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Current Position

Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2024-

Past Positions

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2019-24
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Michigan, 2013-19
Assistant Professor, IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca, 2006-13

Visiting Positions

Edward Teller National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 2016-17
Visiting Scholar, Economic History Laboratory, UC Berkeley, 2012 (October)
Visiting Scholar, STICERD, London School of Economics, 2011 (November)
Visiting Scholar, IGIER, Bocconi University, 2011 (October)
Visiting Scholar, Leitner Program in Political Economy, Yale University, 2011 (September)

Education

PhD, Economics, UCLA, 2006 (Advisor: Jean-Laurent Rosenthal)
MA, Economics, UCLA, 2003
BA, *summa cum laude*, Economics, Philosophy, University of Arizona, 1999 (Cumulative GPA: 4.000)

Fields

Political Economy, Political and Economic Development, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Economic History, Public Finance

Books

1. *From Warfare to Wealth: The Military Origins of Urban Prosperity in Europe*, Cambridge University Press, Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series, 2017 (With Massimiliano Onorato)
Winner, William H. Riker Best Book Award, 2018
China Edition, Forthcoming
2. *State Capacity and Economic Development: Present and Past*, Cambridge University Press, Elements in Political Economy Series, 2017
Inaugural book in this series
3. *Political Transformations and Public Finances: Europe, 1650-1913*, Cambridge University Press, Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions Series, 2011
China Edition, 2022

Journal Publications

1. Warfare, Fiscal Gridlock, and State Formation during Europe's Military Revolution, *Journal of Politics*, 87: 1450-64, 2025 (With Gary Cox and Massimiliano Onorato)
2. The Introduction of the Income Tax, Fiscal Capacity, and Migration: Evidence from U.S. States, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, 16: 359-93, 2024 (With Traviss Cassidy and Ugo Troiano)
3. Window of Opportunity: War and the Origins of Parliament, *British Journal of Political Science*, 54: 405-21, 2024 (With Gary Cox and Massimiliano Onorato)
4. Pre-Colonial Warfare and Long-Run Development in India, *Economic Journal*, 132: 981-1010, 2022 (With James Fenske, Anil Menon, and Shivaji Mukherjee)
5. The Budgetary Origins of Fiscal-Military Prowess, *Journal of Politics*, 83: 851-66, 2021 (With Gary Cox)
6. Is Africa Different? Historical Conflict and State Development, *Economic History of Developing Regions*, 34: 209-50, 2019 (With James Fenske and Massimiliano Onorato)
7. Intra-Elite Competition and Long-Run Fiscal Development, *Journal of Politics*, 81: 49-65, 2019 (With Pablo Beramendi and Melissa Rogers)
8. Violent Conflict and Political Development over the Long Run: China versus Europe, *Annual Review of Political Science*, 21: 341-58, 2018 (With Yuhua Wang)
9. Military Conflict and the Rise of Urban Europe, *Journal of Economic Growth*, 21: 259-82, 2016 (With Massimiliano Onorato)
10. State Capacity and Long-Run Economic Performance, *Economic Journal*, 126: 189-218, 2016 (With Gabriel Katz)
11. The Rise of Effective States in Europe, *Journal of Economic History*, 75: 901-18, 2015
12. Warfare, Fiscal Capacity, and Performance, *Journal of Economic Growth*, 17: 171-203, 2012 (With Mauricio Prado)
13. Warfare, Taxation, and Political Change: Evidence from the Italian Risorgimento, *Journal of Economic History*, 71: 887-914, 2011 (With Giovanni Federico and Andrea Vindigni)
14. Fragmented Authority from Ancien Régime to Modernity: A Quantitative Analysis, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, 6: 305-28, 2010
15. The Political Economy of Fiscal Prudence in Historical Perspective, *Economics & Politics*, 22: 1-36, 2010

16. Political Regimes and Sovereign Credit Risk in Europe, 1750-1913, *European Review of Economic History*, 13: 31-63, 2009
17. Fiscal Centralization, Limited Government, and Public Revenues in Europe, 1650-1913, *Journal of Economic History*, 69: 48-103, 2009

