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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics	2022-
Associate Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics	2016-2022
Assistant Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics	2011-2016
Researcher, Money in Africa Project, British Museum	2010-2011
Lecturer in Economic History, University of Cape Town	2010

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Research Associate, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian	2020-
Research Associate in African Economic History, Stellenbosch University	2011-
Research Associate, CAGE, Warwick University	2014-
Fellow of the Royal Historical Society	2018-

EDUCATION

University of Oxford

DPhil in History	2010
MPhil , <i>with Distinction</i> , in Economic and Social History	2006
New York University, USA	
BA <i>summa cum laude</i> in Research Methods and Public Policy	2004

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Lindert-Williamson Book Prize, Economic History Association	2023
LSE Excellence in Education Prize	2023
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Stellenbosch University Top 25 Researchers 2012 (ZAR 50,000)	2014
Thirsk-Feinstein Dissertation Prize, Economic History Society	2011
Founder's Day Award for Academic Achievement (NYU)	2004

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Leigh A. Gardner, *Sovereignty without Power: Liberia in the Age of Empires, 1822-1980*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022)

Winner of the Economic History Association's 2023 Lindert-Williamson Prize for an Outstanding Book in Global Economic History.

Leigh A. Gardner and Tirthankar Roy. *Economic History of Colonialism* (Bristol: Bristol University Press, 2020).

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

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

Journal Articles

Leigh A Gardner, "Slavery, coercion and economic development in Africa," *Business History Review* 97: 2 (2023): 199-223 (lead article, special issue on Business, Capitalism and Slavery).

Leigh A Gardner, "The Collapse of the Gold Standard in Africa: Money and Colonialism in the Interwar Period," *African Studies Review* 66:3 (2023): 656-77.

Stephen N. Broadberry and Leigh A. Gardner, "Economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa 1885-2008: Evidence from eight countries," *Explorations in Economic History* 83 (2022): 101424

Ellen Feingold, Johan Fourie, and Leigh A Gardner, "A Tale of Paper and Gold: The Material History of Money in South Africa," *Economic History of Developing Regions* 36 (2021), special issue celebrating the centenary of the foundation of the South African Reserve Bank.

Jutta Bolt and Leigh A Gardner, "How Africans shaped British colonial institutions: evidence from local taxation," *Journal of Economic History* 80 (2020): 1189-1223.

Leigh A. Gardner, "Colonialism or supersanctions: sovereignty and debt in West Africa, 1871-1914," *European Review of Economic History* 21 (2017): 236-257.

Stephen N. Broadberry and Leigh A. Gardner, "Economic development in Africa and Europe: reciprocal comparisons," *Revista Historica Economica* 34 (2016): 11-37.

Leigh A. Gardner, "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): 291-314.

Leigh A. Gardner, "The Rise and Fall of Sterling in Liberia, 1870-1943," *Economic History Review* 67 (2014): 1089-1112.

Johan Fourie and Leigh A. Gardner, "The internationalization of economic history: a puzzle," *Economic History of Developing Regions* 29 (2014): 1-14.

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

Book Chapters

Leigh A Gardner, "Colonialism and economic change in Asia and Africa," *Global Economic History*, 2nd Edition, ed. Tirthankar Roy and Giorgio Riello (London: Bloomsbury, forthcoming).

Leigh A Gardner, "Colonialism, independence and African institutions from c. 1880," in *Organizational Complexity and Institutional Dynamics*, edited by Pete Richerson, Jenna Bednar, Tom Currie, Sergey Gavrillets and John Wallis (Cultural Evolution Society, forthcoming)

Jari Eloranta and Leigh A. Gardner, "War and empire," in *Cambridge Economic History of the Modern World*, ed. Stephen Broadberry and Kyoji Fukau (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021).

Leigh A. Gardner, "Public Debt in West Africa, 1871-1914: Sovereignty, Capital and the Politics of the 'Empire Effect'," in *Global Politics of Public Debts from the Late 18th Century*, ed. Nicolas Barreyre and Nicolas Delalande (Palgrave Macmillan, 2020).

Leigh A. Gardner, "New colonies, old tools: building fiscal systems in East and Central Africa," in *Fiscal Capacity and the Colonial State in Asia and Africa, c. 1850-1960*, ed. Ewout Frankema and Anne Booth (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2019).

Leigh A Gardner, "From cowries to mobile phones: African monetary systems since 1800," in *The History of African Development*, ed. Ewout Frankema and Ellen Hillbom. Open-source textbook for African students published by the African Economic History Network, 2014.

Leigh A. Gardner, "The Fiscal History Of The Belgian Congo In Comparative Perspective," in *Colonial Exploitation and Economic Development: The Belgian Congo and the Netherlands Indies Compared*, ed Franz Buelens and Ewout Frankema (London: Routledge, 2013).

