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FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION

Economic History, Applied Microeconomics

APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Stanford University, August 2005-present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2005
Dissertation: The Limits of Equality: an Economic Analysis of the Israeli Kibbutz
Supervised by Joel Mokyr (Chair), Joseph Ferrie, Rob Porter, Kathy Spier, Bill Rogerson
M.A. Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2000
B.A. Economics and Business Administration, Hebrew University, Israel, 1998,
Summa cum laude

PUBLISHED AND FORTHCOMING PAPERS

“Is Hanukkah Responsive to Christmas?” with Liran Einav and Oren Rigbi,
Economic Journal forthcoming

“The Effect of Redistribution on Migration: Evidence from the Israeli kibbutz,”
Journal of Public Economics, 93, 498-511, 2009

“The Limits of Equality: Insights from the Israeli Kibbutz,”
Quarterly Journal of Economics, 123:3, 1111-1159, 2008

“The Limits of Equality: An Economic Analysis of the Israeli Kibbutz,”
Journal of Economic History, 67(2), 495-499, 2007 [dissertation summary]

“Migration and Human Capital: Self-Selection of Indentured Servants to the Americas,” with
Fabio Braggion,
Journal of Economic History, 66(4), 882-905, 2006

“Du Pont Family”, “Kettering Charles”, “Lenin Vladimir Ilich”, “Lewis John L.”,
“Malthusian and neo-Malthusian Theories” (with Fabio Braggion), “Vanderbilt
Family”,
in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, Oxford University Press, 2004

WORKING PAPERS

Ran Abramitzky

“Risk, Incentives and Contracts: Business Partnerships in Rio De Janeiro, 1870-1891,” with Zephyr Frank and Aprajit Mahajan, revised and resubmitted, *Journal of Economic History* [current draft: September 2009]

“The Equality-Incentives Trade-Off: Lessons from the Kibbutz,” prepared for *the Journal of Economic Perspectives* [current draft: August 2009]

“Marrying Up: the Role of Sex Ratio in Assortative Matching,” with Adeline Delavande and Luis Vasconcelos [current draft: November 2009]

“Europe’s Tired, Poor, Huddled Masses: Self-Selection and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration,” with Leah Boustan and Katherine Eriksson [current draft: June 2009]

“Book Translations as Information Flows: How Detrimental Was Communism to the Flow of Ideas?” with Isabelle Sin [current draft: September 2009]

“On the (lack of) Stability of Communes: An Economic Perspective,” prepared for the *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion*, Edited by Rachel McCleary [current draft: August 2009]

WORK IN PROGRESS

BOOK

Redistribution: Lessons from the Israeli kibbutz

PAPERS

“How Responsive is Investment in Schooling to Changes in Returns? Evidence from an Unusual Pay Reform in Israel’s Kibbutzim,” with Victor Lavy

“How Selfish is Homo-Sociologicus? The Rise, Persistence and Fall of the Israeli Kibbutzim”

“Are Jews Always More Educated? Evidence from Interwar Poland,” with Hanna Halaburda, manuscript, 2005

“Cultural Beliefs and the Origin of Israeli Cooperatives: Kibbutz vs. Moshav”

“Equal-Sharing and Skill-Formation: Evidence from the Israeli Kibbutz,” manuscript, 2005

PAST POSITIONS

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Economics, Tel-Aviv University, February 2007

Trainer of new economic Teaching Assistants, Northwestern University, 2004

Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, Department of Economics, 2000-2003:

Public Finance, Introductory Microeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomics

Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, MMSS program, 2003:

Game Theory, Turbo Microeconomics

Ran Abramitzky

Lecturer, Jerusalem College, 1997-1999: Introductory Micro, Macroeconomics and Finance
Teaching Assistant, Hebrew University, Department of Economics, 1997-1999:
Intermediate Macroeconomics #1, #2
Top Sergeant, IDF, 1992-1995

RESEARCH GRANTS

National Science Foundation Grant No. SES-0720901, "The Selection and Incentive Effects of Equal-Sharing," Award amount and duration: \$219,342, 2007-2010

