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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

Assistant Professor of Economics, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2016-Present

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA, 2018-Present  
Development of the American Economy Program

W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellow and William C. Bark National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, 2019-2020

Visiting Scholar, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN, 2020-2021

**EDUCATION**

PhD, Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2016  
Dissertation: *Selection and Anthropometrics in Economic History*  
Dissertation Committee: Joel Mokyr, Joseph Ferrie, Matthew Notowidigdo

MA, Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2011

BSFS *summa cum laude*, International Economics, Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC, 2010

**RESEARCH**

*Published and Forthcoming Papers*

Zimran, Ariell (2023). "Internal Migration in the United States: Rates, Selection, and Destination Choice, 1850-1940." *Journal of Economic History* Forthcoming.  
Revised version of NBER Working Paper 30384.

Collins, William J. and Ariell Zimran (2023). "Working Their Way Up? US Immigrants' Changing Labor Market Assimilation in the Age of Mass Migration." *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 15:3, pp. 238-269.  
Revised version of NBER Working Paper 26414.

Zimran, Ariell (2022). "US Immigrants' Secondary Migration and Geographic Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration." *Explorations in Economic History* 85, 101457.  
Revised version of NBER Working Paper 28812.

Zimran, Ariell (2020). "Recognizing Sample-Selection Bias in Historical Data." *Social Science History* 44:3, pp. 525-554.

Zimran, Ariell (2020). "Transportation and Health in the Antebellum United States 1820–1847." *Journal of Economic History* 80:3, pp. 670-709.  
Revised version of NBER Working Paper 24943.

Collins, William J. and Ariell Zimran (2019). “The Economic Assimilation of Irish Famine Migrants to the United States.” *Explorations in Economic History* 74, 101302.  
Revised version of NBER Working Paper 25287.

Zimran, Ariell (2019). “Sample-Selection Bias and Height Trends in the Nineteenth-Century United States.” *Journal of Economic History* 79:1, pp. 99-138.  
Revised version of NBER Working Paper 24815.

Spitzer, Yannay and Ariell Zimran (2018). “Migrant Self-Selection: Anthropometric Evidence from the Mass Migration of Italians to the United States, 1907-1925.” *Journal of Development Economics* 134, pp. 226-247.

#### *Working Papers*

Spitzer, Yannay, Gaspare Tortorici, and Ariell Zimran. “International Migration Responses to Modern Europe’s Most Destructive Earthquake: Messina and Reggio Calabria, 1908.” NBER Working Paper 27506 and CEPR Discussion Paper 15008. Conditionally accepted by the *Journal of Economic History*.

Spitzer, Yannay and Ariell Zimran. “Like an Ink Blot on Paper: Testing the Diffusion Hypothesis of Mass Migration, Italy 1876-1920.” NBER Working Paper 30847 and CEPR Discussion Paper 17837. Rejected with an invitation to resubmit by the *Review of Economic Studies*.

Escamilla-Guerrero, David, Andrea Papadia, and Ariell Zimran. “The Effects of Immigration in a Developing Country: Brazil in the Age of Mass Migration.” NBER Working Paper 32083, IZA Discussion Paper 16741, and Oxford Economic and Social History Working Paper 211. Submitted.

Sichko, Christopher T., Ariell Zimran, and Aparna Howlader. “Environmental Migration and Race during the Great American Drought, 1935-1940.” Submitted.

#### *Selected Work in Progress*

Arroyo Abad, Leticia, José-Antonio Espín-Sánchez, Yannay Spitzer, and Ariell Zimran. “Gambling for America: The First Wave of Migration to the Americas, 1493-1539.”

Collins, William J. and Ariell Zimran. “‘Be Very Particular to Distinguish Between Farmers and Farm Laborers’: Complete-Count Censuses and the Composition of the Nineteenth-Century Agricultural Labor Force.”

Collins, William J. and Ariell Zimran. “Internal Migration Patterns of Blacks and Whites in the United States, 1870-1950.”

Collins, William J. and Ariell Zimran. “Who Benefited from World War II Service and the GI Bill? New Evidence on Heterogeneous Effects for US Veterans.”  
In preparation for the NBER conference on the Economics of World War II

Sasaki, Yuya and Ariell Zimran. “Using Discrepancies to Correct for False Matches in Historical Linked Data.”

#### **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

W. Glenn Campbell and Rita Ricardo-Campbell National Fellowship and William C. Bark National Fellowship, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, 2019-2020  
 Research Scholar Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2019-2020  
 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant No. 1425598: “Essays on Migrant Self-Selection and Productivity,” with Joel Mokyr, 2014-2016  
 Economic History Association Dissertation Fellowship, 2015-2016  
 Northwestern University Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2015-2016  
 Northwestern University Career Development Grant, 2015  
 Economic History Association Exploratory Travel and Data Grant, 2014  
 Northwestern University Conference Travel Grant, 2013, 2014  
 Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2013

## HONORS AND AWARDS

European Historical Economics Society Graduate Student Travel Bursary, 2015  
 SSHA/Tilly Graduate Student Travel Award, 2014  
 Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award, Northwestern University, 2012, 2013  
 William F. Notz Medal, Georgetown University, 2010  
 Honors in International Economics, Georgetown University, 2010  
 Dean’s Citation, Georgetown University, 2010  
 Phi Beta Kappa, Georgetown University, 2009  
 Omicron Delta Epsilon, Georgetown University, 2008

## SHORT-TERM VISITS

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, December 2020-January 2021  
 University of Nottingham, March 2020  
 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 2017  
 Stanford Center for International Development, May 2016

