**ROWENA GRAY**

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**Current Positions**

Assistant Professor, University of California, Merced, Economics, 2015-

Research Affiliate, Queen’s Centre for Economic History, Belfast, 2013-

**Previous Positions**

Visiting Researcher, Russell Sage Foundation, New York City, Jan-Feb 2018

Visiting Scholar, Institute for International Integration Studies, Trinity College Dublin, 2014

Lecturer, University of Essex, 2011- 2013

# Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of California at Davis, 2011

M.A. Economics, University of California at Davis, 2006

B.A. Economics and History, University of Dublin, Trinity College, 2004, *first class honors*

**Research and Teaching Interests**

Economic History, Labor Economics, Economics of Crime, Immigration, Housing

**Publications**

“Returns to Education in Criminal Organizations: Did Going to College Help Michael Corleone?” (with Nadia Campaniello and Giovanni Mastrobuoni) *Economics of Education Review*, Vol. 54 (October 2016): 242-258*.*

Media Attention: [Fortune Magazine](http://fortune.com/2016/07/09/mobsters-college-degree-study/), [Irish Times](http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/mobsters-who-stay-in-school-earn-more-from-their-business-dealings-1.2581781), [Times Higher Education](https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/higher-levels-education-can-benefit-mobsters), [Bloomberg Podcast](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-01-30/odd-lots-stay-in-school-even-if-you-re-planning-to-join-the-mob), [ConversationUK](https://theconversation.com/when-crime-pays-mobsters-who-spent-more-time-at-school-earned-more-money-69680?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=twitterbutton), [Scientific American Podcast](https://www.scientificamerican.com/podcast/episode/bookish-mobsters-made-better-bookies/)

“Geography is not Destiny. Geography, Institutions and Literacy in Pre-Industrial England” (with Gregory Clark) *Oxford Economic Papers,* Vol. 66, No. 4 (October 2014): 1042-1069*.*

“Taking Technology to Task: The Skill Content of Technological Change in Early Twentieth Century United States” *Explorations in Economic History*, Vol. 50, No. 3 (July 2013): 351-367.

Winner of the **Larry Neal Prize** for best article in *Explorations*, 2013-2014.

**Book Chapters**

“Violence and Crime” in eds. Matthias Blum and Chris Colvin, *An Economist’s Guide to Economic History*, 2019, Palgrave Macmillan.

“Energy in American Economic History” (with Carl Kitchens) in eds. Louis Cain, Price Fishback and Paul Rhode, *Oxford Handbook of American Economic History*, 2018, Oxford University Press.

**Working Papers**

“Processing Immigration Shocks: Firm Responses on the Innovation Margin” (with Greg C. Wright and Giulia Montresor) [CESIFO Working Paper](https://ideas.repec.org/p/ces/ceswps/_6624.html) *Revise & Resubmit*

“Globalization, Agricultural Markets and Mass Migration” (with Gaia Narciso and Gaspare Tortorici) [CREAM Working Paper](http://rowenagray.weebly.com/uploads/8/6/1/8/8618278/gnt_creamwp.pdf) *Revised & Resubmitted*

“Selection Bias in Historical Housing Data” [Queens Belfast Centre for Econ History WP 20181](http://www.quceh.org.uk/uploads/1/0/5/5/10558478/wp18-01.pdf) *Revise & Resubmit*

**Work in Progress**

“Technological Revolutions and Occupational Change: Electrifying News from the Old Days” (with Paul Gaggl and Ioana Marinescu)

“Importing Crime? The Effect of Immigration on Crime in the United States, 1880-1930” (with Giovanni Peri)

“Rents and Welfare in the Second Industrial Revolution: Evidence from New York City”

“Moving on Up: Immigration and Native Occupational Mobility in the United States, 1870-1930” (with Siobhan O’Keefe, Sarah Quincy and Zachary Ward)

**Book Reviews**

Gray, Rowena (2017) review of Robert Gordon, *The Rise and Fall of American Economic Growth* (Princeton, 2016) reviewed for *Journal of Economic History*, Vol. 77(3): 960-962.

Gray, Rowena (2012) review of Leo Panitch and Sam Gindin, *The Making of Global Capitalism: The Political Economy of American Empire* (Verso, London, 2012) reviewed for *Times Higher Education*.

**Teaching**

2019 GIS for World Economic History (co-instructor Karl Ryavec, World Heritage), Independent Study, *UC Merced*

2018 Labor Economics, Money & Banking, Independent Study, *UC Merced*

2017 Labor Economics, Independent Study, *UC Merced*

2016 Independent Study (11 students), *UC Merced*

2015 Labor Economics; Independent Study (5 students), *UC Merced*

2014 Financial Institutions; Market Theory, *Queen’s University Belfast*

Natural Experiments in History (PhD), *Trinity College Dublin*

2012 & 2013 Financial Innovations and Monetary Policy, *University of Essex*

2011 & 2013 International Trade Institutions and Policy, *University of Essex*

2009 American Economic History before the Civil War, *UC Davis*

2008 Principles of Macroeconomics, *California State University, East Bay*

2005-2009 Teaching Assistant, *UC Davis*: labor economics, economic development, American and world economic history, principles of economics

**Recent Grants**

Hellman Faculty Fellows Award ($21,000), “Immigration, Crime and City Politics: Lessons from U.S. Urban History”, 2017-2018

Russell Sage Foundation Grant ($22,712), “Adapting to Workplace Technological Change over the Long

