Experiment”

- Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings (Vancouver, June 2008); Bocconi University (Milan, Italy, November 2008); ASSA Annual Meetings (San Francisco, January 2009); ISNIE Annual Meetings (Berkeley, June 2009); Stanford University (Stanford, October 2009)

“Incomplete Contracts and the Boundaries of the Multinational Firm”

- NBER ITI Spring Meeting (Cambridge, March 2008); Texas A&M University (College Station, May 2008); Princeton IES Summer Workshop (Princeton, July 2008)

“The Slave Trade and the Origins of Mistrust in Africa”

- Harvard University (Cambridge, May 2008); M.I.T. (Cambridge, May 2008); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Summer Workshop (Stanford, July 2008); Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, Canada, September 2008); EHA Annual Meetings (New Haven, September 2008); Dalhousie University (Halifax, Canada, September 2008); University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, September 2008); Dartmouth College (Hanover, September 2008); Boston University (Boston, November 2008); NBER Political Economy Meetings (Cambridge, November 2008); Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, November 2008); African Studies Association Annual Meetings (Chicago, November 2008); University of Alberta (Edmonton, November 2008); University of British Columbia (Vancouver, December 2008); ASSA Annual Meetings (San Francisco, January 2009); Harvard Business School (Alston, February 2009); Colby College (Waterville, Maine, April 2009); Stanford University, Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) (Stanford, May 2009); University of California Los Angeles (Los Angeles, May 2009); Cal Tech (Pasadena, May 2009); Northwestern University (Evanston, June 2009); Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meetings (Istanbul, July 2009); ERSAs Conference on Slavery, Colonial History and the New Economic History of Southern Africa (Stellenbosch, South Africa, November 2009); University of San Francisco (San Francisco, February 2010); University of California Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara, April 2010); Eric William Centenary Conference (Oxford, Sept 2011); Harvard University, Workshop in History, Culture and Society (Cambridge, Oct 2011); University of Zurich, Behavioral Economics Workshop (Zurich, December 2011)

“Slavery, Inequality, and Economic Development in the Americas: An Examination of the Engerman-Sokoloff Hypothesis”

- Canadian Institute for Advance Research (CIFAR) – Institutions, Organizations and Growth Program Meeting (Toronto, March 2007)

“Ruggedness: The Blessing of Bad Geography in Africa”

- Canadian Institute for Advance Research (CIFAR) – Institutions, Organizations and Growth Program Meeting (Vancouver, June 2006); University of British Columbia (Vancouver, September 2006); University of California San Diego (La Jolla, September 2006); University of Southern California, Institute for Economic Research on Civilizations (Los Angeles, September 2006); Canadian Network for Economic History (Vancouver, October 2006); Harvard University (Cambridge, January 2007); Stanford University (Palo Alto, February 2007); Brown University (Providence, October 2007); University of California Berkeley (Berkeley, November 2007); New York University, Political Science (New York, November 2007); Research Group on Political Institutions and Economic Policy (Cambridge, December 2007); Paris School of Economics (Paris, December 2007); University of Toulouse I (Toulouse, December 2007); Yale University (New Haven, March 2008); University of Colorado at Boulder (April 2008); World Bank (Washington, D.C., May 2008)

“The Long-Term Effects of Africa’s Slave Trades”

- University of Rochester (Rochester, April 2004); York University (Toronto, April 2004); Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings (Toronto, June 2004); Canadian Institute for Advance Research (CIFAR) – Institutions, Organizations and Growth Program Meeting (Toronto, June 2004); Social Science History Association Annual Meetings (Chicago, November 2004); Pennsylvania State University (State College, May 2005); Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting (Budapest, June 2005); NBER Summer Institute, Income Distribution and Macroeconomics (Cambridge, July 2005); ITAM – FBBVA – Banco De Mexico Summer Camp in Macroeconomics (Mexico City, August 2005); Harvard University (Cambridge, September 2005); New York University, joint Economics and Political Science (New York, October 2005); University of Michigan, joint Economics and Ford School for Public Policy (Ann Arbor, October 2005); University of California Los Angeles (Los Angeles, November 2005); American Economics Association Meeting (Boston, January 2006); International Monetary Fund (Washington D.C., June 2006); International Economic History Congress (Helsinki, August 2006)

“Relationship-Specificity, Incomplete Contracts, and the Pattern of Trade”

