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## Research and Teaching Interests

Economics: banking and financial institutions; cooperative enterprises; business economics; economics of religion; education and human capital development; demographic economics; anthropometrics; competition and innovation policy

History: business history; economic history; financial history; penal and prison history; the Netherlands in the early twentieth century; post-Famine Ireland

Pedagogy: curriculum and syllabus design; classroom experiments, games and role-play

## Education

Queen's University Belfast, UK

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Teaching (2014)

London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

PhD in Economic History (2011)

Supervisors: Gerben Bakker & Max-Stephan Schulze

Examiners: Herman de Jong & John D. Turner

MSc in Economic History (Research), *with distinction* (2006)

Universiteit Utrecht, the Netherlands

Visiting Student, Department of History and Art History (Fall Semester 2009)

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain

Visiting Student, Department of Economics and Business (Winter & Spring Terms 2008)

University of Bristol, UK

BSc in Economics (2005)

## Appointments

Queen's University Belfast, UK

Associate Fellow, Institute of Irish Studies (since 2016)

Research Associate, Centre for Economic History (since 2012)

Lecturer in Economics, Queen's Management School (since 2012)

European University Institute, Florence, Italy

Max Weber Fellow, Department of History and Civilization (2011–2012)

London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Management (2010)

Office of Fair Trading, London, UK

Executive Officer, Markets and Policy Initiatives Division (2006–2007)

## Visiting Positions

Universiteit Utrecht, the Netherlands

Visiting Scholar, Utrecht University School of Economics (March 2017)

University of California, Davis, USA

Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics (Fall Quarter 2014)

Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Visiting Scholar, Rotterdam School of Management (November 2012 & November 2013)

## Professional Honours

Awarded accelerated confirmation in the post of Lecturer of Queen's University Belfast 'for clearly exceeding normal requirements with respect to research, teaching and administration' (March 2015)

Winner of the Economics Network's Best New Lecturer Award 'in recognition of exemplary teaching practice that encourages understanding of and inspires interest in economics' (September 2013)

Winner of the European Business History Association's Dissertation Prize 'for the best business history PhD dissertation submitted to a European university in the previous two years' (August 2012)

Winner of the LSE Department of Economic History's Hunt Prize 'for the most outstanding MSc Economic History (Research) Dissertation' (December 2006)

## Scholarship

### *Refereed Articles*

'Banking on a religious divide: accounting for the success of the Netherlands' Raiffeisen cooperatives in the crisis of the 1920s', *Journal of Economic History*, vol. 77, no. 3 (2017), pp. 866–918.

'Work ethic, social ethic, no ethic: measuring the economic values of modern Christians' (with Matthew McCracken), *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, vol. 32, no. 5 (2017), pp. 1043–1053.

'Women of an uncertain age: quantifying human capital accumulation in rural Ireland in the nineteenth century' (with Matthias Blum, Laura McAtackney & Eoin McLaughlin), *Economic History Review*, vol. 70, no. 1 (2017), pp. 187–223.

'Predicting the past: understanding the causes of bank distress in the Netherlands in the 1920s' (with Abe de Jong & Philip Fliers), *Explorations in Economic History*, vol. 55 (2015), pp. 97–121.

'Raiffeisenism abroad: why did German cooperative banking fail in Ireland but prosper in the Netherlands?' (with Eoin McLaughlin), *Economic History Review*, vol. 67, no. 2 (2014), pp. 492–516.

'Interlocking directorates and conflicts of interest: the Rotterdamsche Bankvereniging, Müller & Co. and the Dutch financial crisis of the 1920s', *Business History*, vol. 56, no. 2 (2014), pp. 314–334.

### *Other Articles, Chapters and Essays*

'The past, present and future of banking history', in: *The Routledge Companion to Business History*, pp. 89–106 (edited by John F. Wilson, Steven Toms, Abe de Jong & Emily Buchnea, Routledge, 2017).

'De bankencrisis van de jaren twintig' (with Abe de Jong & Philip T. Fliers), *Economisch Statistische Berichten*, vol. 99, no. 4689/4690 (2014), pp. 434–437.

‘In antitrust we (do not) trust’, *Accounting Historians Journal*, vol. 39, no. 2 (2012), pp. 118–120.

‘What determines interbank competition? And why should we care?’, *Oxonomics*, vol. 4, no. 2 (2009), pp. 10–20.

### *Book Reviews*

Book review of: *Financial Crises: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Responses* (edited by Stijn Claessens, M. Ayhan Kose, Luc Laeven & Fabian Valencia, International Monetary Fund, 2014), Reviewed in: *Economic History Review*, vol. 68, no. 2 (2015), pp. 766–767.