## PRESENTATIONS

*Includes scheduled presentations. Italics are presentations cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

2024 St. Olaf College; NBER Economics of World War II; NBER DAE Spring Meeting  
 2023 Macalester College; NBER Economics of World War II Preconference; University of St. Andrews; Yale University  
 2022 NBER Immigrants and the US Economy; Economic History Association Annual Meetings, La Crosse, WI; University of Mississippi; The Columbian Shock: Explaining Long-Term Development of the Americas, New Haven, CT  
 2021 Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute; London School of Economics; Resilience Through History: The 2021 Economic History Conference at Yale, New Haven, CT  
 2020 Allied Social Sciences Association, San Diego, CA; University of Warwick; Oxford University; Queen’s University Belfast; University of Nottingham; *London School of Economics; Georgetown University; Washington Area Economic History Seminar; Cliometric Society Annual Conference, Orange, CA; NBER DAE Summer Institute; Economic History Association Annual Meetings*  
 2019 Allied Social Sciences Association, Atlanta, GA; NBER DAE Spring Meeting; University of Michigan H2D2 Research Day, Ann Arbor, MI; Economic History Society Conference, Belfast, UK; Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Madison, WI; IZA Annual Migration Meeting, Dublin, Ireland; Northwestern University; Migration and Development Conference, Madrid, Spain; UC Davis; Stanford University

- 2018 Minnesota Population Center; University of Michigan H2D2 Research Day, Ann Arbor, MI; Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Minneapolis, MN; Economic History Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, QC; Auburn University
- 2017 Tel Aviv University; Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Ben Gurion University; NBER DAE Summer Institute
- 2016 Vanderbilt University; University of Colorado; University of Queensland; Australian National University; University of Melbourne; Stanford University; Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Allied Social Sciences Association, Boston, MA; Western Economic Association International Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI; European Historical Economics Society Conference, Pisa, Italy; Northwestern University; Illinois Economics Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL; Social Science History Association Conference, Baltimore, MD; University of Michigan H2D2 Research Day, Ann Arbor, MI; London School of Economics
- 2014 Warwick University Economics PhD Conference, Warwick, UK; Cliometric Society Annual Conference, Clemson, SC; Economic History Association Annual Meetings, Columbus, OH; Illinois Economics Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL; London School of Economics; Social Science History Association Conference, Toronto, ON
- 2013 Asian Meetings of the Econometric Society, Singapore; Economic History Association Annual Meetings (Poster), Washington, DC

## TEACHING

*Vanderbilt University. Includes scheduled courses.*

Microeconomic Topics in Economic History (PhD), Fall 2021  
 Introduction to Economic History (PhD), Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2021  
 Economics Honors Seminar (Undergraduate), Fall 2022, Spring 2023  
 Economic History of Europe (Undergraduate), Fall 2018, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2024  
 Economic History of the United States (Undergraduate), Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

## ADVISING

*Graduate Students* (\* indicates primary or co-primary advisor; in Economics unless otherwise indicated)  
 Danielle Drago Drory (JD/PhD in Law and Economics), 2018, placed at Skadden, Arps, Meagher & Flom LLP and Affiliates  
 \*Christopher Sichko, 2021, placed at USDA Economic Research Service  
 \*Colin Sharpe, 2023, placed at Cornerstone Research  
 Martin Schmitz, in progress  
 \*Anne Kruse, in progress  
 \*João Tampellini-Silva, in progress

*Selected Undergraduates* (graduation year and placement)

Danielle Williamson, 2018, PhD in Economics, Boston University  
 Sarah Robinson, 2019, PhD in Economics, Harvard University  
 Jared Katz, 2023, Research Assistant, Federal Reserve Board  
 Claire Chen, 2024, in progress

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; Economic History Review; Economics and Human Biology; Economic Inquiry; Economic Journal; Essays in Economic and Business History; European Review of Economic History; Explorations in Economic History; Feminist Economics; Historical Methods; Journal of Applied*

*Econometrics; Journal of Economic History; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Transport and Health; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; Regional Science and Urban Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics*

Local Arrangements Committee Member, 2022 Cliometrics Conference

Program Committee Member, 2021 Cliometrics Conference

Ad Hoc Reviewer for the National Science Foundation

Committee Member for the EHA Jones Prize for best book in North American Economic History, 2020-2025

Vanderbilt Service: Economics Honors Program Director (2022-2023); Departmental Microeconomics Seminar Coordinator (2022-2023); Economics Librarian Search (2021-2022); PhD Admissions (2020-2021); Economic History Recruitment (2018-2019); Library Liaison (2019-); Economic History Tea Organizer (2021-2022)

Vanderbilt Center for Teaching Online Course Design Institute, 2020

Session Chair at Economic History Association Annual Meetings, San Jose, CA, 2017

Discussant at IPUMS Data-Intensive Research Conference 2021; Economic History Association Meetings, Atlanta, GA 2019; MIEDC, Madison, WI 2019; Allied Social Sciences Association, Atlanta, GA 2019; MIEDC, Minneapolis, MN 2018; TEAM-Fest, Knoxville, TN 2018; VEAM-Fest, Nashville, TN 2017; Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL 2016

Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Workshop, Honolulu, HI, 2015

University of Chicago Summer Price Theory Camp, Chicago, IL, 2012

## **PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant, Northwestern University Center for Economic History, 2015-2016

Research Assistant to Professor Joel Mokyr, 2014

Research Assistant to Professor Igal Hendel, 2012-2014

US Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Economics, Intern, 2009-2010