Book Chapters

1. State Development in Western Europe from 1500 Onwards, In *Institutional Dynamics and Organizational Complexity*, Jenna Bednar, Thomas Currie, Sergey Gavrilets, Peter Richerson, and John Wallis, Editors. Open Access, Cultural Evolution Society, 1-15, 2025
2. State Capacity in Historical Political Economy, In *Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy*, Jeffrey Jenkins and Jared Rubin, Editors. Oxford University Press, 253-69, 2024 (With Yuhua Wang)
3. Napoleon in Italy: A Legacy of Institutional Reform? In *The Crucible of Revolutionary and Napoleonic Warfare and European Transitions to Modern Economic Growth*, Patrick O'Brien, Editor. Brill, 141-70, 2022 (With Giovanni Federico)

Other Publications

1. New Perspectives on State Formation, *Perspectives on Politics*, 21: 1447-52, 2023
2. Review of *The Decline and Rise of Democracy* by David Stasavage. *Governance*, 34: 959-60, 2021
3. State Capacity, Economic Development, and the Role of History, *Newsletter of the Organized Section in Comparative Politics of the American Political Science Association*, 29: 42-9, 2019
4. Review of *Paths toward the Modern Fiscal State: England, Japan, and China* by Wenkai He. *Economic History Review*, 68: 1467-8, 2015
5. Review of *Nationalism and Economic Development in Modern Eurasia* by Carl Mosk. *Journal of Economic History*, 74: 924-5, 2014
6. Review of *The Rise of Fiscal States* by Bartolome Yun-Casalilla and Patrick O'Brien. *Journal of Economic History*, 73: 288-90, 2013
7. Review of *States of Credit* by David Stasavage. *Journal of Economic History*, 72: 284-6, 2012
8. Review of *Nation, State, and the Industrial Revolution* by Lars Magnusson. *Journal of Economic History*, 71: 807-9, 2011
9. Review of *Paying for the Liberal State* by Jose Luis Cardoso and Pedro Lains. *Journal of Economic History*, 71: 233-4, 2011

Working Papers

1. Maintaining Empire: The Examination System and Secessionist Conflict in China (With Gary Cox and Yuhua Wang)
Revise and Resubmit, *American Political Science Review*
2. The Columbian Exchange and Conflict in Asia (With James Fenske and Anil Menon)
Revise and Resubmit, *Economic Journal*
3. Conflict and the Roots of Gender Norms in India (With James Fenske, Bishnupriya Gupta, and Anil Menon)

Working Books

1. *The Power of Limits: Executive Constraints and State Evolution in China and the West* (With Gary Cox and Yuhua Wang)
Under contract with Princeton University Press
2. *Oxford Handbook of State Building and State Capacity* (Coeditor, with Yuhua Wang)
Under contract with Oxford University Press

Awards and Grants

William H. Riker Best Book Award for *From Warfare to Wealth*, APSA Political Economy Section, 2018
Hoover National Fellowship, Stanford University, 2016-17
Niehaus Center (NCGG) Fellowship, Princeton University, 2013-14 (Declined)
National Science Foundation Grant SES-1227237, "Global Fiscal States," 2012-14
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies, 2005
J. William Fulbright Scholarship for South Korea, 1999
Outstanding Graduating Senior in Economics, University of Arizona, 1999

Service

University of Michigan

Director of Graduate Studies, 2021-26
Chair, Graduate Affairs Committee, 2021-26
Co-Organizer, Political Economy Workshop (PEW), 2014-16, 2017-18, 2019-20, 2022-
Mentor, Junior Faculty Member, 2024-
Mentor, Tenured Faculty Member, 2024-
Member, Junior Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2024
Chair, Lecturer Continuing Review Committee, PICS, 2022
Chair, New Directions Initiative, Rackham, 2021-22
Member, Lecturer Major Review Committee, PICS, 2021
Member, Lecturer Interim Review Committee, PICS, 2020
Member, Junior Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2020