Book review of: *Men, Women, and Money: Perspectives on Gender, Wealth, and Investment 1850-1930* (edited by David R. Green, Alastair Owens, Josephine Maltby & Janette Rutterford, Oxford University Press, 2011), Reviewed in: *Business History*, vol. 54, no. 4 (2012), pp. 642–643.

### Research-in-Progress

‘Corporation or cooperation? Organisational form, shareholder liability and bank stability in the Netherlands in the 1920s’

‘An economic conversion: rural cooperative banking in the Netherlands at the turn of the twentieth century’ (with Stuart Henderson & John D. Turner).

‘Scarring and selection in the Great Irish Famine’ (with Matthias Blum & Eoin McLaughlin).

‘Going Dutch: exchange rates, monetary policy and capital mobility in the Netherlands under the interwar gold standard’ (with Philip T. Fliers).

*An Economist’s Guide to Economic History* (with Matthias Blum), book project under contract with Palgrave Macmillan (planned for publication in 2019).

### Fellowships and Grants

Co-Investigator, Carnevali Small Research Grants Scheme (£3,500), Economic History Society (2016), joint with Matthias Blum (Principal Investigator)

Initiatives and Conference Fund (£2,000), Economic History Society (2014)

Promising Academic International Programme (£5,000), QUB (2014)

Co-Investigator, Challenge Investment Fund (£8,500), University of Edinburgh (2013), joint with with Matthias Blum & Eoin McLaughlin (Principal Investigator)

Arthur H. Cole Grant-in-Aid of Research (US\$5,000), Economic History Association (2012)

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, EUI (2011–2012)

Marie Curie Early Stage Researcher Fellowship, Economic History Initiative, Centre for Economic Policy Research (2008)

Doctoral Studentship, Economic and Social Research Council (2007–2010)

## Professional Service

### *University Service*

Co-Director, Undergraduate Economics Programmes (responsible for recruitment of BSc students), Queen's Management School, QUB (since 2017)

Elected Member of Academic Council, QUB (January–December 2017)

Mentor (advisor to probationary academic staff), Queen's Management School, QUB (2016–2017)

Postgraduate Research Coordinator (responsible for admissions and academic progress of PhD students), Queen's Management School, QUB (2015–2017)

Library Liaison for the Economics Subject Group, Queen's Management School, QUB (2014–2015)

Website Officer (responsible for website project), Queen's Management School, QUB (2013–2015)

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Economic History, LSE (2006–2008)

### *Academic Service*

Executive Board Member, Fronteir Research in Economic and Social History (since 2017)

Member of the Academic Committee, European Banking and Financial History Association (since 2016)

Committee Member, Economic and Social History Society of Ireland (since 2013)

### *Editorial Positions*

Editor, *Economic History Working Paper Series*, QUB (since 2014)

Co-editor, *eabh Papers*, European Association for Banking and Financial History (since 2014)

Editorial Board Member, *NEP Economic History Blog*, <http://www.nephis.org/> (2012–2014)

### *Refereeing Service*

Academic journals: *Business History*, *Economic History Review*, *Economic Inquiry*, *European Review of Economic History*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Financial History Review*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Journal of Co-operative Organization and Management*

Funding bodies: Economic and Social Research Council (UK), National Science Centre (Poland)

### *Seminar, Workshop and Conference Organisation*

Local Organiser, *Economic History Society Annual Conference 2019*, three-day international conference, held at Centre for Economic History, QUB (2019)

Local Co-organiser, *Economic and Social History Society of Ireland Annual Conference 2018*, two-day conference, held at Centre for Economic History, QUB (November 2018)

Local Co-organiser, *Belfast FRESH Meeting*, one-day workshop sponsored by the European Historical Economics Society, held at Centre for Economic History, QUB (June 2017)

Organiser, *Historical Economics and the Economics of Religion*, one-day workshop, held at Centre for Economic History, QUB (June 2015)

Co-organiser, *Long-Run Perspectives on Crime and Conflict*, two-day workshop sponsored by the Economic History Society, held at Crumlin Road Gaol, Belfast (September 2014)

Local Organiser, *EABH Financial History New Scholars Workshop*, one-day workshop sponsored by the European Association for Banking and Financial History, held at the Centre for Economic History, QUB (April 2014)

Organiser, *Innovation and Incentives in Business and Economic History*, one-day workshop, held at the Centre for Economic History, QUB (June 2013)

