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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Columbia University, Columbia Business School, July 2018 – present

EDUCATION

2013-2018 **University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)**, Anderson School of Management
Ph.D. in Economics
Global Economics and Management
Dissertation: “Essays on the Economic Effects of Convict Labor in Modern U.S. History”
Dissertation committee: Paola Giuliano (co-chair), Romain T. Wacziarg (co-chair),
Christian Dippel, Daniel N. Posner, Peter E. Rossi, and Nico Voigtländer.

2010-2012 **New Economic School (NES)**, Economics Department
MA in Economics,
Economic Policy, Finance

2010-2012 **Moscow State University (MSU)**, Institute of Asia and Africa Studies
MA in Oriental and African Studies,
International Economic Relations of Asian and African Countries

2006-2010 **Moscow State University (MSU)**, Institute of Asia and Africa Studies
BA in Oriental and African Studies,
Socioeconomic Development of Asian and African Countries

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Working papers:

- “Economic Consequences of the U.S. Convict Labor System”
- “Regime Stability and the Persistence of Traditional Practices” *R&R Review of Economics and Statistics*
- “Do Private Prisons Affect Criminal Sentencing?” (with Christian Dippel)
- “How Common are Judicial Electoral Cycles in Criminal Sentencing?” (with Christian Dippel)
- “Conservative News Media and Criminal Justice: Evidence from Exposure to Fox News Channel” (with Elliott Ash)
- “State Capacity and Demand for Identity: Evidence from Political Instability in Mali” (with Maxim Ananyev)
- “Do Dictators Signal Strength with Elections?” (with Maxim Ananyev)
- “The Employment Effects of a Gender-Specific Minimum Wage” (with Riccardo Marchingiglio)
- “Why Aren’t People Leaving “Janesville”? : Industry Persistence, Trade Shocks and Mobility” (with Sebastian Ottinger)
- “Organized Religion and Persistence of Norms: Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Maxim Ananyev)
- “U.S. Convict Labor System and its Effects on Incarceration and Racial Discrimination”
- “Effects of Student Diversity on Education and Later-Life Outcomes: Evidence from Chile” (with Juan Matamala)

Selected work in progress:

- “Prison Labor and Recidivism” (with Riccardo Marchingiglio)
- “Who Reaps Gains From Trade? Trade and Inequality in Diverse Societies: Evidence from Africa” (with Maxim Ananyev)
- “Top Executives’ Ancestral Characteristics and Firm Outcomes” (with Yuqing Zhou)

Publications:

- “Essays on the Economic Effects of Convict Labor in Modern U.S. History” (Dissertation Summary), *Journal of Economic History*, forthcoming June 2020

Books chapters:

- “Media in Russia: Between Modernization and Monopoly” (with Maria Lipman and Anna Kachkaeva), book chapter, in Daniel Treisman ed., “The New Autocracy: Information, Politics, and Policy in Putin’s Russia,” Brookings Institution Press, 2018

TEACHING

- “Theory and Application of Regression Analysis” (MGMT204B) (PhD course), Teaching Assistant, Prof. Peter E. Rossi (Anderson UCLA), Winter 2016
- “Doing Business in Emerging Markets” (MGMT297E) (MBA/FEMBA course), Teaching Assistant, Prof. Sebastián Edwards (Anderson UCLA), Spring 2015, Winter 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018
- “The Global Economy” (MGMT406) (MBA/FEMBA course), Teaching Assistant, Prof. Sebastián Edwards (Anderson UCLA), Spring 2015, Winter 2017, Winter 2018
- “International Studies in Chile” (MGMT458A/B) (MBA/FEMBA course), Teaching Assistant, Prof. Sebastián Edwards (Anderson UCLA), Fall 2015-Winter 2016
- “Managerial Economics” (MGMT405) (MBA course), Teaching Assistant, Prof. Paola Giuliano (Anderson UCLA), Fall 2014
- “Financial Risk Management” (Graduate course), Teaching Assistant, Prof. Alexei Goriaev (NES), Summer 2013
- “Empirics of Financial Markets” (Graduate course), Teaching Assistant, Prof. Igor Kheifets (NES), Spring 2013
- “Development Economics” (Graduate course), Teaching Assistant, Prof. Paul Dower (NES), Winter 2013
- “Asset Pricing” (Graduate course), Grading Assistant, Prof. Oleg Shibanov (NES), Fall 2012
- “Derivatives” (Graduate course), Grading Assistant, Prof. Dmitry Makarov (NES), Fall 2012
- “Financial Markets and Instruments” (Graduate course), Teaching Assistant, Prof. Alexei Goriaev (NES), Spring 2012, Spring 2013

REFEREEING

British Journal of Political Science, Economica, Journal of Demographic Economics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, Review of Economics and Statistics.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Hayek Fund for Scholars Research Grant, 2019
- The Institute for New Economic Thinking Research Grant, 2018-2019
- Hayek Fund for Scholars Research Grant, 2018
- UCLA Harold and Pauline Price Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation Research Grant, 2017-2018
- Center for Global Management PhD Global Research Award, 2017

