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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 Gavrillets, 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. Conflict and the Roots of Gender Norms in India (With James Fenske, Bishnupriya Gupta, and Anil Menon)  
Revise and Resubmit, *Review of Economic Studies*
3. The Columbian Exchange and Conflict in Asia (With James Fenske and Anil Menon)  
Revise and Resubmit, *Economic Journal*
4. Pre-Colonial Institutions, Colonial Governance, and State Evolution (With Edgar Franco-Vivanco, Jean Hong, and Martha Wilfahrt)  
Invited Article, *Annual Review of Political Science*

## **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, 2021-27  
Chair, Graduate Affairs Committee, 2021-27  
Co-Organizer, Political Economy Workshop (PEW), 2014-16, 2017-18, 2019-20, 2022-  
Mentor, Junior Faculty Member, 2024-  
Mentor, Tenured Faculty Member, 2024-  
Member, Senior Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2026

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, 2025  
Member, Grant Competition Selection Committee, Buffett Institute, Northwestern University, 2025  
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 Com-*

*parative 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 Emrence (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)

Member, MA Committee, Kate Jian (In Progress)

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)**

Economic History Workshop, Trinity College Dublin, June 2026  
Early Modern States Workshop, History Department, Brown University, May 2026  
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 March 2026*