Member, Graduate Affairs Committee, 2019-20
Placement Director, Graduate Student Job Market, 2019-20
Elected Member, Departmental Executive Committee, 2019 (Winter)
Member, Lecturer Major Review Committee, PICS, 2019
Member, Faculty Search Committee (Multipurpose), 2018-19
Field Coordinator, World Politics, 2018 (Winter)
Member, Lecturer Interim Review Committee, PICS, 2017
Member, Undergraduate Affairs Committee, 2015-16
Member, Faculty Search Committee (Formal Theory), 2014-15
Member, Faculty Search Committee (Global Environment and Health), PICS, 2013-14

Discipline-Wide

Member, Program Committee, Economic History Association Annual Meeting, 2026
Member, Nominations Committee for Election of Officers, MPSA, 2026
Co-Organizer, Full Paper Panel, APSA Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2024
Member, Steering Committee, International Macro History Online Seminar (IMHOS), 2020-
Chair, Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award Committee, MPSA Annual Conference, 2022
Co-Organizer, War and Economic History Conference, Northwestern University, 2022
Member, Riker Book Award Committee, APSA Political Economy Section, 2020
Elected Member, Executive Council, APSA Political Economy Section, 2016-18
Trustee, European Historical Economics Society, 2013-19

Editorial Service

Editor, Elements in Political Economy Series, Cambridge University Press, 2024-
Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic History*, 2023-
Co-Editor, *The Political Economist*, APSA Newsletter, 2013-16

Referee Service

Referee for *American Economic Review*; *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*; *American Historical Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Econometrica*; *Economica*; *Economic Development and Cultural Change*; *Economic History Review*; *Economic Journal*; *Economics & Politics*; *European Economic Review*; *European Journal of Political Economy*; *European Review of Economic History*; *Explorations in Economic History*; *Historical Methods*; *International Organization*; *Journal of African Economics*; *Journal of Comparative Economics*; *Journal of Development Economics*; *Journal of Economic Growth*; *Journal of Economic History*; *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*; *Journal of the European Economic Association*; *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*; *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Historical Political Economy*; *Journal of Political Economy*; *Journal of Public Economics*; *Kyklos*; *Oxford Economic Papers*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Political Science Research and Methods*; *Public Choice*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*; *Review of Economics and Statistics*; *Review of Economic Studies*; *Review of International Organizations*; *Scandinavian Journal of*

Economics; Sociological Theory; World Bank Economic Review; World Politics

Manuscript reviewer for Cambridge University Press; Oxford University Press; Princeton University Press; Routledge

Grant reviewer for National Science Foundation (USA); British Academy/Leverhulme Trust; Israel Science Foundation; Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research; NYU Abu Dhabi Research Enhancement Fund; Sapienza University of Rome; Swiss National Science Foundation
Reviewer, Italian University System Research Assessment for Economics, 2012

Teaching

State-Making (Graduate), W2020, F2021, F2023, F2024

Political Economy of Development (Graduate), W2018-W2019, F2021, W2025

Political Economy of Long-Run Development (Undergraduate), F2015, F2017-F2020, F2022-F2023

Historical and Political Origins of Economic Growth (Undergraduate), W2014-W2015, W2018, F2019

Introduction to Game Theory (Undergraduate), W2014-W2015, F2015, W2019

Advising

University of Michigan

Chair, PhD Committee, Pedro Ramalho Luz de Castro (In Progress)

Co-Chair, PhD Committee, Cem Emre (In Progress)

Co-Chair, PhD Committee, Hojung Joo, 2024 (Post-doc, Harvard; Tenure-track, Harvard)

Co-Chair, PhD Committee, Htet Thiha Zaw, 2023 (Researcher, IRC; Post-doc, UBC)

Co-Chair, PhD Committee, Anil Menon, 2022 (Post-doc, Cornell; Tenure-track, UC Merced)

Member, PhD Committee, Laura Comini (In Progress)

Member, PhD Committee, Hasher Nishar (In Progress)

Member, PhD Committee, Taha Rauf, 2023 (Post-doc, University of Louisville)

Member, PhD Committee, Robert Venyige (Economics), 2022 (Faculty, Corvinus University)

Member, PhD Committee, Nuannuan Xiang, 2022 (Post-doc, Brown; Tenure-track, Columbia)

Member, PhD Committee, Diana Greenwald, 2017 (Post-doc, Harvard; Tenure-track, CCNY)

Member, PhD Committee, Morgan Henderson (Economics), 2017 (Economist, Amazon)

