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### **Appointments**

Vanderbilt University: Nashville, TN

Terence E. Adderley Jr. Professor of Economics, 2012 – present  
Professor of Economics, 2008 – present  
Professor of History, 2008 – present  
Chair, Department of Economics, 2011 – 2014  
Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Economics, 2008 – 2011  
Associate Professor of Economics, 2004 – 2007  
Assistant Professor of Economics, 1998 – 2003

National Bureau of Economic Research: Cambridge, MA

Co-Director, Development of the American Economy Program, 2017 – present  
Research Associate, Development of the American Economy Program, 2004 – present  
Faculty Research Fellow, Development of the American Economy Program, 1999 – 2004

Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President: Washington, DC  
Senior Economist (Labor, Immigration, Education, Welfare), 2006 – 2007

Harvard University: Cambridge, MA

Department of Economics, Associate Head Tutor, 1994 – 1998  
Mather House, Resident Tutor in Economics, 1995 – 1998

### **Education**

Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Ph.D. in Economics, 1998  
A.M. in Economics, 1995

Harvard College

A.B. in Economics, summa cum laude, 1993

### **Honors and Fellowships**

AEJ Applied, Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2021  
IPUMS-USA/CPS Research Award for “best published work”, 2011 and 2018  
Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2016  
Weatherall Distinguished Fellow and Visiting Scholar, Queen’s University, 2015  
Brookings Institution, Model-Okun Fellowship in Economic Studies, 2003 – 2004  
National Bureau of Economic Research, National Fellowship, 2001 – 2002  
Harvard University, W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Non-Resident Fellow, 2001 – 2002  
Economic History Association, Nevins Prize for the outstanding dissertation on U.S. or Canada, 1998  
Harvard University, Chiles Foundation Fellowship, 1996 – 1997  
National Science Foundation, Graduate Fellowship, 1993 – 1996  
Harvard College, Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for undergraduate honors thesis, 1993  
Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter of Massachusetts

## Published and Forthcoming Papers

“African American Intergenerational Economic Mobility Since 1880” (with Marianne H. Wanamaker). American Economic Journal: Applied Economics forthcoming. (Updated version of NBER Working Paper 23395).

“The Great Migration of Black Americans from the US South: A Guide and Interpretation.” Explorations in Economic History (November 2020): 1-17. (Updated version of NBER Working Paper 27268.)

“The Economic Assimilation of Irish Famine Migrants to the United States” (with Ariell Zimran). Explorations in Economic History Vol. 74 (October 2019) 1-22. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 25287).

“Unions and the Great Compression of Wage Inequality in the United States at Mid-Century: Evidence from Local Labor Markets” (with Gregory T. Niemesh). Economic History Review Vol. 72, No. 2 (May 2019): 691-715. [Selected for IPUMS-USA/CPS Research Award]

“Unions, Workers, and Wages at the Peak of the American Labor Movement” (with Brantly Callaway). Explorations in Economic History Vol. 68 (April 2018): 95-118. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 23516).

“Publishing Economic History.” For the An Economist’s Guide to Economic History, edited by Chris Colvin and Matthias Blum. Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018: 347-353.

“Racial Differences in American Women’s Labor Market Outcomes: A Long-Run View” (with Michael Moody). Oxford Handbook on the Economics of Women, edited S. Averett, L. Argys, and S. Hoffman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017. (NBER Working Paper 23397).

“The Great Migration in Black and White: New Evidence on the Selection and Sorting of Southern Migrants” (with Marianne H. Wanamaker). Journal of Economic History, Vol. 75, No. 4 (December 2015): 947-992. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 21384.)

“Looking Forward: Positive and Normative Views of the Future of Economic History.” Journal of Economic History, Vol. 75, No. 4 (December 2015): 1228-1233.

“Selection and Economic Gains in the Great Migration of African Americans: New Evidence from Linked Census Data” (with Marianne H. Wanamaker). American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Vol. 6, No. 1 (January 2014): 220-252. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 19124.)

“The Origins and Persistence of Black-White Differences in Women’s Labor Force Participation from the Civil War to the Present” (with Leah Platt Boustan). In Human Capital and History: The American Record, edited by L. Boustan, C. Frydman, and R. Margo. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2014. (NBER Working Paper 19040.)