Co-organiser, *The Embeddedness of Markets Today: Returning to Karl Polanyi to think Development, Markets, and Financial Crises*, 6th Max Weber Programme Classics Revisited Conference, EUI (May 2012)

Co-organiser and Moderator, *Protecting Intellectual Property Rights or Creativity?*, multidisciplinary research workshop, EUI (November 2011)

Co-organiser, *Meet the Archivists*, annual research skills workshop sponsored by the UK Business Archives Council, Rothschild (2009) & HSBC (2010)

Convenor, *Cliometrics Group*, bi-weekly research seminar in quantitative economic history for internal and external speakers, LSE (2008–2010)

### *Conference Chairing and Discussing*

Panel Chair, *Structural Change in the Global Economy*, Economic History Society Annual Conference, Telford (2015)

Panel Chair and Discussant, *Financial Policy and Pay-Out*, Annual Conference of the European Business History Association, Utrecht (2014)

Chair and Discussant, *EABH Financial History New Scholars Workshop*, Jerusalem (2013)

Panel Chair, *Managing Risk*, Economic History Society Annual Conference, Oxford (2012)

Panel Chair, *The Changing Role of Banks in Corporate Governance*, Annual Conference of the European Business History Association, Glasgow (2010)

### *Professional Memberships*

Cliometrics Society, Economic History Association (US), Economic History Society (UK), Economic and Social History Society of Ireland, European Business History Association, European Historical Economics Society

## Academic Presentations

### *Seminars and Workshops*

2018: Institute of Irish Studies, QUB

2017: Economic History of Firms and Industries Seminar, LSE; Economics Seminar, QUB; Low Countries Finance and History Workshop, Utrecht

2016: Banking and Financial History Workshop, University of Stirling; Financial History Group Seminar, Universiteit Utrecht; Historical Financial and Banking Databases Workshop, Paris School of Economics; Centre for Economic History Seminar, QUB; Population and Health Research Group Seminar, Department of Geography and Sustainable Development, University of St Andrews

2015: Economics Seminar, Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh; Economic and Social History Seminar, University of Oxford

2014: Economics Seminar, University of Bath; Economics Seminar, Cardiff Business School; Agricultural Economics Seminar, Technische Universität München; Economic History Brown-Bag Seminar, University of California, Davis

2013: Political Economy, Economic History and Religion Workshop, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin fuer Sozialforschung; Economics, Econometrics and Finance Seminar, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen; Economics Seminar, QUB

2012: Agricultural Economics Seminar, Technische Universität München; Centre for Economic History Workshop, QUB; Economic History Seminar, Universität zu Köln; Economics and Finance Seminar, QUB; Centre for the History of Medicine in Ireland Workshop, University College Dublin

2011: Cliometrics Group Seminar, LSE; Monetary History Group Seminar, The Rothschild Archive, London; Economic History Society Women's Committee Workshop, Oxford

2010: Business History Seminar, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam; Business History Unit Seminar, LSE; Business Economics Seminar, Universiteit Antwerpen; Financial History Seminar, Newnham College, Cambridge

2009: Economic History Workshop, Yale University; Economic History Workshop, Nuffield College, Oxford; Financial History Group Seminar, Universiteit Utrecht

### *Conferences*

2017: World Congress of Cliometrics, Strasbourg; European Historical Economics Society, Tübingen

2016: Economic and Social History Society of Ireland, Maynooth

2015: Economic History Society, Wolverhampton; European Historical Economics Society, Pisa

2014: Scottish Economic Society, Perth; Economic and Business History Society, Manchester

2013: European Historical Economics Society, London; Economic and Social History Society of Ireland, Galway

2012: Economic History Society, Oxford; FRESH Meeting, Pisa; Dissertation Session, European Business History Association, Paris

2011: Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture, Washington DC; Association of Business Historians, Reading; European Historical Economics Society, Dublin; Social Science History Association, Boston

2010: New Researchers' Papers, Economic History Society, Durham; FRESH Meeting, Belfast; European Business History Association, Glasgow; European Rural History Organisation, Brighton; Economic History Association, Evanston

2009: World Economic History Congress, Utrecht

## Research Supervision

### *Current PhD Students*

Stephen Billington, *Essays on Innovation and Incentives in Economic History*, co-supervised with Christopher Coyle, QUB (PhD completion planned for 2020)

Nikita Lychakov, *Industrialisation, Politics and Banking Instability in Late Imperial Russia*, co-supervised with John D. Turner, QUB (PhD completion planned for 2018)