- Social Science History Association Annual Meetings (Chicago, November 2004); Concordia University (Montreal, December 2004); McMaster University (Hamilton, January 2004); University of Western Ontario (London, January 2005); University of British Columbia (Vancouver, January 2005); Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, January 2005); Boston University (Boston, January 2005); M.I.T. Sloan School of Management (Cambridge, January 2005); London School of Economics (London, January 2005); New York University (New York, February 2005); Stanford Graduate School of Business (Palo Alto, February 2005); University of Chicago Harris School (Chicago, February 2005); M.I.T. (Cambridge, February 2005); Wilfrid Laurier University (Waterloo, April 2005); NBER Institutions, Trade and Organizations Spring Working Group Meeting (Cambridge, April 2005); Canadian Economics Association Annual Meetings (Hamilton, May 2005); Canadian Institute for Advance Research (CIFAR) – Institutions, Organizations and Growth Program Meeting (Vancouver, June

2005); Stockholm University IIES (Stockholm, September 2005); University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh, September 2005); Harvard University (Cambridge, September 2005); Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, May 2006)

“The Boundaries of the Multinational Firm: An Empirical Analysis”

- Globalization and the Organization of Firms and Markets CEPR conference (Munich, February 2007); Laurier Conference on Empirical International Trade (Waterloo, March 2008); New York University School of Law Conference on Law, Commerce and Development (New York, April 2008)

“The Structure of Tariffs and Long-Term Growth”

- University of British Columbia (Vancouver, May 2006); Canadian Institute for Advance Research (CIFAR) – Institutions, Organizations and Growth Program Meeting (Vancouver, June 2006); Empirical Investigations in International Trade (Banff, October 2006); Harvard University (Cambridge, October 2006); Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, Canada, March 2007); Korea University (Seoul, Korea, May 2007)

“Domestic Knowledge Spillovers and Strategic Trade Policy”

- University of British Columbia (Vancouver, November 2006); Laurier Conference on Empirical International Trade (Waterloo, December 2006); World Bank and Sciences-Po Antidumping and Developing Countries Conference (Paris, December 2006); NBER Productivity lunch (Cambridge, November 2007)

## Public Lectures or Keynote Presentations

### *Why Development Needs History*

Economic History Association Plenary Roundtable on Economic History and Economic Development. Boulder Colorado, September 17, 2016.

### *Economics from a Historical Perspective*

16<sup>th</sup> Annual World Knowledge Forum, Seoul, South Korea, October 20-22, 2015.

### *Historical Perspectives on Economic Development in the Democratic Republic of Congo*

Croissance Economique Inclusive en RDC, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, January 7-8, 2015.

### *Understanding Gender Norms*

IDEAS UMass Boston, Boston, MA, October 29, 2014.

### *Understanding Culture*

VI Workshop in International Economics. Real Colegio Complutense en la Universidad de Harvard. Cambridge, MA. September 15-18, 2014.

### *Understanding Global Inequality: The Benefits of a Historical Perspective*

Rethinking Economics Conference, New York, September 12-14, 2014.

### *Reform and Motivational Crowding*

Delhi Economics Conclave-2013. Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs. New Delhi, India. December 11-12, 2013.

### *The Evolution of Culture and Institutions: Evidence from the Kuba Kingdom*

The Long Shadow of History Conference: Mechanism of Persistence in Economics and the Social Sciences. Center for Advanced Studies, Munich, Germany. November 8-9, 2013.

### *Shaping Beliefs and Culture*

Global Empowerment Meeting 2013. Cambridge, MA, October 17, 2013.

### *The Roots of Economic Underdevelopment*

Vancouver School of Economics Inaugural Fall Conference. Vancouver, BC, September 20, 2013

### *Culture and the Historical Process*

Institute for Advanced Study, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Hong Kong. May 22, 2013.

### *Topics in Development Economics*

Advanced Research Lecture Series. University of British Columbia. Vancouver, B.C. May 6-9, 2013.

### *Culture and the Historical Process*

World Bank. Behavioral Economics for the African Region. Washington, D.C. November 19, 2012.

### *Africa's Development in Historical Perspective*

IMF Institute Training Seminar. Washington, D.C. November 8, 2012.

### *Culture and the Historical Process*

74<sup>th</sup> International Atlantic Conference. Montreal, Canada. Oct 5-7, 2012.

*The Legacy of the Slave Trade on Contemporary Africa*

25<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Economic Institute for Teachers. Stanford, CA. July 31, 2012.

*Historical Perspectives on Food, Health, and Prosperity*

Food Environment: The Effects of Context on Food. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) and European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE). Boston, MA, May 30-31, 2012.

*Historical Perspectives on Economic Development*

IMF Institute Training Seminar. Washington, D.C. October 28, 2011.

*External Influence and Economic Development: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*

III Workshop in International Economics. Real Colegio Complutense en la Universidad de Harvard. Cambridge, MA. Sept 19-22, 2011.