“Slum Clearance and Urban Renewal in the United States,” (with Katharine L. Shester). American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Vol. 5, No. 1 (January 2013): 239-273. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 17458.)

“The Riots of the 1960s.” In Routledge Handbook of Major Events in Economic History, Routledge, edited by R. Parker and R. Whaples. New York, NY: Routledge, 2013: 214-222.

“Home Ownership and Race from the End of the Civil War to the Present” (with Robert A. Margo). American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings, Vol. 101, No. 3 (May 2011): 355-359. (Revised

version of NBER Working Paper 16665.)

“Did Improvements in Household Technology Cause the Baby Boom? Evidence from Electrification, Appliance Diffusion, and the Amish” (with Martha J. Bailey). American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Vol. 3, No. 2 (April 2011): 189-217. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 14641.) [Selected for IPUMS-USA/CPS Research Award]

“Racial Differences in Wealth: A Brief Historical Overview” (with Robert A. Margo). In Race and Wealth Disparities: A Multidisciplinary Discourse, edited by B. Moran. Lanham, Maryland: University Press of America, 2008, 11-22.

“The Economic Aftermath of the 1960s Riots in American Cities: Evidence from Property Values” (with Robert A. Margo). Journal of Economic History, Vol. 67, No. 4 (December 2007): 849 -883. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 10493.)

“A Neighborhood-Level View of Riots, Property Values, and Population Loss: Cleveland 1950-1980” (with Fred H. Smith). Explorations in Economic History, Vol. 44, No. 3 (July 2007): 365-386.

“Education, Migration, and Regional Wage Convergence in the United States.” In Globalization and the New Comparative Economic History, edited by T. Hatton, K. O’Rourke, and A. Taylor. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2007, 165-191.

“The Wage Gains of African-American Women in the 1940s” (with Martha J. Bailey). Journal of Economic History, Vol. 66, No. 3 (September 2006): 737-777. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 10621.)

“Evaluating the Role of *Brown v. Board of Education* in School Equalization, Desegregation, and the Income of African Americans” (with Orley Ashenfelter and Albert Yoon). American Law and Economics Review, Vol. 8, No. 2 (Summer 2006): 213-248. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 11394.)

“The Political Economy of State Fair-Housing Laws Prior to 1968.” Social Science History, Vol. 30, No. 1 (Spring 2006): 15-49. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 10610.)

“Historical Perspectives on Racial Differences in Schooling in the United States” (with Robert A. Margo). In Handbook of the Economics of Education: Volume 1, edited by E. Hanushek and F. Welch. New York: North-Holland, 2006, 107-154. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 9770.)

“The Labor Market Effects of the 1960s Riots” (with Robert A. Margo). In Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs 2004, edited by W. Gale and J. Pack. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, 2004, 1-34. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 10243.)

“The Housing Market Impact of State-Level Anti-Discrimination Laws, 1960-1970.” Journal of Urban Economics, Vol. 55, No. 3 (May 2004): 534-564. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 9562.)

“The Declining Contribution of Socioeconomic Disparities to the Racial Gap in Infant Mortality Rates, 1920-1970” (with Melissa A. Thomasson). Southern Economic Journal, Vol. 70, No. 4 (April 2004): 746-777. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 8836.)

“Race, Home Ownership, and Family Structure in Twentieth-Century America” (with Robert A. Margo). In What Has Happened to the Quality of Life in the Advanced Industrialized Nations?, edited by E. Wolff. New York: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2004, 187-213.

“Race and the Value of Owner-Occupied Housing, 1940-1990” (with Robert A. Margo). Regional Science and Urban Economics, Vol. 33, No. 3 (May 2003): 255-286. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 7749).

“The Labor Market Impact of State-Level Anti-Discrimination Laws, 1940-1960.” Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Vol. 56, No. 2 (January 2003): 244-272. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 8310.)

“The Political Economy of State-Level Fair-Employment Laws, 1940-1964.” Explorations in Economic History, Vol. 40, No. 1 (January 2003): 24-51.

“Race, Roosevelt, and Wartime Production: Fair Employment in World War II Labor Markets.” American Economic Review, Vol. 91, No. 1 (March 2001): 272-286.

“Capital-Goods Prices and Investment, 1870-1950” (with Jeffrey G. Williamson). Journal of Economic History, Vol. 61, No. 1 (March 2001): 59-94. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 7145.)

