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Academic Employment

Grinnell College, Department of Economics — Grinnell, Iowa, USA
Assistant Professor — 2026 - current

Trinity College Dublin — Dublin, Ireland
Research Fellow — 2024 - 2026

Education

CEMFI — Madrid, Spain
Ph.D., Economics — 2020 - 2024
Dissertation: *Essays on Cultural Change, Identity, and Race*

CEMFI — Madrid, Spain
M.Sc., Economics and Finance — 2018 - 2020

University of Melbourne — Melbourne, Australia
B.A., Economics and Japanese — 2009 - 2013

Fields

Economic History, Political Economy, Labor Economics

Working Papers

Assimilation Policy, Integration, and Identity: Evidence from American Indian Boarding Schools

Ideology in Government: Evidence from the Office of Indian Affairs and the Assimilation Era
(Submitted)
With Eric Chyn and Kareem Haggag

Selected Work in Progress

The Discovery of the American Tramp: Labels, Attitudes, and Outcomes of the Poor
With Alba Miñano-Mañero

Constitutions and Culture: Evidence from American Indian Nations
With Sara Benetti and Carla Srebot

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2025: Trinity College Dublin, Queen's University Belfast, Workshop on Authoritarianism and Nation Building (University of Bergamo), Economic History Association Annual Meeting

2024: NBER SI (Development of the American Economy), NBER Economics of Mobility, CEPR Economic History Annual Symposium, EEA-ESEM Congress, Dartmouth College, Tilburg University

2023: Workshop in Economic History (Uppsala University), Virtual Economic History Seminar, University of British Columbia

Teaching

Instructor, Economic History, Grinnell College, Fall 2026

Instructor, Seminar in Economic History, Grinnell College, Fall 2026

Teaching Assistant, Development Economics, CEMFI, 2020 - 2021

Service

Referee
Quarterly Journal of Economics

Fellowships and Grants

TRiSS Academic Research Fellowship, Trinity College Dublin, 2025 (€3,500)

FAHSS Research Fellows Award, Trinity College Dublin, 2025 (€1,400)

CIDER Small Grants in Innovative Data, University of British Columbia, 2023 - 2024 ($9,600)

María de Maetzu Exploration Grant, CEMFI, 2022

María de Maetzu Fellowship, CEMFI, 2018 - 2024

Other Employment

Reserve Bank of Australia — Sydney, Australia
Senior Analyst — 2016 - 2024

Australian Treasury — Canberra, Australia
Policy Analyst — 2014 - 2016

Skills

Software R, Python, Stata, QGIS
Languages English (Native), Spanish (Proficient), French (Intermediate)