*The Importance of History and Culture for Understanding Human Behavior*

Emerging Science of Culture and its Implications Lecture Series. Centre for Human Evolution, Cognition and Culture, University of British Columbia. Vancouver, Canada. December 6, 2010.

*The Importance of History for Economic Development*

ERSA conference on Slavery, Colonial History, and the New Economic History of Southern Africa. Stellenbosch, South Africa, November 16, 2009.

*What Makes Some Countries Rich and Others Poor?*

CIFAR's The Next Big Question National Tour. Ottawa, Canada. October 26, 2007.

*The Legacy of Slave Trading in Africa*

CIAR Appetite for Discovery Luncheon. Vancouver, Canada. April 24, 2006.

## Teaching

Graduate level:

Political Economy (Harvard University)

Economic History (Harvard University)

Development Economics (Harvard University)

International Trade (Harvard University, University of British Columbia)

Undergraduate level:

Development Economics (Harvard University, University of British Columbia)

Cultural Evolution (Harvard University)

## Professional Activities

### Editorial

Positions: Co-Editor, *Journal of Development Economics*, 2013-  
Editorial Board, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2012-  
Associate Editor, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2012-2015  
Associate Editor, *Journal of International Economics*, 2007-2014  
Editorial Advisory Board, *Canadian Journal of Economics*, 2010-2013

### Refereeing:

*American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, British Journal of Political Science, Canadian Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic History Review, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, Economics and Politics, Economics of Transition, Economics Letters, Explorations in Economic History, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, International Regional Science Review, Journal of African Economics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economic Literature, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Nature Human Behavior, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of World Economics (Weltwirtschaftliches Archiv), Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Science, World Development, Cambridge University Press, European Research Council (ERC), Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET), MIT Press, National Science Foundation (NSF), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC).*

### Committees:

- Harvard University: Harvard Academy, Senior Scholar, 2015-
- Harvard University: Center for African Studies, Executive Committee Member, 2013-
- Harvard University: Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Executive Committee, 2014-
- Harvard University: WAHE Program Director, 2014-
- Harvard University: WorldMap Advisory Committee, 2012-
- Harvard University: Academic Integrity Committee, 2012-2015
- Harvard University: Fulbright Scholarship Evaluation Committee, 2010-2012, 2015
- Harvard University: Hoopes Prize Selection Committee, 2012, 2014, 2016
  
- Harvard University: Economics Junior Recruiting Committee, 2008-2009, 2011-2013, 2015-2016
- Harvard University: Economics Graduate Placement Officer, 2013-2015
- Harvard University: Economics Graduate Admissions Committee, 2010-2011
- Harvard University: Economics Undergraduate Instruction Committee, 2011-2013

- University of British Columbia: Graduate Studies Committee, 2005-2007
- University of British Columbia: Graduate Admissions Committee, 2005-2007
- University of Toronto: Graduate Advisory Committee, 2004-2005
- University of Toronto: Graduate Appeals Committee, 2002-2004

Other activities:

- Economic History Association (EHA), Research Archives and Databases Committee, 2013-
- International Advisory Committee, African School of Economics, 2012-
- Executive Committee, Working Group on African Political Economy (WGAPE), 2012-
- Board Member, Association for Comparative Economic Studies (ACES), 2010-2012
- Director, Latin America and Caribbean Economic Association's Trade Integration and Growth Network (LACEA-TIGN), 2010-2015
- Program Committee, 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress of the Econometric Society, Montreal, Canada.
- Program Committee, SITE New Frontiers in Economic History Conference 2010, Stanford, CA.
- Program Committee, Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) 2009 Meetings, Turkey.
- Program Committee, African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Meetings 2009, Chicago.
- Conference co-organizer. African Poverty over the Longue Duree. Accra, Ghana, 2010.
- Conference co-organizer. Africa's Development: Past, Present and Future. Cambridge, MA, 2015.

Student Supervision as a Primary Advisor (year and initial placement):

- Philip Osafo-Kwaako (2012: Government of Nigeria, Ministry of Finance)
- Marcella Alsan (2013: Stanford University)
- Julia Cage (2014: Sciences Po)
- Raluca Dragusanu (2014: Federal Reserve Board of Governors)
- Natalie Bau (2015: University of Toronto)
- Oyebola Olabisi (2016: World Bank)
- Guilherme Lichand (2016: University of Zurich)
- Sara Lowes (2017)
- Mitra Akhtari (2017)
- Leander Heldring (2017)

**Citizenship** Canadian, US Permanent Resident