“Race and Home Ownership: A Century-Long View” (with Robert A. Margo). Explorations in Economic History, Vol. 38, No. 1 (January 2001): 68-92. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 7749.)

“Residential Segregation and Socioeconomic Outcomes: When Did Ghettos Go Bad?” (with Robert A. Margo). Economics Letters, Vol. 69, No. 2 (November 2000): 239-243.

“African-American Economic Mobility in the 1940s: A Portrait from the Palmer Survey.” Journal of Economic History, Vol. 60, No. 3 (September 2000): 756-781.

“Labor Mobility, Market Integration, and Wage Convergence in Late 19th Century India.” Explorations in Economic History, Vol. 36, No. 3 (July 1999): 246-277.

“Labor Mobility in American and Indian Economic History.” Journal of Economic History, Vol. 59, No. 2 (June 1999): 469-472.

“Were Trade and Factor Mobility Substitutes in History?” (with Kevin O’Rourke and Jeffrey G. Williamson). In Migration: The Controversies and the Evidence, edited by R. Faini, J. de Melo, and K. Zimmerman. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 1999, 227-260. (Revised version of NBER Working Paper 6059.)

“When the Tide Turned: Immigration and the Delay of the Great Black Migration.” Journal of Economic History, Vol. 57, No. 3 (September 1997): 607-632.

### **Working Papers and Works in Progress**

“Immigrants’ Changing Labor Market Assimilation in the United States during the Age of Mass Migration” (with Ariell Zimran). NBER Working Paper 26414.

“Black Americans’ Landholding and Economic Mobility after Emancipation” (with Nick Holtkamp and Marianne Wanamaker). Work in progress.

“Unions, Race, and Wage Inequality before and after the Civil Rights Act” (with Brant Callaway). Work in progress.

## Books

No Place Like Home: An Economic History of Race and Home Ownership in America (written with Robert A. Margo). Work in progress.

Enterprising America: Businesses, Banks, and Credit Markets in Historical Perspective (edited with Robert A. Margo). Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2015.

## Book Reviews and Other Publications

Introduction to Enterprising America: Businesses, Banks, and Credit Markets in Historical Perspective (with Robert A. Margo). Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2015.

Review of *Housing and Mortgage Markets in Historical Perspective*, edited by Eugene N. White, Kenneth Snowden, and Price Fishback, Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2014. Distributed by [www.eh.net](http://www.eh.net) on April 9, 2015.

Review of *Sharing the Prize: The Economics of the Civil Rights Revolution in the American South*, by Gavin Wright, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2013. Journal of Economic Literature, Vol. 51, 3: 911-912.

Introduction to *New Views of Roosevelt's New Deal*. Special Issue of Explorations in Economic History, Vol. 50, No. 4 (October 2013): 463-465.

Review of *Cooking in Other Women's Kitchens: Domestic Workers in the South, 1865-1960*, by Rebecca Sharpless, Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2010. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 71, No. 2 (June 2011): 537-538.

Review of *The Economics of the Great Depression: A Twenty-First Century Look Back at the Economics of the Interwar Era*, by Randall E. Parker, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2007. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 68, No. 3 (September 2008): 938-940.

Review of *Government and the American Economy: A New History*, by Price Fishback et al., Chicago IL: University of Chicago Press, 2007. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 67, No. 4 (December 2007): 1081-1083.

Review of *Historical Statistics of the United States: Millennial Edition*, edited by Susan B. Carter, Scott Sigmund Gartner, Michael R. Haines, Alan L. Olmstead, Richard Sutch, and Gavin Wright, New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2006. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 66, No. 4 (December 2006): 1088-1097.

"Race and Twentieth-Century Economic History." NBER Reporter (Winter 2005/06): 15-17.

Review of *Race, Water, and Disease*, by Werner Troesken, Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2004. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 65, No. 3 (September 2005): 874-876.

"Fair Housing Laws," in the Online Encyclopedia of Economic History, available at [www.eh.net](http://www.eh.net).

Review of *Discriminating Risk: The U.S. Mortgage Lending Industry in the Twentieth Century*, by Guy Stuart. Cornell University Press, 2003. Distributed by [www.eh.net](http://www.eh.net) on June 21, 2004.

