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**Personal Information:** U.S. Citizen

**Current Position:**

2021-Present U.S. Treasury Department, Economist in the Office of Economic Policy

**Undergraduate Studies:**

A.B., History (secondary in Economics), Harvard University, *summa cum laude*, 2012

**Graduate Studies:**

Ph.D., Economics, Harvard University, 2018

Thesis Title: *Monetary War and Peace: Sterling, the Exchange Equalisation Account, and the Tripartite Agreement, 1931-1939*

Committee: Kenneth Rogoff (chair), Benjamin Friedman, Jeffrey Frieden

**Research Fields:**

Primary Fields: International Economics, Economic History

**Research Experience and Other Employment:**

2020-2021 U.S. Treasury Department, Economist in the Office of International Affairs  
2019-2020 Pete for America, Policy Adviser  
2014-2020 Sperling Economic Strategies, Policy Consultant for Gene Sperling  
2015 Brookings Institution, Research Assistant for Dr. Ben Bernanke  
2014 Harvard University, Research Assistant for Professors Carmen Reinhart and Kenneth Rogoff  
2012-2013 Brookings Institution, Research Assistant at the Hamilton Project  
2011 White House, Intern at the National Economic Council  
2010 President's Economic Recovery Advisory Board, Intern at the Department of the Treasury and Council of Economic Advisers

**Teaching Experience:**

2016 Public Economics, Harvard University, Teaching Fellow for Professor Martin Feldstein  
2015-2016 American Economic Policy, Harvard University, Teaching Fellow for Professors Martin Feldstein and Jeffrey Liebman  
2014 Tax and Budget Policy, Harvard University, Teaching Fellow for Professor Martin Feldstein

**Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:**

2019-2020 Smith Richardson Foundation grant  
2016-2018 Graduate Associate, Center for History and Economics at Harvard  
2013-2014 John J. and Hee-Jung S. Moon Graduate Student Fund  
2012 Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for Senior Theses  
2011 Phi Beta Kappa

**Invited Presentations:**

- 2019                    The Centenary Conference on Keynes' *Economic Consequences of the Peace* (Cambridge University), Staff Seminar (Peterson Institute)
- 2018                    Money, History, and Finance Workshop (Rutgers)

**Publications:**

*Books:*

*Monetary War and Peace: London, Washington, Paris, and the Tripartite Agreement of 1936* (Cambridge University Press, 2021)

Abstract: The international monetary system imploded during the Great Depression. As the conventional narrative goes, the collapse of the gold standard and the rise of competitive devaluation sparked a monetary war that sundered the system, darkened the decade, and still serves as a warning to policymakers today. But this familiar tale is only half the story. With the Tripartite Agreement of 1936, Britain, America, and France united to end their monetary war and make peace. This agreement articulated a new vision, one in which the democracies promised to consult on exchange rate policy and uphold a liberal international system - at the very time fascist forces sought to destroy it. I explore this little-known but path-breaking and successful effort to revolutionize monetary relations, tracing the evolution of the monetary system in the twilight years before the Second World War and demonstrating that this history is not one solely of despair.

*Review Essays:*

“Saving the States,” *The Times Literary Supplement*, 6180 (10 September 2021).

Review of Marcus, Nathan. “Austrian Reconstruction and the Collapse of Global Finance, 1921-1931,” *eh.net* (2020).

Review of Straumann, Tobias. “1931: Debt, Crisis, and the Rise of Hitler,” *LSE Review of Books* (2019).

Review of Davies, Hannah Catherine. “Transatlantic Speculations: Globalization and the Panics of 1873,” *The Journal of Economic History* 79(3) (2019).

**Research in Progress:**

“Glut of Gold: The Tripartite Agreement and the Gold Scare of 1937”