

## Editors' Notes

### AWARDS AT THE 2013 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The following prizes were awarded at the seventy-third annual meeting of the Economic History Association, held in Arlington, VA, September 20–22, 2013.

*The Arthur H. Cole Prize* for the outstanding article published in this JOURNAL in the September 2012 through June 2013 issues to Ewout Frankema of Wageningen University and Marlou van Waijenburg of Northwestern University for, “Structural Impediments to African Growth? New Evidence from Real Wages in British Africa, 1880–1965,” which appeared in the December 2012 issue; and Dan Bogart of University of California, Irvine and Latika Chaudhary of Scripps College for, “Engines of Growth: The Productivity Advance of Indian Railways, 1874–1912,” which appeared in the June 2013 issue. The winner is selected by the editorial board.

*The Columbia University Prize in American Economic History in honor of Allan Nevins* for the outstanding dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history during 2012/13 to Joshua Hausman of University of Michigan for “New Deal Policies and Recovery from the Great Depression,” completed under the supervision of Barry Eichengreen.

*The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize* for the outstanding dissertation in non-U.S. or Canadian economic history during 2012/13 to Eric Monnet, of the Bank of France, for “Monetary Policy and Credit Policy in France During the Golden Age (1945–1973),” completed under the supervision of Pierre-Cyrille Hautcoeur, at the Paris School of Economics and EHESS.

*The Gyorgy Ranki Biennial Prize* for the outstanding book in European economic history published in 2012–2013 to Regina Grafe of Northwestern University, for *Distant Tyranny: Markets, Power, and Backwardness in Spain, 1650–1800*. (Princeton University Press, 2012).

*The Jonathan R. T. Hughes Prize* for excellence in teaching economic history to Stephen Haber of Stanford University. The winner is selected by the EHA Committee on Education and Teaching.

Also announced at the meeting was *The Larry Neal Prize* for the best article appearing in *Explorations in Economic History* in the past year, which was John Parman, “Good Schools Make Good Neighbors: Human Capital Spillovers in Early Twentieth-Century Agriculture” [49, 3 (July 2012): 316–34].

### THE 2014 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

RENAISSANCE DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS HOTEL

COLUMBUS, OH

SEPTEMBER 12–14, 2014

PHILIP HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT

“Political Economy and Economic History”

Politics has a massive impact on economic outcomes. States redistribute wealth, make up for market failures, and enact policies that can devastate an economy or promote long run growth. They also provide the essential public goods of security, the rule of law, and a means of exchange. Without these, life is brutal and trade little more than barter. But what determines the laws and regulations that states adopt and the public goods they furnish? How do states arise in the first place and gain the capacity to tax? What shapes

the changes in their policies and their expenditures over time? Can we distinguish the political incentives that encourage good policies rather than tragic ones? Do the answers lie with endowments, the distribution of wealth, or deeply rooted institutions? Or are they to be sought in culture and the guiding hand of history?

The Program Committee (John Wallis, University of Maryland (chair), together with Dan Bogart, Karen Clay, and Tracy Dennison) welcomes submissions on *ALL* subjects in economic history, though some preference will be given to papers that specifically fit the theme. Papers should be submitted individually, but authors may suggest to the Committee that three particular papers fit well together in a panel.

Papers should in all cases be works in progress rather than accepted or published work. Submitters should let the program committee know at the time of application if the paper they are proposing has already been submitted for publication. Individuals who presented or co-authored a paper given at the 2013 meeting are not eligible for inclusion in the 2014 program.

Papers and session proposals should be submitted online, with details to follow on the meetings website: <http://www.eh.net/eha/meetings>. The submission system will be available from November 1, 2013 onward. Paper proposals should include a 3–5 page précis and a 150-word abstract suitable for publication in *The Journal of Economic History*. Papers should be submitted by 31 January, 2014 to ensure consideration.

Graduate students are encouraged to attend the meeting. The Association offers subsidies for travel, hotel, registration, and meals, including a special graduate student dinner. A poster session welcomes work from dissertations in progress. Applications for the poster session are due no later than 21 May 2014 online: <https://www.eh.net/eha/node/add/posters>. The poster submission system will open on March 1, 2014. The dissertation session, convened by Leah Platt Boustan (UCLA) and Mauricio Drelichman (University of British Columbia), will honor six dissertations completed during the 2013–2014 academic year. The submission deadline is June 11, 2014. The Alexander Gerschenkron and Allan Nevins prizes will be awarded to the best dissertations on non-North American and North American topics respectively.