Member, PhD Committee, Trevor Johnston, 2015 (Post-doc, Harvard; Political Scientist, RAND)

First- and Second-Year Graduate Co-Advisor, Jieun Oh, 2024-26

First- and Second-Year Graduate Advisor, Jingyang Rui, 2022-24

First- and Second-Year Graduate Advisor, Jun Fang, 2020-22

First- and Second-Year Graduate Advisor, Hojung Joo, 2017-19

First- and Second-Year Graduate Advisor, Anil Menon, 2015-17

First- and Second-Year Graduate Advisor, Wooseok Kim, 2014-16

First-Year Graduate Advisor, Zhen Zhang, 2025-26

Second-Year Graduate Advisor, Pedro Ramalho Luz de Castro, 2022-23

Summer Graduate Advisor, Siwen Xiao, 2025

Summer Graduate Advisor, Hanna Lee, 2024

Summer Graduate Advisor, Jingyang Rui, 2024
Summer Graduate Advisor, Laura Comini, 2022
Summer Graduate Advisor, Htet Thiha Zaw, 2018, 2019
Summer Graduate Advisor, Jane Kitaevich, 2018
Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advisor (Political Science), Nemo Chen, 2024-25 (Winner, Frank Grace Award and Marshall Sahlins Award)
Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advisor (Political Science), Anthony Morreale, 2023-24
Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advisor (Political Science), Ciara Nolan, 2021-22
Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advisor (PICS), Tara Snapper, 2021-22
Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advisor (PICS), Noa Sreden, 2021-22
Undergraduate Senior Thesis Advisor (Economics), Emma Fulweiler, 2019-20
Undergraduate Research Advisor (Nam Center), Suhaila Yunus, 2019-20
Undergraduate Research Mentor (UROP), Eric Payerle, 2017-18

Discipline-Wide

PhD Examiner, Christoffer Cappelen (University of Copenhagen), 2022
PhD Examiner, Felix Schaff (London School of Economics), 2022

Invited Research Seminars (Since 2010)

University of Bologna, Department of Economics, February 2027
University of Mississippi, Department of Economics, April 2026
Carlos III-Juan March Institute of Social Sciences Seminar, January 2026
Vanderbilt University, Department of Political Science, February 2025
Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Seminar, January 2025
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Political Science, February 2024
Brown University, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Seminar, March 2023
New York University, Department of Political Science, March 2023
Stanford University, Department of Political Science, February 2023
UC Berkeley, Department of Political Science, February 2022
UC San Diego, Department of Political Science, February 2022
UC Santa Barbara, Department of Political Science (Online), January 2022
Korea University, Department of Economics (Online), November 2021
International Macro History Online Seminar (Online), October 2021
Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science (Online), September 2021
Columbia University, Department of Political Science (Online), October 2020
Texas A&M University, Department of Political Science, January 2020
University of Chicago, Department of Political Science, October 2019
London School of Economics, Department of Economic History, March 2019
University of Oxford, Department of Economics, March 2019
University of Warwick, Department of Economics, March 2019

Duke University, Department of Political Science, December 2018
UC San Diego, Department of Political Science, October 2018
University of Virginia, Department of Political Science, October 2018
Yale University, Center for Historical Enquiry and the Social Sciences, October 2018
McGill University, Department of Political Science, September 2018
University of Rochester, Department of Political Science, February 2018
Santa Clara University, Department of Economics, May 2017
Stanford University, Social Science History Dinner Seminar, May 2017
UC Irvine, Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, May 2017
Stanford University, Department of Economics, December 2016
Stanford University, Department of Political Science, December 2016
UC Berkeley, Department of Economics, October 2016
UC Davis, Department of Economics, October 2016
University of British Columbia, Vancouver School of Economics, March 2016
Northwestern University, Department of Economics, October 2015
London School of Economics, International Relations Department, May 2015
University College London, Department of Political Science, May 2015
Stanford University, Department of Political Science, February 2015
University of Michigan, Department of Economics, November 2014
George Mason University, Department of Economics, October 2014
Harvard University, Department of Economics, February 2014
University of Michigan, Department of Economics, October 2013
University of Genoa, Department of Political Science, March 2013
UC Berkeley, Department of Economics, October 2012
UC Irvine, Department of Economics, October 2012
University of Michigan, Department of Political Science, October 2012
California Institute of Technology, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, September 2012
Stanford University, Department of Economics, September 2012
Institute for Advanced Studies in Toulouse, March 2012
Utrecht University, Research Institute for History and Culture, March 2012
University of Copenhagen, Department of Economics, February 2012
London School of Economics, Department of Economic History, December 2011
Bocconi University, IGIER, October 2011
Yale University, Department of Economics, September 2011
London School of Economics, Department of Economic History, June 2011
Maastricht University, Graduate School of Governance, May 2011
University of Bologna, Department of Economics, February 2011
Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Seminar, January 2011
Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Laboratory of Economics and Management, May 2010

