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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Harvard University, Lecturer on the History of Science

2022-Present

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D., History of Science, May 2022.

Dissertation: *Entrepreneurial: Management Expertise and the Reinvention of the American Work Ethic*.

Northwestern University

B.A. *summa cum laude*, 2016.

Majors: Science in Human Culture and Mathematics.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript

Make Your Own Job: The Entrepreneurial Work Ethic in Modern America. Under contract with Harvard University Press.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“The Ultimate Think Tank: The Rise of the Santa Fe Institute Libertarian.” *History of the Human Sciences* (February 21, 2022), 1-26.

“From Planning to Entrepreneurship: On the Political Economy of Scientific Pursuit.” *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science* 92 (2022), 27-35.

“The Rise of Entrepreneurial Management Theory in the United States.” *Modern Intellectual History* (November 2, 2021): 1-25.

“The Productive Character: Cold War-Liberal Social Psychology from Totalitarianism to Entrepreneurship.” In *Cold War Liberalism in the North Atlantic*. Daniel Bessner and Michael Brenes, eds. Under consideration with Cambridge University Press.

Other Publications

“The Age of the Crisis of Work.” *Harper's* (May 2023).

“It Is Happening Again.” *n+1* (February 17, 2023).

“The Right to Grieve.” *Jewish Currents* (Winter 2022).

“Reenchanted Science.” *The Baffler* (December 22, 2022).

- “The Only Way Out Is Through: Against Reactionary Anticapitalism.” *The Bias* (June 30, 2022).
- “All In the Family: Amy’s Kitchen and America’s Shadow Workforce.” *The Drift*, Issue 7 (June 2022).
- “New Left Review.” *n+1*, Issue 42 (Spring 2022).
- “Revolt of the Super-Employees.” *The Baffler* (February 17, 2022).
- “The People, It Depends.” *n+1*, Issue 40 (Summer 2021).
- “Emergency Breaks.” *Real Life* (June 7, 2021).
- “Other People’s Despair.” *The Drift*, Issue 4 (May 2, 2021).
- Translated into Spanish by Luisina Gentile: “La desesperación de los otros. Reparar el tejido social no solucionará la crisis de suicidios.” *7 ensayos: Revista Latinoamericana de Sociología, Política y Cultura* 4 (2022).
- “The Cure and the Disease: Social Darwinism from AIDS to Covid-19.” *The Drift*, Issue 1 (June 24, 2020).
- Translated into Portuguese by Gabriel Yuji: “A cura e a doença: darwinismo social, da AIDS ao COVID,” *Acervo Crítico* (September 3, 2020).
- Book Review: Naomi Beck, *Hayek and the Evolution of Capitalism*. *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 55, no. 4 (October 2019): 359-361.
- “Why the Alt-Right Loves Nietzsche.” *Jacobin* (January 2, 2019).
- Translated into Portuguese by Gabriel Carvalho de Resenha: “Por que a direita alternativa ama Nietzsche?” *Ontologia e Emancipação* (January 3, 2019).
- “Science as a Game, Marketplace or Both: A Reply to Steve Fuller” (with Naomi Oreskes). *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 6, no. 9 (2017): 65-69.
- “It’s No Game: Post-Truth and the Obligations of Science Studies” (with Naomi Oreskes). *Social Epistemology Review and Reply Collective* 6, no. 8 (2017): 1-10.

TALKS & CONFERENCES

Invited Presentations

- “Make Your Own Job: Success and Failure in the Depression-Era United States.” Columbia University Society of Fellows Lecture Series, New York NY, March 23, 2023.
- “Labor Unionism and Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination Activism” (with Amulya Mandava and Margaret Czerwienski). Labor and Working Class History Association Annual Meeting, Boston MA, April 1, 2022.

Panels Organized

- “Revolution and Reform in Business Thought and Rhetoric,” Society for US Intellectual History Annual Conference (online), December 7, 2020.

