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Employment History:

1999-present	Professor of Labor Economics Cornell University
1988-1998	Associate Professor of Labor Economics Cornell University
1982-1988	Assistant Professor of Labor Economics Cornell University

Education:

Ph.D., University of Wisconsin, 1982: Economics
M.S., University of Wisconsin, 1980: Economics
B.A., College of William and Mary, 1976: Economics/History

Research Interests:

Nineteenth Century British Labor Markets
Evolution of Social Policy in Great Britain and the United States
Economics of Nineteenth Century Trade Unions

Professional Activities:

Associate Editor, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* (1993-)
Editorial Board, *Social Science History* (1998-2001)
Editorial Board, *Journal of Economic History* (1989-1994)
Visitor, Department of Economics, University of Essex, Spring 1990, Fall 1992

Publications:

Book:

An Economic History of the English Poor Law, 1750-1850, Cambridge University Press, 1990, reprinted 1993.

Articles:

“Insecurity, Safety Nets, and Self-help in Victorian Britain,” in Frank Lewis and Kenneth Sokoloff, eds., *Essays in Honor of Stanley Engerman*, volume 2, forthcoming.

“Unemployment and the UK Labour Market before, during, and after the Golden Age,” with Timothy J. Hatton, *European Review of Economic History* 9(1) (April 2005), pp. 35-60.

“Living Standards, 1860-1939,” in Roderick Floud and Paul Johnson, eds., *The Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain*, Vol. 2, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004, pp. 280-313.

“The Evolution of Unemployment Relief before the adoption of National Insurance: Great Britain, 1834-1911,” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 34(3) (Winter 2004), pp. 393-433.

“Unemployment,” in Joel Mokyr, ed., *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, Vol. 5, Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003, pp. 144-152.

“New Estimates of British Unemployment, 1870-1913,” with Timothy J. Hatton, *Journal of Economic History* 62(3) (September 2002), pp. 643-75.

“English Poor Laws,” in Robert Whaples, ed., *EH.Net Encyclopedia*, 2002.

“The Development of the Neoclassical Tradition in Labor Economics,” with Robert S. Smith, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 54(2) (January 2001), pp. 199-223.

“The Historical Background of the Communist Manifesto,” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 12(4) (Fall 1998), pp. 151-174.

“The Influence of London on Labor Markets in Southern England, 1830-1914,” *Social Science History* 22(3) (Fall 1998), pp. 257-285.

“Wage Trends in the Regions of the United Kingdom, 1860-1913,” with Timothy J. Hatton, in S. Connolly, ed., *Kingdoms United?*, Dublin: Four Courts Press, 1998, pp. 135-52.

“Migration and Labour Market Integration in Late Nineteenth-Century England and Wales,” with Timothy J. Hatton, *Economic History Review* 50(4) (November 1997), pp. 697-734.

“Labour Migration in Southern and Eastern England, 1861-1901,” *European Review of Economic History* 1(2) (August 1997), pp. 191-215.

“Poor Relief, Informal Assistance, and Short Time during the Lancashire Cotton Famine,” *Explorations in Economic History* 34(1) (January 1997), pp. 56-76.

“Did Joseph Arch Raise Agricultural Wages? A Reply,” with Timothy J. Hatton, *Economic History Review* 49(2) (May 1996), pp. 370-6.

“The Union Wage Effect in Late Nineteenth Century Britain,” with Timothy J. Hatton and Roy Bailey, *Economica* 61(4) (November 1994), pp. 435-56.

“Regional Labour Market Integration in Britain, 1850-1913,” with Timothy J. Hatton, in M. MacKinnon and G. Grantham, eds., *The Evolution of Labour Markets*, New York: Routledge, 1994, pp. 84-106.

“Did Joseph Arch Raise Agricultural Wages? Rural Trade Unions and the Labour Market in Late-Nineteenth Century England,” with Timothy J. Hatton, *Economic History Review* 47(2) (May 1994), pp. 310-34.