"Historical Perspectives on Racial Differences in Schooling" (with Robert A. Margo). Summary published in Insights on Southern Poverty, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, Vol. 2, No. 1 (Spring 2004): 1-5.

Review of *Globalization in Historical Perspective*, edited by Michael D. Bordo, Alan M. Taylor, and

Jeffrey G. Williamson. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2003. Distributed by [www.eh.net](http://www.eh.net) on November 7, 2003.

Introduction to a special section of Social Science History on "Race, Labor Markets, and Social Disorder in Twentieth-Century America," containing papers by T. Maloney, C. Heinicke and W. Grove, and S. Chandra and A. Williams Foster. Social Science History, Vol. 29. No. 2 (Summer 2005): 235-239.

Review of *The Backbone of History: Health and Nutrition in the Western Hemisphere*, edited by Richard H. Steckel and Jerome C. Rose, New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2002. Distributed by [www.eh.net](http://www.eh.net) on May 13, 2003.

Table of Home Ownership Rates 1900-1990 (by race and region) for Historical Statistics of the United States, Millennial Edition, edited by S. Carter, S. Gartner, M. Haines, A. Olmstead, R. Sutch, and G. Wright. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Review of *The Impact of International Trade on Wages*, edited by Robert C. Feenstra, Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press, 2000. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 60, No. 1 (March 2001): 232-233.

Review of *Divided Arsenal: Race and the American State during World War II*, by Daniel Kryder, New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2000. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 60, No. 4 (December 2000): 1164-1166.

Review of *Still the Promised City? African-Americans and the New Immigrants in Postindustrial New York*, by Roger Waldinger, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1996. Journal of Economic History 60, 2 (June 2000): 584-585.

Review of *Southern Paternalism and the American Welfare State: Economics, Politics, and Institutions in the South, 1865-1965*, by Lee J. Alston and Joseph P. Ferrie, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press. Southern Economic Journal, Vol. 66, No. 2 (October 1999): 484-486.

Review of *A New South Rebellion: The Battle Against Convict Labor in the Tennessee Coalfields, 1871-1896*, by Karin A. Shapiro, Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 59, No. 2 (June 1999): 552-553.

Review of *Warhogs: A History of War Profits in America*, by Stuart D. Brandes, Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, 1997. Journal of Economic History, Vol. 58, No. 2 (June 1998): 604-605.

## Professional Service

### Editorial Positions

#### Journal of Economic History

Co-Editor, 2016-20

Editorial Associate for North American Book Reviews, 2004-08

Member of Editorial Board, 2004-07

#### Explorations in Economic History

Editor/Co-Editor/Associate Editor, 2011-14

Member of Editorial Board, 2006-10

Social Science History

Member of Editorial Board, 2004-2015

Historical Methods

Member of Editorial Board, 2005-07

National Bureau of Economic Research

Co-Director of Development of American Economy Program, 2017- present

NBER Summer Institute, DAE Program, co-organizer, 2001, 2002, 2017

NBER DAE Spring Program Meeting, co-organizer, 2018- present

NBER Conference, "Enterprising America: Businesses, Banks, and Credit Markets in Historical Perspective," co-organizer, Nashville, 2013

Economic History Association

Trustee, 2014-18

Speaker at Teachers' Breakfast, 2017

Nominating Committee, 2008, 2012, 2015

Committee on Research (evaluates grant applications), 2001-03 (chair 2003), 2012-14

Program Committee Chair for EHA Annual Meeting, 2006

EHA Meetings Local Arrangements Committee, 2003, 2015

Cliometric Society

Trustee, 2007-2011

Conference Program Committees (other than EHA and NBER)

American Economic Association, Program Committee, 2011

Advisory Positions

LIFE-M, Advisory Board Member, 2016-present

IPUMS National Advisory Board Member for 1940 Census Microdata, 2011-present

External Reviewer, Department of Economics, University of Mississippi, 2015

Discussant:

Allied Social Science Associations Meetings: Boston 2000, Atlanta 2002, Washington, DC 2003, New Orleans 2008, San Diego 2013, Philadelphia 2014

Economic History Association Meeting: Baltimore 1999, Nashville 2003, New Haven 2008, Tucson 2009, Evanston 2010, Vancouver 2012, Columbus 2014