Papers Presented

- “Job-Killing Regulation?: Policy Science, Deindustrialization, and Neoliberal Anti-Environmentalism.” History of Science Society Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL), November 17, 2022.
- “Job-Killing Regulation?: Anti-Environmentalism and the Conservative Response to Deindustrialization.” Society for US Intellectual History Annual Conference (Boston, MA), November 5, 2022.
- “Job-Killing Regulation?: The EPA Between Deindustrialization and Neoliberalism.” Neoliberal Environmental Thought Workshop, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Berlin, Germany), August 31, 2022.
- “The Psychology of Affluence: Abraham Maslow’s Political Economy.” History of Economics Society Annual Meeting (online), December 10, 2021.
- “Small Is Beautiful: Knowledge Workers and Countercultural Entrepreneurship,” Twentieth-Century US History Workshop, Harvard University, September 22, 2021.
- “Neither Reform Nor Revolution But Innovation?: Social Entrepreneurship and the Ideological Origins of Privatization,” Society for US Intellectual History Annual Conference (online), December 7, 2020.
- “The Productive Character: Cold War Liberal Social Psychology from Totalitarianism to Entrepreneurship,” Cold War Liberalism Workshop, University of Washington/Dartmouth College (online), September 11, 2020.
- “Knowledge Work and Automation: Peter F. Drucker and the Management Response to Technological Change, 1950-1990,” History of Science Society/Society for the History of Technology Joint Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA), 2020, cancelled due to COVID-19.
- “The New Conservatism: Peter Drucker Discovers Entrepreneurship,” Business History Conference Annual Meeting (Charlotte, NC), March 14, 2020.
- “Access to Tools: Stewart Brand and the Countercultural Work Ethic,” Lost Alternatives of the Long 1960s: Reflections on the Ideas of the “Counterculture,” workshop (Princeton University, Princeton, NJ), September 28, 2019.
- “The Other Neoliberals: Joseph Schumpeter and U.S. Social Science in the Early Twentieth Century,” 51st Annual Meeting of Cheiron: International Society for the History of the Behavioral and Social Sciences (McEwan University, Edmonton AB, CA), June 21, 2019.
- “Privatizing the Future: Neo-Optimism, Philanthrocapitalism, and the End of History,” Grappling with the Futures Symposium (Harvard University and Boston University Boston MA), April 30, 2018.
- “Crowdsourcing Justice: Police Body Cameras as a Neoliberal Technology,” Modern Sciences Working Group (Harvard University, Cambridge MA), March 8, 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

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| John and Elizabeth Armstrong Dissertation Fellowship (Harvard University) | 2021-2022 |
| <i>History of the Human Sciences</i> Early Career Prize special commendation | 2021 |
| GSAS Merit/Term-time Fellowship (Harvard University) | 2020-2021 |
| Emerging Scholars Award (History of Economics Society) | 2020 |

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| Certificate of Distinction in Teaching (Harvard University) | Spring 2019, Fall 2019 |
| Hiebert Dissertation Research Fellowship (Harvard University) | 2018 |
| GSAS Summer Language Fellowship (Harvard University) | 2017 |
| Science in Human Culture Essay Prize (Northwestern University) | 2016 |
| Phi Beta Kappa (Northwestern University Chapter, inducted as a junior) | 2015 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lead instructor, Harvard University:

- History of Science 99ab: Senior Thesis Tutorial, Fall 2022, Spring 2023.
- History of Science 1950: Science, Activism, and Political Conflict, Fall 2022.
- History of Science 1955: Science in Popular Culture, Spring 2023.

Undergraduate thesis advising, Harvard University:

- Annie Miall, 2022-2023 (Department of the History of Science).
- Byron Hurlbut, 2020-2021 (Committee on Degrees in Social Studies).

Teaching Fellow, Harvard University:

- Culture & Behavior 34: Madness and Medicine (Prof. Anne Harrington), Fall 2018
- History of Science 97: Sophomore Tutorial (Prof. Anne Harrington), Spring 2019, Spring 2020
- History of Science 98: Junior Tutorial (Prof. Rebecca Lemov), Fall 2020
- History of Science 130: Heredity & Reproduction (Prof. Sarah Richardson), Fall 2020
- History of Science 137: Animals in History (Profs. Janet Browne & Rebecca Lemov), Spring 2018
- History 1330: Social Thought in Modern America (Prof. James Kloppenberg), Fall 2019
- Lectures: “Incorporation,” “Anxieties of Affluence,” “New Left/New Right”

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
 History of Science Society
 Labor and Working-Class History Association
 Society for U.S. Intellectual History

SERVICE

Faculty advisor, *Synthesis* (undergraduate history of science journal), Harvard University (2023-present)

Labor & Business History Consultant, *The American Pageant* 18th edition, University of Washington and Stanford University, 2022

Committee on Undergraduate Awards, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University (2022-present)

Peer reviewer, *Enterprise & Society* (2022-present)

Associate Editor, *The Drift* (2019-present)

Provost's Task Force on Managing Student Mental Health, Harvard University, member (2019-2020)

Modern Sciences Working Group co-coordinator, Harvard University (2018-2019)

LANGUAGES

French (reading proficiency; speaking, writing competency)

German (reading proficiency)

Latin (reading competency)

REFERENCES:

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