### *Completed PhD Students*

Stuart Henderson, *Historical Reflections on Religion, Finance and Economic Development*, co-supervised with John D. Turner, QUB (PhD 2017) (examiners: Graham Brownlow & Cormac Ó Gráda; first placement: Lecturer in Economics & Finance, Dublin Institute of Technology)

## Teaching Experience

### *Current Teaching*

Managerial Economics (intermediate undergraduate course, QUB)

Economic History (advanced undergraduate course, QUB)

### *Previous Teaching*

Economics of Organisations (introductory undergraduate course, QUB)

Industrial Organisation (intermediate undergraduate course, QUB)

Topics in Economic History (MSc Economics seminar, QUB)

Business in the Global Environment (CEMS Master's in International Management course, LSE)

Queen's Management School Postgraduate Research Seminar (doctoral seminar, QUB)

Current Trends in Economic History (doctoral seminar, EUI)

EABH Financial and Monetary History Summer School (doctoral summer school, Carlos III de Madrid)

## Pedagogical Training and Accreditation

EFMD Doctoral Programmes Conference, Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam (2016)

Economics Network Teaching Symposium, Bank of England (2015)

Fellow, Higher Education Academy (since 2014)

Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education Teaching, QUB (2014)

Workshop on Supervising Postgraduate Research Students, QUB (2013)

Developments in Economics Education Conference, University of Exeter (2013)

Residential Workshop for New Economics Lecturers, Economics Network, Bristol (2012)

Max Weber Programme Teacher Training Certificate, EUI (2012)

## Public Engagement

### *Policy Impact*

Analysis of EU referendum vote cited in: ‘EU referendum update’, Northern Ireland Assembly Research and Information Service, Research Paper NIAR 311-16 (30 August 2016).

### *Media Coverage*

Opinion on the economics of airport expansion in London quoted in *The Irish News* (2 July 2015 & 20 October 2015), *The Belfast Telegraph* (20 October 2015) & *Insider* (20 October 2015).

Research on the causes of the Dutch banking crisis of the 1920s profiled on *NPO Radio 5* (21 October 2014) & in *Intercontinental Finance Magazine* (Issue 130/15, May 2015).

Research on the failure of the Rotterdamsche Bankvereniging in 1924 featured in *Historische Nieuwsblad* (Issue 4/2014, April 2014).

Contribution to the RePEc NEP Economic History Blog featured in *FT Alphaville* (12 March 2012).

Research on the history of universal banking in the Netherlands profiled in *Time* (12 August 2008).

### *Research Publicity*

‘Chasing the big economic stories from history’, in: *The DNA of Innovation: Volume V*, Queen’s University Belfast (11 November 2015), pp. 22-23.

‘Which bank survives a crisis?’, in: *RSM Discovery*, Erasmus University Rotterdam (13 October 2014).

### *Public Lectures*

‘19th century prison records’, Pushing the Boundaries Lecture Series, Public Records Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast (2 October 2015).

### *Op-Ed Articles*

‘Why did Northern Ireland vote to remain?’ (with Edward Mills), *QPol* (18 July 2016).

‘Expanding Heathrow: bad for competition and bad for passengers’ (with Edward Mills), *QPol* (1 July 2015).

‘A conflict of interest in CCEA’s dual role in education?’ (with Niall Boyd), *Sluggie O’Toole* (31 October 2013).

‘Response to past crises shames post-Lehman dithering’ (with John D. Turner), *The Conversation* (13 September 2013).

‘Lessen van Nederlands vorige grote bankencrisis’ (with Abe de Jong & Philip T. Fliers), *Me Judice* (15 February 2013).

‘Don’t send Royal Mail to highest bidder’, *The Guardian* (4 November 2009).

‘Splitting banks up is not the answer’, *The Guardian* (20 June 2009).

‘The Goodwin farce makes the law an ass’, *The Guardian* (7 April 2009).

‘Peston’s run’, *The Guardian* (28 February 2009).



‘Savers: stop moaning’, *The Guardian* (9 February 2009).

‘Just watch the GDP’, *The Guardian* (24 January 2009).

‘Gold in them thar banks?’, *The Guardian* (29 December 2008).

‘Will the VAT cut work?’, *The Guardian* (11 December 2008).

‘Our chance for a working regulatory regime’, *The Guardian* (15 November 2008).

‘The rocket scientists’ crash landing’, *The Guardian* (21 October 2008).

‘The price of stability’, *The Guardian* (18 October 2008).

‘The Great Depression looms again’, *The Guardian* (13 October 2008).

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