For further information, check <http://eh.net/eha/meetings/2014-meeting>, which also includes information on travel options to the Columbus area; or contact Meetings Coordinator Jari Eloranta at [elorantaj@appstate.edu](mailto:elorantaj@appstate.edu).

#### EHA GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

The Committee on Research in Economic History (CREH) of the Economic History Association is charged with administering the association's project of assisting young scholars as a way of strengthening the discipline of economic history. The CREH made three types of awards for 2013: fellowships to graduate students writing their dissertations; travel/data grants to graduate students in the early stages of research; and Cole Grants to recent Ph.D.s.

#### *Sokoloff Fellowship Recipients*

Amanda Gregg of Yale University for "Commercial Law, Property Rights, and Industrialization in Late Imperial Russia." Advisor, Timothy Guinnane.

Anthony Wray of Northwestern University for "Childhood Illness and Occupational Choice in London, 1870–1911." Advisor, Joel Mokyr.

*Dissertation Fellowship Recipients*

- Cihan Artunc of Yale University for "The Role of Legal and Economic Institutions in the Development of the Early Modern Ottoman Empire." Advisor, Timothy Guinnane.
- Richard Baker of Boston University for "Public Schooling and Corporate Regulation: Essays on Institutions of Development in the Early Twentieth-Century United States." Advisor, Robert Margo.
- Robin Winkler of Oxford University for "Household Consumption in Interwar Germany, 1927–37." Advisor, Oliver Grant.

*Exploratory Grant Recipients*

- Alex Hollingsworth of University of Arizona for "The Impact of Sanitaria on Pulmonary Tuberculosis Mortality: Evidence from North Carolina, 1932–1940." Advisor, Price Fishback.
- Esther Sahle of London School of Economics for "The Competitive Edge of the Reliable Friends? Quaker Contract Enforcement, c.1660–1800" Advisor, Patrick Wallis.
- Tim Larsen of University of Colorado for "Confederate Deaths and the Development of the New South." Advisors, Murat Iyigun and Lee Alston.
- Anne Ruderman of Yale University for "Supplying the Slave Trade: How Europeans Met African Demand for European Manufactured Products, Commodities, and Re-Exports, 1670–1790." Advisor, Naomi Lamoreaux.
- Elizabeth Perlman of Boston University for "Geography of Innovation Patents in Early America." Advisor, Robert Margo.
- Megan Fasules of American University for "The Impact of Medicare on Bankruptcy." Advisor, Mary Hansen.
- Mike Mathies of University of Arizona for "Mining Booms and Busts: New Evidence on the Consequences of Mining in the United States, 1870–2010." Advisor, Price Fishback.
- Aaron Honsowetz of George Mason University for "The 1866 Post Act: Federal Preemption to Improve Competition Within the United States Telegraph Market." Advisor, John Nye.
- Claire Brennecke of Yale University for "Information Acquisition and Mercantile Credit Reporting in the Nineteenth-Century United States." Advisor, Gary Gorton.
- Glenda Oskar of University of California, Berkeley for "Corporate Finance and the San Francisco Mining Share Market, 1860–1877." Advisor, Benjamin Hermalin.
- Mary Elizabeth Cox of Oxford University for "Hunger Games: Or How The Allied Blockade in World War I Deprived German Children of Nutrition, and Allied Food Aid Subsequently Saved Them." Advisor, Deborah Oxley.
- Matthew Parker of St. Louis University for "The Battle of Meloria (1284) as Turning Point for Pisan Commercial Practices." Advisor, Thomas F. Madden.

*Arthur H. Cole Grants-In-Aid*

- Leticia Arroyo Abad of Middlebury College for "The Long-Arm of History? Assessing the Impact of Colonial Institutions on Inequality in Peru."
- Matthew Jaremski of Colgate University for "Shedding Light on the Statistical Dark Age of U.S. Banking (1863–1914)."
- Nicolas Ziebarth of University of Iowa for "An Establishment-Level View of the Great Depression."

The association is grateful to the members of the CREH for their work in selecting the award winners. Kerry Odell of Scripps College chaired the committee. She was assisted by John Brown of Clark University, Ann Carlos of University of Colorado, William Collins of Vanderbilt University, Mary Hansen of American University, and Jason Long of Wheaton College.