- UCLA Ziman Center for Real Estate Research Grant, 2017-2018
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2017-2018
- EHA Exploratory Travel and Data Grant, 2017
- Marvin Hoffenberg Research Fellow, CAPPP UCLA, 2016-2017
- Searle Freedom Trust Scholar, IHS PhD Scholarship, 2016-2017
- UCLA Anderson Dean's Award, 2016
- APSA Travel Grants, 2016
- RES Conference Grant, 2016
- Center for Global Management PhD Global Research Award, 2015
- UCLA Anderson Dean's Award, 2015
- Russell Sage Foundation's Small Grant in Behavioral Economics, 2015
- IHS Conference & Research Grant, 2015
- Center for Global Management PhD Global Research Award, 2014
- Anderson Fellowship, UCLA, 2013-2017
- Best student on Economic Policy specialization at NES, 2012
- BP Scholarship for excellence in studies, 2011-2012

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- AALIMS (Association for Analytical Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies) (April 2016 – present)
- INET (Institute for New Economic Thinking) (August 2018 – present)
- CCPR (California Center for Population Research) (December 2014 – June 2018)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Jul 2016 – Oct 2017	Research Assistant to Prof. Paola Giuliano (UCLA Anderson)
Sep 2014 – Jun 2018	Teaching Assistant, UCLA Anderson School of Management
Jul 2014 – Jun 2018	Research Assistant to Prof. Sebastián Edwards (UCLA Anderson)
Jul 2012 – Jan 2014	Researcher, Center of Macroeconomic Research of the Institute of the Applied Economic Research, Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration, Moscow, Russia
Mar 2012 – May 2013	Teaching Assistant, New Economic School, Moscow, Russia
May 2012 – Mar 2013	Researcher, International Trade Department, Gaidar Institute for Economic Policy, Moscow, Russia
Jul 2012 – Jan 2013	Research Assistant to Prof. Sergei Guriev (Sciences Po)
Aug 2012 – Dec 2012	Research Assistant to Prof. Shlomo Weber (SMU)
Jun 2009 – Aug 2009	Internship at Institute of Urban Economics, Moscow, Russia
Jul 2008 – Aug 2008	Internship at Center for Fiscal Policy, Moscow, Russia

Seminars:

2019–20: University of Bonn (upcoming); Loyola Marymount University, (upcoming); CEMFI; University of Alberta; University of Nottingham; UCLA, Anderson School of Management.

2018–19: The Urban Institute (presented by co-author); Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz College; University of Zürich; ETH Zürich.

2017–18: Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz College; CERGE-EI; UNSW; LSE, Department of Economic History; UC Irvine.

Selected Conferences and Workshops:

RES Annual Conference, Belfast, UK, (upcoming); Economic History Society Annual Conference, Oxford, UK, (upcoming); ASREC Annual Conference, Orange, CA, (upcoming); Public Choice Society Annual Meetings, Newport Beach, CA, (upcoming); ESWM, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 2019; Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics, Singapore, 2019; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Claremont, CA, 2019; OzClio, Sydney, Australia (presented by co-author); INET Taskforce Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2019; Transatlantic Workshop on the Economics of Crime, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2019; EHA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2019; EEA-ESEM, Manchester, UK, 2019; Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, 2019; ASREC Annual Conference, Boston, MA, 2019; ASSA Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2018; UEA Annual Meeting, New York, 2018; INET Taskforce Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2018; Cliometric Society Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, FL, 2018; EHS Annual Conference, Keele University, UK, 2018; ASREC Annual Conference, Orange, CA, 2018; All-UC Economic History Group Graduate Student Workshop, Davis, CA, 2017; All-California Labor Economics, Palo Alto, CA, 2017 (poster); SIOE Conference, New York, NY, 2017; ALEA Annual Meeting, New Haven, CT, 2017; UC BPP-GEM Workshop, Monterey, CA, 2017; AALIMS-Pomona Graduate Student Workshop, Claremont, CA, 2017 (presented by co-author); PACDEV Conference, UC Riverside, 2017; ASREC Annual Conference, Boston, MA, 2017; ASSA Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2017; All-UC Economic History Conference, UC Davis, 2016; SIOE Conference, Paris, France, 2016; UC BPP-GEM Workshop, Santa Barbara, CA, 2016; AALIMS-Stanford Graduate Student Workshop, Palo Alto, CA, 2016; CSAE Conference, Oxford, UK, 2016; ASREC Annual Conference, Orange, CA, 2016 (presented by co-author); UC BPP-GEM Workshop, San Luis Obispo, CA, 2015; PAA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2015; RES Annual Conference, Manchester, UK, 2015 (presented by co-author).

SKILLS

Language skills: English and Hebrew – fluent; French – intermediate; Arabic, Chinese, and German– basic; Russian – native.
Computer skills: R, MATLAB, Stata, ArcGIS, Python, Mathematica, EViews, SPSS, GAUSS, VBA, MS Office, \LaTeX , LyX.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

- Anderson GEM student representative, 2014-2015;
- Language Study Course (Hebrew), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem/ The Rothberg International School, Certificate of Fluency in Hebrew Language, 2008;
- Candidate for Master of Sport in Chess, 2005.

Personal

Citizen of Russia.

REFERENCES

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