University of Modena, Department of Economics, April 2010

Bocconi University, Department of Policy Analysis and Public Management, February 2010

Invited Conference Presentations (Since 2010)

Book Workshop (Discussant), London School of Economics (Online), November 2025

State Strength and Economic Development Workshop, MIT, May 2025

Book Workshop, Stanford University, May 2025

China's Economy Conference (Discussant), Hoover Institution, Stanford University, March 2025

Hoover/CIDE Middle-Income Trap Conference (Discussant), Mexico City, December 2024

State Capacity and Non-State Governance Workshop, University of Chicago, November 2024

Book Symposium, Yale University (Online), September 2024

Comparative History of State Capacity Conference, Yale University, January 2024

Book Workshop (Discussant), London School of Economics (Online), October 2023

Conference in Honor of Philip T. Hoffman, California Institute of Technology, April 2023

Political Economy of International Security Conference, University of Southern California, April 2023

State Capacity Conference (Discussant), Yale University, October 2022

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, September 2022

Council for European Studies Annual Conference, Lisbon, June 2022

Book Workshop (Discussant), Northwestern University, May 2022

War and Economic History Conference, Northwestern University, March 2022

Workshop on Institutions, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (Online), November 2021

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Online), September 2021

Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics Annual Conference (Online), June 2021

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Online), September 2020

Book Workshop (Discussant), Yale University, September 2019

Politics of Taxation Workshop, Peking University, July 2019

Historical Approaches to International Relations Workshop, University of Chicago, May 2019

Research Group on Political Institutions and Economic Policy, Indiana University, April 2019

State Capacity and Public Goods Conference, Princeton University, April 2019

State Capacity Workshop, Duke University, April 2019

Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, September 2018

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, August 2018

Comparative State Capacity Conference, Harvard University, October 2017

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 2017

Book Workshop, California Institute of Technology, October 2016

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, September 2016

State-Making Workshop, Lund University, May 2016

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2016

Conflict and Development Conference, UC Irvine, February 2016

International Political Economy Society Annual Conference, Stanford, November 2015

Political Economy of Social Conflict Conference, Yale University, October 2015
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 2015
World Economic History Congress, Kyoto, August 2015
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2015
Social Science History Group, California Institute of Technology, March 2015
Research Group on Political Institutions and Economic Policy, Harvard University, December 2014
Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Columbus, September 2014
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, August 2014
Political Institutions Workshop, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, June 2014
European Political Science Association Annual Conference, Edinburgh, June 2014
States and Empires Conference, Yale University, May 2014
All-UC Economic History Conference, UC Berkeley, May 2014
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2014
War and State Formation Conference, University of Warwick, March 2014
Economic History Society Annual Conference, Warwick, March 2014
American Economics Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, January 2014
International Political Economy Society Annual Conference, Claremont, October 2013
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 2013
International Society for New Institutional Economics Annual Conference, Florence, June 2013
American Economics Association Annual Meeting (Discussant), San Diego, January 2013
Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, September 2012
Political Economy of State Capacity Conference, Juan March Institute, June 2012
Nemmers Prize Conference, Northwestern University, May 2012
Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Evanston, September 2010
History of Public Finances Conference, Paris School of Economics, May 2010

Languages

Proficient in Italian (Speaking, Reading, Writing)

Moderately proficient in Spanish

Intensive training in Korean

Citizenships

USA

Italy

Curriculum vitae last updated January 2026