Maxim Bolt, Catherine Eagleton and Leigh A. Gardner, "Money in Africa: New Historical and Anthropological Approaches," in *The British Museum and the Future of UK Numismatics*, ed. B. Book (London: British Museum Press, 2012)

Leigh A. Gardner, "An Unstable Foundation: Taxation and Development in Kenya, 1945-63," in *Our Turn to Eat: Politics in Kenya Since 1950*, ed. Daniel Branch, Nicholas Cheeseman and Leigh A. Gardner (Berlin: Lit Verlag, 2010).

Reference works:

Leigh A. Gardner, "Financial History of Sub-Saharan Africa," in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2020).

Leigh A. Gardner, "Numerical Data & Statistical Sources," in *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of African History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).

Leigh A. Gardner. "Review of periodical literature on British economic history 1850-1945." *Economic History Review* 70 (2017): 307-16.

WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS:

Jutta Bolt, Leigh Gardner, Jennifer Kohler, Jack Paine and James A Robinson, "African political institutions and the impact of colonialism," NBER Working Paper 30582. Under review.

Jutta Bolt, Catherine Boone, Leigh Gardner and Jennifer Kohler, "Mapping the African State: Colonial Origins of Local Jurisdictions in British Africa," draft in progress.

Leigh A Gardner, "How was power shared in colonial Africa? The many constitutions of the British Empire," draft in progress

Leigh A Gardner, "The Magna Carta in Kenya? Law, the power to tax, and the institutional legacies of British colonialism," draft in progress.

Leigh A Gardner, "All taxation is local: Fiscal decentralization and colonial institutions in British Africa," draft in progress.

Leigh A Gardner and Martine Mariotti, "Rise of the paper tigers? UN sanctions in Rhodesia and South Africa," in *Economic Warfare in Modern History*, ed. Stephen Broadberry and Mark Harrison (under contract, Cambridge University Press).

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

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: Kings College London, Carlos III University Madrid, University of Barcelona, Manchester University, Basel University, Cambridge University, French Ministry of Finance, George Mason University, Groningen University, Institute for Historical Research, London School of Economics, Oxford University, Paris School of Economics, 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.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

My public engagement work has focused on three main areas: 1) collaboration with museums; 2) primary and secondary education; and 3) contributing to policy discussions on African development.

Museums: Holding a post-doctoral position at the British Museum in 2011 made me keenly aware of the importance of museums as venues for the public understanding of history, and the potential for collaboration. My work on monetary history underpinned a set of displays in the British Museum’s Money Gallery in 2011, about which I gave a public gallery talk in the same year. Subsequently, I have partnered with the Smithsonian to support the creation of new digital collections of African currency, using small currency objects to tell wider stories about power and economic change. My research on Liberia also informed a display in the Value of Money exhibition at the National Museum of American History.

Digital Collection of South African currency, Smithsonian Learning Lab	2020
Digital Collection of West African currency, Smithsonian Learning Lab	2019
Display Content, Smithsonian Museum of American History	2019
“Dollars for donuts in Liberia,” O Say Can You See NMAH blog	2019
Gallery talk on ‘Money in the British Empire’, British Museum	2011
Display Content, Citi Money Gallery, British Museum	2011

Education: Primary and secondary education provides a central channel for communicating research beyond the academy, but institutional barriers often make cooperation difficult. Through my collaborations with education specialists the Smithsonian and ongoing work with the Historical Association in the UK, I have made research on African economic history more accessible to school teachers.

Historical Association Teacher Fellowship (co-contributor)	2023-
Historical Association Webinar on African economic development	2023
Collaboration on Learning Lab modules for South African curriculum	2021

Policy work: Research on African economic history can help inform policy debates on current developments within and beyond Africa. I have used my research for this purpose through several venues, including as a referee for the UN’s Economic Commission for Africa’s flagship report, as a speaker on sovereignty and development to a gathering of American Indian leaders convened by Baroness Nicholson at the House of Lords, and by contributing to thinktanks like Chatham House and Oxford Analytica.

External reviewer, UNECA Economic Report on Africa	2023
Community of Practice, FCDO	2023
Tribal Government Gaming Workshop, LSE	2019
Keynote lecture, Tribal Business Summit, House of Lords	2018
Speaker, LSE Cape Town Conference on ‘Africa Euphoria’	2013

Chatham House briefing on African economic performance	2013
Contributor, Oxford Analytica <i>Daily Brief</i>	2010-13

Media: I have been invited to discuss my research and the wider field with newspapers and other media outlets, which I see as a valuable opportunity to reach new audiences.