“The Impact of Emigration on Real Wages in Ireland, 1850-1914,” with Timothy J. Hatton and Kevin O'Rourke, in T.J. Hatton and J.G. Williamson, eds., *Migration and World Development, 1850-1939*, New York: Routledge, 1994, pp. 221-39.

“England's Two Agricultural Revolutions,” Review article of *Enclosure and the Yeoman*, by Robert Allen, *Journal of Economic History* 53(4) (December 1993), pp. 915-23.

“A Quantitative Assessment of the Fertility Transition in England, 1851-1911,” with Jeffrey G. Williamson, *Research in Economic History*, 12 (1989), pp. 93-117.

“Malthus Was Right After All: Poor Relief and Birth Rates in Southeastern England,” *Journal of Political Economy* 97(1) (February 1989), pp. 93-114.

“What Did Unions Do in Nineteenth Century Britain?,” *Journal of Economic History* 48(2) (June 1988), pp. 319-32.

“The Poor Law, Migration, and Economic Growth,” *Journal of Economic History* 46(2) (June 1986), pp. 419-30.

“The Old Poor Law and the Agricultural Labor Market in Southern England: An Empirical Analysis,” *Journal of Economic History* 46(1) (March 1986), pp. 113-35.

“An Economic Model of the English Poor Law circa 1780-1834,” *Explorations in Economic History* 22(2) (April 1985), pp. 129-67.

Other Publications:

“Corn Laws,” in John McCusker, ed., *Encyclopedia of World Trade since 1450*. New York: Macmillan, forthcoming.

“Comments on Geraghty, Márquez, and Vizcarra,” in *Journal of Economic History* 63(2) (June 2003), pp. 549-54. Comments on the three dissertations chosen as finalists for the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize, 2002.

“Politics and Welfare: The Political Economy of the English Poor Laws,” *Library of Economics and Liberty*, at Econlib.org website, Fall 2002.

“Editor’s Introduction,” Review Symposium on Harry Katz and Owen Darbishire, *Converging Divergences: Worldwide Changes in Employment Systems*, in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 54(3) (April 2001), pp. 681-2.

“Labor Economics,” with Robert Smith, in J. McKelvey and M. Neufeld, eds., *Industrial Relations at the Dawn of the New Millennium*, Ithaca: New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, 1998.

“Emigration and Living Standards in Ireland: 1850-1914,” with Timothy J. Hatton and Kevin O’Rourke, in B Session volume, *Eleventh International Economic History Congress*, Milan: Universita Bocconi, 1994. (short version of article with same title noted above, published in conference volume)

“The Economic Role of the English Poor Law, 1780-1834,” *Journal of Economic History* 45(2) (June 1985), pp. 452-4. (Dissertation summary)

Book Reviews:

Lindert, Peter H., *Growing Public: Social Spending and Economic Growth Since the Eighteenth Century*, in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, July 2005.

Gazeley, Ian, *Poverty in Britain, 1900-1965*, in *EH.Net*, November 2004.

King, Steven, *Poverty and Welfare in England, 1700-1850: A Regional Perspective*, in *Journal of Economic History*, September 2002.

Leeuwen, Marco H. D. van, *The Logic of Charity: Amsterdam, 1800-1850*, in *EH.Net*, November 2000.

Pollard, Sidney, *Labour History and the Labour Movement in Britain*, in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, October 2000.

Lees, Lynn Hollen, *The Solidarities of Strangers: The English Poor Laws and the People, 1700-1948*, in *EH.Net*, May 2000.

W.R. Garside, *British Unemployment, 1919-1939*, in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, October 1991.

Clark Nardinelli, *Child Labor and the Industrial Revolution*, in *Business History Review*, Winter 1991.

Barry Eichengreen and T.J. Hatton (eds.), *Interwar Unemployment in International Perspective*, in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, April 1990.