American Historical Association Annual Meeting: New York 2015

Organization of American Historians Meeting: Atlanta 2014

NBER Conference on Enterprising America: Nashville 2013

NBER Conference on Health and Labor Force Participation: Cambridge 2001

Social Science History Association Meetings: Chicago 2001

Midwest Economic Society Meetings: Nashville 1999

Stanford Conference on Race: Palo Alto 1999

Referee

AEJ: Applied Economics

Journal of Economic History

AEJ: Economic Policy

Journal of Health Economics

American Economic Review

Journal of Int'l Trade and Econ. Development

American Sociological Review

Journal of Labor Economics

Cliometrica

Journal of Law and Economics

Demography	Journal of Monetary Economics
Economic History Review	Journal of Political Economy
Economic Journal	Journal of Public Economics
Economic Inquiry	Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics
Explorations in Economic History	Journal of Urban Economics
Growth and Change	Journal of Women's History
Historical Methods	National Science Foundation
Industrial and Labor Relations Review	Review of Economics and Statistics
International Economic Review	Quarterly Journal of Economics
Journal of American History	Social Science History
Journal of Economic Growth	Southern Economic Journal

### **Graduate Students and Post-Ph.D. Placement**

Ph.D. dissertation committee member (\* = main advisor)

Bailey, Martha (2005, University of Michigan)

Bose, Nayana\* (2015, Washington and Lee University)

Callaway, Brant (2016, Temple University)

Carter, Linda\* (2009, Baylor University)

Carter, Susan (2012, West Point, USMA)

Cvrcek, Tomas (2007, Clemson University)

Frisvold, David (2006, RWJF Fellow at University of Michigan)

Fritzdixon, Kathryn (2015, FDIC)

Gamino, Aaron (2017, Middle Tennessee State University)

Harrison, James (2018, US Naval Academy)

Holtkamp, Nicholas\* (2021, ASPE/HHS)

Hwang, Jinyoung (2001, Hannam University, Korea)

Mathes, Michael (2015, Providence College)

Moody, Michael\* (2016, Miami University of Ohio)

Niemesh, Greg\* (2012, Miami University of Ohio)

Pesner, Matthew (in progress)

Ray, Achintya (2006, Tennessee State University)

Schmitz, Martin (in progress)

Sharpe, Colin (in progress)

Shester, Katharine L.\* (2011, Washington and Lee University)

Sichko, Christopher\* (2021, ERS USDA)

Singh, Shabana (2011, World Bank)

Smith, Fred (2001, Davidson College)

Strow, Claudia Wood (2002, Western Kentucky University)

Tello-Trillo, Sebastian (2016, University of Virginia)

Vuthipadadorn, Dadanee (2003, Ministry of Finance, Thailand)

### **Vanderbilt Service**

Department of Economics

Chair, 2011-14

Director of Graduate Studies, 2008-11

Chair of Faculty Recruiting Committee, 2002-03, 2015-16, 2018-19

Member of Faculty Recruiting Committee, 1999-2000, 2005-06, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2018-19

Co-Organizer of Economic History Workshop, 2015-present

Co-Organizer of Economic History Tea, 2019-present



Admissions Committee for Ph.D. Program, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2007-08, 2019-20  
Graduate Awards Committee, 2020-21  
Policy Evaluation and Planning Committee, 2016-18  
Committee on Undergraduate Studies, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001  
Weekly Brown Bag Seminar Coordinator, 1999-2000, 2000-01, fall 2004  
Department Committee on College Strategic Plan, 2000-01

College of Arts and Science and University

Chair of University Committee on Teaching, 2020-21  
Dean's Senior Advisory Review Committee, 2009, 2020-21  
Member of Faculty Recruiting Committee, Department of History, 2020-21  
Trans-Institutional Programs Council, 2016-2019  
A&S Faculty Council, 2016-18  
Chair of Steering Committee on Public Policy Studies, 2016-2018  
A&S Admissions Committee on Merit Scholarships, 2016-2019  
Co-chair of Committee on Undergraduate Residential Experience, Strategic Planning, 2013  
Committees for RWJF-sponsored VU-Meharry Health Policy Program, 2008-14  
A&S Social Science Dissertation Fellowships Committee, 2009-11  
A&S representative to Faculty Senate, 2008-11  
Dean's Junior Advisory Review Committee, 2005  
AXLE Implementation Committee, 2004-11