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## Academic Positions

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Continuing Lecturer (Asst. Prof. equivalent), History, Monash University 2015 – Present

S.V. Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California: Berkeley 2014-2015

## Education

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Ph.D., History, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2014  
Dissertation: "Red Meat Republic: The Rise of the Cattle-Beef Complex, 1865-1905"  
Committee: Walter Johnson (advisor), Emma Rothschild, Jill Lepore, Elliott West

A.M., History, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2010

B.A., History (highest honors and *Cum Laude*), The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 2007  
Honors thesis: "Boodle-carriers, Shovers, and Cony-men: Counterfeiting in Nineteenth-century America"; advisor Scott Reynolds Nelson

## Publications

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"'For the Future in the Distance': Cattle Trailing, Social Conflict, and the Development of Ellsworth, Kansas," *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains* (2017): 40(2): 104-119.

"Animal History after Its Triumph: Unexpected Animals, Evolutionary Approaches, and the Animal Lens," *History Compass* (2016), 14: 326-336. doi:[10.1111/hic3.12322](https://doi.org/10.1111/hic3.12322).

"The Rise, Fall, and Rebirth of the Texas Longhorn," *Environmental History* (2016) 21(2): 343-363.  
doi: 10.1093/envhis/emv148.

"A Failure to Prohibit: New York City's Underground Bob Veal Trade," *The Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* 12, no. 4 (October 2013), pp. 475-501.

"Economic Growth and Income Patterns," and "American Economic Association and the New Economics," *The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Business, Labor, and Economic History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013).

## Other Publications

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"Finding Its Way: Thoughts on Environmental History," *Process* (Organization of American Historians blog), January 2016, <http://www.processhistory.org/?p=1426>.

## Book Reviews

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Review of *Slaughterhouse: Chicago's Union Stock Yard and the World It Made*, Dominic A. Pacyga, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, 115, no. 1 (Winter 2017).

Review of *The Highest Glass-Ceiling: Women's Quest for the American Presidency*, Ellen Fitzpatrick, student/professor dual review for *Reinvention: an International Journal of Undergraduate Research*, 9, no. 2.

Review of *Traqueros: Mexican Railroad Workers in the United States, 1870 to 1930*, Jeffrey Marcos Garcilazo, for H-SHGAPE (June 2013), <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=38756>.

Review of *Restoration and History*, Marcus Hall, ed., in *Environment and History* (August 2011), 488-490.

## Works in Progress

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*Red Meat Republic: The Rise of the Cattle Beef-Complex*, under contract, Princeton University Press.

"Mobility and the History of Capitalism" Historiographic essay.

## Conference Presentations

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"Amity with the United States: Indian Depredations and Narrative," American Cultures Workshop (University of Sydney), May 2017.

"Don't You Find You Are Not in the Deal? Scale and the National Market for Cattle in the United States, 1870-1900," Scales of the Economy workshop, University of Sydney, July 2016

"Technology, Labor, and the Myth of the Texas Longhorn," History Program Research Seminar (Monash University), September 2015.

"Dog Fighters, the SPCA, and the 1881 'Dog Fighting Championship of America,'" Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting, June 2015.

"The US Army Beef Scandal and the Rise of Industrial Food Production," American Society for Environmental History Conference, March, 2015.

"Rustling Qualities: The Rise and Fall (and Rise) of the Texas Longhorn," Society for Range Management Annual Meeting, February 2015.

"The Rise and Fall of the Texas Longhorn," Massachusetts Historical Society, January 2015.

"Vexatious and Embarrassing: Cattle Disease, Quarantine Law, and the Politics of Mobility," American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, November 2014.

"Hard Winters, International Capital, and the Rise and Fall of the Land and Cattle Company in the United States" - Business History Conference (Columbus), March 22, 2013. *Honorable mention, Kerr Prize.*

"The Most Efficient Instrumentality: Cattle Ranching, Indian War, and the Ecology of the Plains" - American Society for Environmental History Conference (Madison), March 29, 2012.

"The Grand Trunk Railway and the Rise of the Cattle-Beef Complex" - Tobin Project Graduate Student Forum, December 2011.

"Grassroots of Dependency: Buffalo, Cattle, and the Ecology of the Plains" - Energy and Environment: A Global History (Harvard University), April 2011.

"'Civilization has the right of way': Conquest and the Creation of the Cattle-Beef Complex" - Project on Justice, Welfare, and Economics Lunch, April 2011.

"The End of Cattle Trailing" - Tobin Project Graduate Student Forum, February 2011.

“A Failure to Prohibit: New York City's Underground Veal Trade” – Center for History and Economics Graduate Workshop, October 2009.

## Engagement / Outreach

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History Council Of Victoria: History Roadshow, secondary school outreach program, (“Origins and Consequences of the American Revolution”), September 12, 2017

“Behind the Beef Machine” (interview on my current book project), UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix, September, 2014.

## Teaching

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Honours Thesis Advisor, History / International Studies (Monash University)	2015-present
Unit Coordinator, ATS3616: Race and Rights: Twentieth-Century America	September 2, 2017
Unit Coordinator, ATS2107: Colonial America	Semester 1, 2017
Unit Coordinator, ATS3908: American Empire	Semester 2, 2016
Unit Coordinator, ATS2617: The American Civil War	Semester 1, 2016
Teaching Fellow, “History 97: Sophomore Tutorial,” course head: Jill Lepore (Harvard University) <i>Recipient of Harvard Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.</i>	Spring 2013
Senior Thesis Advisor (Harvard University)	Fall 2012
Head Teaching Fellow, “International Financial History,” course head: Niall Ferguson (Harvard University)	Fall 2012
Teaching Fellow, “The History of Economic Thought Since 1750,” course head: Emma Rothschild <i>Recipient of Harvard Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.</i>	Fall 2010

## Awards

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New Appointee Grant, Monash University	2016
Graduate Student Fellowship, Harvard University	2008-2014
K. Austin Kerr Prize (Honorable Mention), Business History Conference	2013
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Canada Program Research Grant	2011
Charles Warren Center Term-time Research Grant	2011
Democracy & Markets Research Fellowship, The Tobin Project	2011
Democracy & Markets Research Fellowship, The Tobin Project	2010
Dissertation Research Fellowship, Project on Justice, Welfare, and Economics	2010
Lyon Gardiner Tyler Scholarship for Undergraduate Research	2007

## Leadership

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Honours Coordinator, International Studies (Monash University) 2016-present

## Professional Service

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Referee, *Environmental History* 2016-present

Referee, *Business History Review* 2016-present

Referee, *Australasian Journal of American Studies* 2016-present

Graduate Student Associate, Center for History and Economics (Harvard University) 2009 – 2014

Co-organizer, *Capitalism in Action*, Graduate Student Conference (Cambridge, MA) 2011

Organizer, Center for History and Economics Graduate Workshop (Harvard University) 2009 – 2011

Co-president, Henry Adams History Graduate Student Organization (Harvard University) 2009 – 2011

## References

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