Joel Mokyr (ed.), *The Economics of the Industrial Revolution*, in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, July 1986.

E. H. Hunt, *British Labour History 1815-1914*, in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, January 1985.

Gertrude Himmelfarb, *The Idea of Poverty*, in *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, July 1985.

R.A. Cage, *The Scottish Poor Law 1745-1845*, in *Journal of Economic History*, March 1983.

Working Papers:

“Trends in Living Standards in the Atlantic Economy,” August 2005.

“Poverty among the Elderly in Victorian Britain,” August 2004.

“Insecurity, Safety Nets, and Self-Help in Victorian Britain,” revised version, April 2004.

“The Impact of Emigration on Real Wages in Ireland, 1850-1914,” with Timothy J. Hatton and Kevin O'Rourke, Centre for Economic Policy Research, Discussion Paper No. 854 (long version of article with same title).

Research In Progress:

Labor Markets and Living Standards in Victorian Britain (ongoing book project).

Poverty among the Elderly in Victorian Britain.

British Workers' Living Standards during the “Hungry Forties.”

Long-term Trends in British Unemployment, 1870-1999.

Rural-Urban Migration and Labor Market Integration in England and Wales, 1850-1914.

Presentations at Conferences:

“Poverty among the Elderly in Victorian Britain,” Economic History Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, September 2004

“Insecurity, Safety Nets, and Self-Help in Victorian Britain,” Conference on Economic History, Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario, April 2004

“Living Standards, 1860-1914,” Conference on the *Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain*, London Guildhall University, London, December 2001

“New Estimates of British Unemployment, 1870-1913,” Fourth World Congress of Cliometrics, Montreal, July 2000

“Methods of Unemployment Relief before the adoption of National Insurance: Great Britain, 1834-1911,” Conference on Economics of Giving in the Past, Indianapolis, November 1998

“The Influence of London on Labor Markets in Southern England, 1830-1914,” Economic History Association Annual Meeting, Berkeley, September 1996

“Regional Labor Markets in England and Wales, 1850-1914,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November 1993

“The Impact of Emigration on the Irish Economy,” Conference on Migration and International Labor Market Integration, Bellagio, Italy, June 1993

“Regional Labour Market Integration in Britain, 1850-1913,” McGill University Conference on The Evolution of Labour Markets, Montreal, February 1991

“What Did Unions Do in Nineteenth Century Britain?,” Economic History Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, September 1987

“Malthus Was Right After All: Poor Relief and Birth Rates in Southeastern England,” American Economic Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, December 1986

“The Determinants of Labor Migration in Southern England: 1851 to 1900,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, St. Louis, October 1986

“Malthus Was Right After All: Poor Relief and Birth Rates in Southeastern England,” Tenth University of California Conference on Economic History, Laguna Beach, CA, May 1986

“The English Poor Law and Economic Growth,” Economic History Association Annual Meeting, New York, September 1985

“The Role of Speenhamland Policies in Rural England During the Early Nineteenth Century,” Cliometrics Conference, Iowa City, May 1982

“The English Poor Law as an Endogenous Response to Peak Requirements for Seasonal Labor, 1795-1834,” Eighth International Economic History Congress, Budapest, Hungary, August 1982

Recent Presentations at University Workshops:

“Insecurity and Living Standards in Nineteenth Century Britain: Unemployment, Sickness, Safety nets, and Self-help,” presented at:

Economics Workshop, Binghamton University, October 2003

“New Estimates of British Unemployment, 1870-1913,” presented at:

Applied Economics Workshop, University of Arizona, March 2000

Economic History Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, October 2000

Economics Workshop, University of Mississippi, May 2001

Economic History Workshop, Queens University, March 2002

“Methods of Unemployment Relief before the Adoption of National Insurance: Great Britain, 1834-1911,” presented at:

Washington Area Economic History Seminar, American University, March 1999

“Migration and Labour Market Integration in Late Nineteenth Century England and Wales,” presented at:

Economic History Workshop, Harvard University, April 1996

Economics Workshop, Lehigh University, April 1997

“Regional Labor Markets in England and Wales, 1850-1914,” presented at:

Economics Workshop, University of York, May 1995

Economic History Workshop, Oxford University, May 1995

“The Union Wage Effect in Late Nineteenth Century Britain,” presented at:

Labor Economics Workshop, University of Aarhus, Denmark, September 1992

Economics Workshop, University of Wales, Bangor, October 1992

Economics Workshop, University of Essex, November 1992

Economic History Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, March 1994

Economic History Workshop, UCLA, March 1994

“Poor Relief and Labor Markets in Southern England, 1750-1850,” presented at:

Local History Workshop, University of Essex, November 1992

“The Union Wage Effect: International Evidence from the Late Nineteenth Century,” presented at:

Economic History Workshop, Harvard University, October 1991

Labor Economics Workshop, Cornell University, January 1992

“Did Joseph Arch Raise Agricultural Wages? Rural Trade Unions and the Labour Market in

Late-Nineteenth Century England,” presented at:

- Economic History Workshop, University of California, Davis, November 1990
- Economic History Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, November 1990
- Economic History Workshop, Northwestern University, May 1992
- Economic History Workshop, University of Illinois, May 1992
- Economics Workshop, College of William and Mary, March 1993

Professional Societies:

- Economic History Association
- Economic History Society, U.K.
- Cliometric Society
- Social Science History Association

Fellowships and Awards:

- Faculty Appreciation Award, 2003, given by the Cornell Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils
- General Mills Award for Exemplary Teaching, 2002, ILR School, Cornell
- Paramount Professor Award, 1995, given by the Cornell Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils
- Affinity Group Research Award, New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University, 1987
- Arthur H. Cole Grant-in-Aid, Economic History Association, 1986
- Irving Fisher Monograph Award, 1985, given by Omicron Delta Epsilon for the best Ph.D. dissertation submitted in Economics during the years 1982-1983
- Vilas Travel Award, University of Wisconsin, 1981
- Dissertation Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, 1980-81
- Richard L. Morton Award for Distinction in History, College of William and Mary, 1976
- Elected to Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, 1976

Teaching at Cornell:

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| ILRLE 140 | Development of Economic Institutions |
| ILRLE 240/ECON 341 | Economics of Wages and Employment |
| ILRLE 444/ECON 444 | Evolution of Social Policy in Britain and America, 1800-1950 |
| ILRLE 448/ECON 458 | Twentieth Century Economic History |
| ILRLE 446/ECON 459 | Economic History of British Labor, 1750-1914 |

ILRLE 643 Topics in American Economic History
 ILRLE 940/ECON 784 Graduate Labor Economics Workshop

Committee Work at Cornell:

ILR Committee to Review the Undergraduate Curriculum (2004-)
 Director of Teaching, School of Industrial and Labor Relations (2002-)
 Member of graduate field in Industrial and Labor Relations (1983-)
 Member of graduate field in Economics (1994-)
 Teaching Advisory Committee (1995-)
 Statler Club Board (1998-), Acting President (1999-2000)
 University Appeals Committee (1998-)
 Graduate Program Review Committee (1997)
 Graduate Committee (1990-7)
 Undergraduate Program Committee (1983-86)
 Academic Standards Committee (1986-89)
 Chairman, Academic Integrity Hearing Board (1987-88)
 International and Comparative Labor Department Faculty Search Committee (1986-90)
 University Fellowship Board, Committee for the Social Sciences (1990-94)
 ILR Freshman Seminar Committee (1992-93)
 Office of Student Services, Search Committees for the Associate Director in charge of
 Minority Affairs (1986, 2003), and the Associate Director for Advising and Counseling
 (1984, 1985, 2003)

Referee:

Economic History Review, European Review of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Economic History, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Social Science History, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Comparative Studies in Society and History

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