Guest post, Our Long Walk Substack (South Africa)	2023
Africa @ LSE Blog posts	2012, 2014, 2023
Economic History Podcast	2021
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

GRANTS

I have raised substantial funds to support three main priorities: primary research, public engagement activities, and the building of scholarly networks, particularly in Africa.

Research grants: These have supported several projects, including my recently completed Liberia book, a study of special inequalities in Africa which also examined local institutions, and a new project examining rising US intervention in Africa during the interwar period.

LSE STICERD Grant, “United States in Africa” (£4,840)	2023
ESRC, Spatial inequalities in African political economy (co-investigator, £670,000)	2018
Research Infrastructure and Investment Fund, LSE (£9,720)	2016
Economic History Society Small Research Grant (£2,840)	2013

Knowledge Exchange and Impact grants: These grants are explicitly intended to support public engagement work, including my partnership with the Smithsonian (KEI Fund 2018 and REF Impact Fund 2020) and collaboration with the Historical Association (KEI Fund 2023)

LSE Knowledge Exchange and Impact Fund (co-applicant, £53,077)	2023
LSE REF Impact Fund (with Smithsonian and Stellenbosch, £23,997)	2020
LSE Knowledge Exchange and Impact Fund (with Smithsonian, £39,106)	2018

Network-building grants: These grants have funded network-building activities related to my long-standing collaboration with Stellenbosch University, including a 2014 workshop and a 2023 meeting to develop a joint grant proposal.

LSE Global Research Fund Grant (£2,350)	2022
British Academy International Partnerships and Mobility Grant (£9,070)	2014

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

London School of Economics and Political Science

PhD Supervision

Nick Fitzhenry, Long-run growth and living standards in South Africa

Jennifer Köhler, Pre-colonial gender norms and economic development in Africa (deceased November 2022, posthumous degree awarded July 2023)

Mattia Bertazzini, Economic history of Italian Africa (August 2019, post-doctoral fellowship Oxford University; permanent post Nottingham University)

Abel Gwaindepi, Fiscal history of the Cape Colony (University of Stellenbosch, co-supervised with Johan Fourie and Krige Siebrits) (December 2017, post-doctoral fellowship at Lund University)

Rebecca Simson, East Africa civil service in the post-war period (No corrections, October 2017, Research Fellowship at Wadham College, Oxford)

Edward Kerby, 'Chinese and Taiwanese foreign direct investment in South Africa' (Minor corrections, August 2016, NRF post-doctoral fellowship)

Kazuo 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; Lecturer in Economic History, Osaka Sangyo University)

Gerardo 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, permanent post University of Manchester)

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 (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)

EH413 – African Economic Development in Historical Perspective (Course convener; introductory course on historical origins of African development outcomes for MSc students)

EH421 – Economic History of Colonialism (Co-taught with Professor Tirthankar Roy, optional course for MSc Students)

EH Dissertation Sessions (Course convener; course on research methods and design for MSc students)

LSE/University of Cape Town 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

Editorial Board, <i>Economic History Review</i>	2023-
Editor, African Economic History Network Working Papers	2023-
Book Reviews Editor, <i>Economic History Review</i>	2018-23
Editorial Board, <i>European Review of Economic History</i>	2021-
Editorial Board, <i>New Historical Perspectives</i> (RHS)	2018-23
Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Economic History</i>	2018-22
Editor, <i>Economic History of Developing Regions</i>	2014-19
Assistant Book Reviews Editor, <i>Economic History Review</i>	2014-17

University service

Promotions Committee, LSE	2022-24
Research Ethics Committee, LSE	2019-22

Steering Committee, African Studies Institute, LSE 2015-

Department service

Deputy Head of Department for Teaching, Economic History, LSE 2020-23

PhD Admissions Committee, Economic History, LSE 2016-17

Appointments Committees, Economic History, LSE Various

Service to Learned Societies

Trustee, Economic History Association 2023-

Secretary-General, International Economic History Association 2022-

Treasurer, European Historical Economics Society 2019-

Trustee, European Historical Economics Society 2017-

Convener, EHS Careers and Publishing session 2014

Elected member, Economic History Society Council 2012-18

Faculty participant, EHS Residential Training Course for PhD students 2011-12

Other academic service

External PhD Examiner, Cambridge University 2021

External PhD Examiner, Durham University 2021

External PhD Examiner, Warwick University 2019

External PhD Examiner, University of Wageningen 2018

External PhD Examiner, University of Ghent 2016

External DPhil Examiner, University of Oxford 2015

Organizer, African Economic History Network Workshop 2014

External MA Examiner, University of Johannesburg 2010

Participant, International Research Seminar on Decolonization July 2008

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member of: Economic History Society, Economic History Association, European Historical Economics Society, American Historical Association, African Economic History Network, Economic History Society of Southern Africa, African Studies Association, African Studies Association UK