Run” (Co-Investigator with Miguel Morin, University of Cambridge), 2015-2016

British Academy Small Grant (£8671.50), “Occupational Change over Time: Evidence and Determinants using U.S. Linked Census Data”, Principal Investigator, 2013-2014

Principal Investigator, Economic and Social Research Council (UK) Seminars Funding (£17500), Grant ES/J021822/1, (with Chris Minns, LSE, and Alex Klein, Kent) to fund conference series “Economic Growth and Economic Performance over the Long Run”, 2012-2014

**Other Honors and Awards**

CSWEP Cement Mentoring Workshop Mentee, 2018

Ray Beaumont Award for Department Collegiality, UC Davis, 2010

Economic History Association Dissertation Fellowship, 2009-2010

Fulbright Award (Ireland), US Department of State, 2005-2010

European Science Foundation Exchange Grant (Globalizing Europe Economic History Network), Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, 2008

UC Davis and Humanities Research Award, 2007-2008

All-UC Economic History Group Summer Research Award, 2007

UC Davis Non-Resident Tuition Fellowship, 2006-2008

Scholar, Trinity College Dublin, 2002-2007

Editor, *Student Economic Review*, Trinity College Dublin, 2003

Team Member, Washington Ireland Program for Service and Leadership, 2003

Entrance Exhibitioner, Trinity College Dublin, 2000

**Conferences/Presentations**

2019: INET Young Scholars Initiative Economic History North America Convening (USC); Economic History Society Meeting (Belfast); *Scheduled*: Cliometrics Society Meeting; European Historical Economics Society Meeting

2018: ASSA Cliometrics Association Session; UC Merced; UC Davis; World Economic History Congress (Boston); Western Economic Association; PUC Santiago; UC Irvine

2017: 8th World Congress of Cliometrics (Strasbourg); Trinity College Dublin; Economic History Association Annual Conference (San Jose); Colby College; Social Science History Association Meeting (Montreal); Dartmouth College

2016: UC Merced; UC Davis; NBER Summer Institute (Development of the American Economy); Trinity College Dublin; Social Science History Association Meeting

2015: CSU Fresno; Western Economic Association EHA & CSWEP Sessions; Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Nashville)

2014: Trinity College Dublin; BETA Workshop in Economic History; Economic and Business History Society Annual Meeting (Manchester); Irish Society of New Economists; Long-Run Perspectives on Crime and Conflict (Belfast); University College Dublin; Queen’s University Belfast

2013: ASSA Economic History Association Session; EHS Annual Meeting; Queen’s University Belfast; UC Merced; European Historical Economics Society Meeting; University of Southern Denmark; Swedish Economic History Meeting; London School of Economics; University of Essex

2012: Groningen FRESH Meeting; Seoul National University; Tsinghua University; Royal Economics Society Women’s Committee Mentoring Meetings (University of York); University of Kent; TASKS 2 Conference Bonn

2011: Social Science History Association; University of Essex; European Historical Economics Society (Dublin); IIASA Vienna; Gothenburg FRESH Meeting; University of Waterloo; University of Adelaide; Monash University; Universitat de Barcelona; University of Warwick; University of Michigan, Dearborn

2010: Social Science History Association; Sacramento State University; All-UC Economic History Group Workshop; European Economic Association; NBER Summer Institute (poster) Development of the American Economy; Society of Labor Economists; UC Davis; Canadian Economics Association; Irish Economics Association; Belfast FRESH Meeting

2009: Western Economic Association Vancouver; Oxford FRESH Meeting

2008: Economic History Society Graduate Workshop (Manchester); Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

**Professional Service**

Discussant, Economic History Association Meeting, September 2019

Mock Interview Panelist, Western Economic Association Vancouver, June 2018

All-UC Group in Economic History Conference Organizer: Housing Markets and Living Standards in Economic History, Tenaya Lodge, March 2017

Steering Committee, All-UC Group in Economic History, 2016-2019

Trinity College Dublin International Welcome Program Mentor, 2016-2017

Summer Grant Coordinator, All-UC Group in Economic History, 2016

Co-Organizer, Long-Run Perspectives on Crime and Conflict Group, 2014-

Co-Organizer, Frontier Research in Economic and Social History, 2011-

Editorial Board, *Scandinavian Economic History Review*, 2011-2014

**Refereeing**

*American Economic Review, Economic Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Economic Development, Explorations in Economic History, European Review of Economic History, Scandinavian Economic History Review, European Journal of Comparative Economics, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond Grant, Russell Sage Foundation (panel review & referee)*

**University Service**

Graduate Committee, Economics, UC Merced, 2018-2019

Undergraduate Chair, Economics, UC Merced, 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Co-organizer, Women in Economics Taskforce, UC Merced, 2017-2018

Economics Department Search Committee, UC Merced, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019

Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Mentor, UC Merced, 2017

Faculty Assessment Organizer, Economics, UC Merced, 2016-2017

Seminar Coordinator, Economics, UC Merced, 2016-2017

Student Success Internship Program Mentor, UC Merced, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019

Mariposa Merced Youth Impact Project Dinner with a Scientist for High-School Women, 2016

Faculty Volunteer, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Week, UC Merced, October 2016

Continuing Lecturer Merit Review Committee, UC Merced, 2015

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Economics, UC Merced, 2015-2018

Fiat Lux Scholars Program Faculty Participant, UC Merced, 2015 & 2018

Student Recruitment Coordinator, University of Essex, 2013

Deputy Undergraduate Student Liaison Coordinator, University of Essex, 2011-2013

Undergraduate Recruitment Assistant, University of Essex, 2011-2013

Deputy Careers Link Coordinator, University of Essex, 2012