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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics	2016-
Assistant Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics	2011-2016
Research Associate in African Economic History, Stellenbosch University	2011-
Researcher, Money in Africa Project, British Museum	2010-2011
Lecturer in Economic History, University of Cape Town	2010
Research Assistant, Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development	2003

EDUCATION

University of Oxford

DPhil in Economic and Social History	2010
MPhil , with Distinction, in Economic and Social History	2006

New York University, USA

BA <i>summa cum laude</i> in Research Methods and Public Policy	2004
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AWARDS AND PRIZES

Sycuan Institute for Tribal Gaming, UCSD (\$12,150)	2017
Research Infrastructure and Investment Fund, LSE (£9,720)	2016
Stellenbosch University Top 25 Researchers 2012 (ZAR 50,000)	2014
British Academy International Partnerships and Mobility Grant (£9,070)	2014
Economic History Society Small Research Grant (£2,840)	2013
Thirsk-Feinstein Dissertation Prize, Economic History Society	2011
Beit Fund Research Scholarship, University of Oxford	2008
Clarendon Fund Scholarship, University of Oxford	2006

PUBLICATIONS

Books

L.A. Gardner (2012) *Taxing Colonial Africa: The Political Economy of British Imperial Rule*, Oxford: Oxford University Press.

D. Branch, N. Cheeseman and L. Gardner, eds. (2010) *Our Turn to Eat: Politics in Kenya Since 1950*, Berlin: Lit Verlag.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

‘Colonialism or supersanctions: sovereignty and debt in West Africa, 1871-1914’, *European Review of Economic History* (forthcoming)

‘Economic development in Africa and Europe: reciprocal comparisons’, with Stephen Broadberry, *Revista Historica Economica* 34 (2016), pp. 11-37.

‘The curious case of the franc in the Gambia: Floating exchange rates and the British imperial monetary system in the 1920s’, *Financial History Review* 22 (2015), pp 291-314.

‘The Rise and Fall of Sterling in Liberia, 1870-1943’, *Economic History Review* (November 2014).

J. Fourie and L.A. Gardner, ‘The internationalization of economic history: a puzzle’, *Economic History of Developing Regions* (June 2014).

L.A. Gardner (2013) ‘The Fiscal History Of The Belgian Congo In Comparative Perspective’, in F. Buelens and E. Frankema (eds.), *Colonial Exploitation and Economic Development: The Belgian Congo and the Netherlands Indies Compared*, London: Routledge.

M. Bolt, C. Eagleton and L. Gardner (2012) ‘Money in Africa: New Historical and Anthropological Approaches’, in B. Cook (ed.), *The British Museum and the Future of UK Numismatics*, London: British Museum Press.

L.A. Gardner (2010) ‘Decentralization and Corruption in Historical Perspective: Evidence from Tax Collection in British Colonial Africa’, *Economic History of Developing Regions* 25: 213-36.

L.A. Gardner (2010) ‘An Unstable Foundation: Taxation and Development in Kenya, 1945-63’, in D. Branch, N. Cheeseman and L. Gardner (eds.), *Our Turn to Eat: Politics in Kenya Since 1950*, Berlin: Lit Verlag.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

‘Review of periodical literature on British economic history 1850-1945’, *Economic History Review* 70 (2017).

‘Money and Finance’, in E. Frankema and E. Hillbom (eds), *The History of African Development*. Open-source textbook for African students published by the African Economic History Network (September 2014).

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Sovereignty and economic development in Africa

Uses a case study of Liberia to examine different forms of economic sovereignty in Africa and around the world during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

- Book draft in preparation, in discussion with Cambridge University Press.
- Paper: ‘Gains from economic imperialism? Reconstructing the quantitative economic history of Liberia, 1820-1980’, in draft
- Paper: ‘The love of liberty brought us here: Migration of African-Americans to Liberia, 1820-1904’, in progress
- Paper: ‘Lend-lease in Africa: American defence policy and economic intervention in Liberia, in progress

Indigenous institutions and sub-national economic development

Examines the ways in which economic change across the twentieth century has shaped indigenous institutions of governance in Africa and the United States, as well as the influence of indigenous institutions on economic outcomes.

- Paper: ‘Decompressing History? Pre-colonial states, economic change and the origins of colonial institutions in British Africa’ (with Jutta Bolt, University of Groningen), in draft

- Paper: ‘Change or persistence? African institutions and colonial rule in the Gold Coast’, (with Jutta Bolt, University of Groningen), in progress
- Pilot project: *Measuring sub-national political and economic development in Africa (with Jutta Bolt, Groningen, and Catherine Boone, LSE)* Connects historical data from the colonial period with more recent indicators of African economic performance and political behaviour at local level to examine sub-national inequalities over time. Pilot project laying the foundations for a larger grant application
- Pilot project: *Windfall revenues, tribal institutions and economic development among American Indian nations (with Katherine Spilde, San Diego State University)* Examines ways in which diverse forms of governance among American Indian nations shape the use of casino revenues in order to develop broader lessons about the successful use of windfall funds for economic diversification.

Fiscal institutions of the British Empire

- Paper: ‘The Magna Carta in Kenya? Law, the power to tax and the institutional legacies of British colonialism’, in preparation.
- *Cape Colony panel project (with Johan Fourie, University of Stellenbosch; Erik Green, Lund University, and others)* Investigates the development of the colonial tax system in the Cape Colony using data from an annual tax census collected in the Cape Colony from 1663-1828. Data includes c. 600,000 households and information on assets and production of Cape Colony residents, as well as qualitative material on tax assessments.

African economic development in comparative perspective (with Stephen Broadberry, Oxford University)

- New measurements of African economic performance since the 19th century in comparison with other regions. These form the basis of a paper as well as informing other projects.

OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS:

Book chapter: ‘War and empire’, in Stephen Broadberry and Kyoji Fukao (eds), *Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World*, edited volume forthcoming with Cambridge University Press (with Jari Eloranta).

Book chapter: ‘Settler colonies’, in Anne Booth and Ewout Frankema (eds), *Financing Empire: Comparing Colonial Fiscal States in Africa and Asia, 1850-1960*, edited volume proposed to Cambridge University Press.

Book chapter: Public Debt in West Africa, 1871-1914: Sovereignty, Capital and the Politics of the “Empire Effect”, in Nicolas Barreyre and Nicolas Delalande (eds), *Global Politics of Public Debts from the Late 18th Century*, edited volume proposed to Cambridge University Press.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

International Conferences: African Studies Association (USA), African Studies Association (UK), American Historical Association, Birmingham Centre for West African Studies 50th Anniversary, Economic History Association, Economic History Society, Edinburgh Centre for African Studies @50 Conference, European Conference on African Studies, European Historical Economics Society, European Network in Universal and Global History, Swedish Economic History Meeting, World Business History Conference, World Economic History Congress.

Invited Seminar Presentations: Cambridge University, French Ministry of Finance, George Mason University, Groningen University, Institute for Historical Research, London School of Economics, Oxford University, Sciences-Po Paris, Stellenbosch University, University of Cape Town (Economics Department), University of Copenhagen, University of Southern Denmark, University of Stellenbosch, University of Tübingen, University of Zambia, Wageningen University.

Workshops: African Economic History (London School of Economics, Graduate Institute, Geneva, and Lund University), ERSA/FRESH Workshop (Stellenbosch University), ‘Twenty Years of Multipartyism (University of Oxford), History and Economic Development Group (School of Oriental and African Studies, London School of Economics), Historical Patterns of Development and Underdevelopment (Centre for Economic Policy Research and European Commission)

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

London School of Economics and Political Science

PhD Supervision

Jennifer Köhler, Pre-colonial gender norms and economic development in Africa

Mattia Bertazzini, Economic history of Italian Africa

Abel Gwaindepi, Fiscal history of the Cape Colony (University of Stellenbosch, co-supervised with Johan Fourie and Krige Siebrits)

R. Simson, East Africa civil service in the post-war period

E. Kerby, ‘Chinese and Taiwanese foreign direct investment in South Africa’ (Minor corrections, August 2016, NRF post-doctoral fellowship)

K. Kobayashi, ‘Indian Cotton Textiles in West Africa, 1700-1850’ (Minor corrections January 2016; Japan Society for the Promotion of Science post-doctoral fellowship at University of Tokyo)

G. Serra, ‘Economics and statistics as tools for state building in colonial and post-colonial Africa’ (Minor corrections May 2015; 3-year lectureship University of Sussex)

Undergraduate

EH211 – Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000 (Course convener; introductory course in African economic history for undergraduates)

EH237 – Methods and Themes in Economic History (Co-taught; core course)

Graduate

EH401 – Historical Analysis of Economic Change (Co-taught; core course for MSc students in Economic History and Political Economy of Late Development)

EH482 – Pre-modern Paths of Growth: East and West Compared, c. 1000-1800/1900 (Co-taught; optional course on comparative pre-industrial economic history for MSc students in Economic History, Political Economy of Late Development and Global History)

EH413 – African Economic Development in Historical Perspective (Course convener; introductory course on historical origins of African development outcomes for MSc students in Economic History, Political Economy of Late Development and Global History)

EH Dissertation Sessions (Course convener; course on research methods and design for MSc students in Economic History, Political Economy of Late Development and Global history)

LSE/UCT July School

LCS-EH201 Africa and the World Economy, 1500-2000 (Course convener)

University of Cape Town

Undergraduate: Making of the Modern World Economy; Colonial and Post-Colonial Encounters; Economies of Feasts and Famines; Final Year Economic History Research Projects

Graduate: Modern African History and Politics

University of Oxford

Undergraduate: Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa; Approaches to History: Economics

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorships

Editor, <i>Economic History of Developing Regions</i> (with J. Fourie)	2014-
Assistant Book Reviews Editor, <i>Economic History Review</i>	2014-2017
Co-editor, <i>Oxford Discussion Papers in Economic and Social History</i>	2007-9
Editorial Assistant, <i>Economic History Review</i>	2006-9

Academic service

Appointments Committee, Media Department, LSE	2017
External PhD Examiner, University of Ghent	2016
Steering Committee, African Studies Centre, LSE	2015-
External DPhil Examiner, University of Oxford	2015
Organizer, African Economic History Network Workshop	2014
Convener, EHS Careers and Publishing session	2014
Elected member, Economic History Society Council	2012-
Faculty participant, EHS Residential Training Course for PhD students	2011-12
External MA Examiner, University of Johannesburg	2010
Participant, International Research Seminar on Decolonization	July 2008

Public engagement

Clarendon Scholars Alumni Talk, University of Oxford	2015
Interview, Norwegian Business Daily (<i>Dagens Næringsliv</i>)	2014
BBC World Service, Business Daily interview	2013
Economist <i>Free Exchange</i> interview	2013
Research profiled in the <i>Financial Times</i> , <i>New Statesman</i>	2013
Speaker, LSE Cape Town Conference on 'Africa Euphoria'	2013
Chatham House briefing on African economic performance	2013
Gallery talk on 'Money in the British Empire', British Museum	2011
Display Content, Citi Money Gallery, British Museum	2011
Contributor, Oxford Analytica <i>Daily Brief</i>	2010-13

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Economic History Society, Economic History Association, European Historical Economics Society, American Historical Association, African Economic History Network, Economic History Society of Southern Africa