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Economics Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award, Stanford, 2009
Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the best dissertation in economic history (European, Asian, and comparative topics) awarded by the Economic History Association, 2006
Graduate Research Grant, Mellon Foundation, 2005
Dissertation Fellowship, Crown Family Center for Jewish Studies, Northwestern, 2004-2005
Economic History Association Dissertation Award, 2004
Teaching Assistant Fellow, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern, 2004-2005
Dissertation Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2003-2004
Graduate Research Fellowship, Northwestern University, summer 2003
Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2003
Economic History Association Pre-Dissertation Award, 2003
Teaching Assistant Awards, Northwestern University, 2001, 2002, 2003
University Fellowship, Northwestern University, 1999-2000
Department of Economics Award, Hebrew University, 1998-1999
Rector's Fellowship, School of Business Administration, Hebrew University, 1998-1999
Program for Outstanding Students, Economics Department, Hebrew University, 1996-1999
Dean's List, Hebrew University, 1996, 1997, 1998

INVITED SEMINARS

2009-2010: NYU Stern, UCLA Anderson, Bar-Ilan University (scheduled), Tel-Aviv University (scheduled), Ben-Gurion University (scheduled), Berkeley public policy (scheduled), Boston University (scheduled), George Mason (scheduled), Chapman (scheduled).
2008-2009: Yale, Harvard, Berkeley, Berkeley demography, Northwestern.
2007-2008: UCLA, UCSD, UC Davis, Tel-Aviv University, Hebrew University.
2006-2007: Tel-Aviv University, Hebrew University, Ben-Gurion University, Haifa University, Bar-Ilan University.
2005-2006: University of British Columbia, University of Chicago GSB, UCLA, UC Berkeley Haas, LSE, UC Berkeley, University of Colorado at Boulder, University of Toronto, University of Western Ontario
2004-2005: Harvard, Harvard Business School, Stanford, Yale SOM, Northwestern, Kellogg School of Management (Management and Strategy), UC San Diego, Maryland, UC Irvine, University of Illinois at Chicago, Tel Aviv University, Hebrew University
2003: Northwestern

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Ran Abramitzky

Economic History Association Meetings, Tucson, September 2009 (scheduled)
Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE), Stanford, July 2008
NBER, Development of the American Economy, Summer Institute, July 2008
All-UC Group in Economic History, Pasadena, May 2008
NBER, Public Economics program, Spring meetings, Boston, April 2008.
NBER, empirical personnel economics workshop, Summer Institute, Boston, July 2007.
Economic History Association Meetings, Pittsburgh, September 2006
Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE), July 2006
American Economic Association Meetings, Boston, January 2006
The Structure and Evolution of Institutions, Stanford University, November 2005
Economic History Association Meetings (Poster Presentation), St. Louis, September 2004
Fifth World Congress in Cliometrics, Venice, Italy, July 2004
Illinois Economic Association Meetings, October 2003
Association for Israel Studies' Annual Conference, San Diego, California, April 2003

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Organizer of Workshop: “Theory and History” within the Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, July 2008
Co-Organizer of Workshop: “Risk, Contracts and Organizations: Evidence from History and the Present” within the Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics, July 2006
Referee for *American Economic Review*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Economic Journal*, *Journal of European Economic Association*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *Demography*, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*, *Economic Quarterly* [Hebrew]

TEACHING

Graduate: European Economic History, Topics in Economic History
Undergraduate: Intermediate Microeconomics

ADVISING GRADUATE STUDENTS

Main advisor:

Isabelle Sin (in progress)

Dissertation committee member:

2010: Christopher Paik (expected)

2009: Oren Rigbi (Ben Gurion University)

2008: Itai Ater (Tel Aviv University), Assaf Eilat (Compass LexEcon), Stephan McBride (Analysis group)

2007: Jared Rubin (California State University, Fullerton)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Israeli Citizen, US permanent resident

Born in Jerusalem, Israel, February 1974

Married with three children