

# 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 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, Economic Growth

## **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: 242-258.

Media Attention: [Fortune Magazine](#), [Irish Times](#), [Times Higher Education](#)

"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.

## **Working Papers**

"Within-Firm Adjustment to Labor Supply Shocks: The Role of Product and Process Innovation" (with Greg C. Wright and Giulia Montresor)

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

"The Age of Mass Migration: Historical Determinants at the Local Level" (with Gaia Narciso and Gaspare Tortorici)

## **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)

“Moving on Up: Immigration and Native Occupational Mobility in the United States, 1870-1930”

### **Book Chapters**

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

### **Book Reviews**

Gray, Rowena (forthcoming) review of Robert Gordon, *The Rise and Fall of American Economic Growth* (Princeton, 2016) reviewed for *Journal of Economic History*.

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**

2017	Labor Economics, <i>UC Merced</i>
2016	Independent Study (11 students), <i>UC Merced</i>
2015	Labor Economics; Independent Study (5 students), <i>UC Merced</i>
2014	Financial Institutions; Market Theory, <i>Queen’s University Belfast</i> Natural Experiments in History (PhD), <i>Trinity College Dublin</i>
2012 & 2013	Financial Innovations and Monetary Policy, <i>University of Essex</i>
2011 & 2013	International Trade Institutions and Policy, <i>University of Essex</i>
2009	American Economic History before the Civil War, <i>UC Davis</i>
2008	Principles of Macroeconomics, <i>California State University, East Bay</i>
2005-2009	Teaching Assistant, <i>UC Davis</i> : labor economics, economic development, American and world economic history, principles of economics

### **Recent Grants**

UC Merced Senate Committee on Research Award (\$4,900), “Immigration and Crime: What Can be Learned from Historical Inflows?”, 2016-2017

UC Merced Senate Committee on Research Award (\$4,840), “Evaluating a Great Immigration: Chain Migration and its Influence on Rental Prices in New York City 1880-1910”, 2015-2016

UC Merced Student Success Internship Program Mentor (\$4,000 to fund research intern), “New York City Housing Market”, 2015-2016 & 2016-2017

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

Economic History Association Cole Grant in Aid (\$3500), 2012, for NYC rents project

### **Other Honors and Awards**

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**

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  
2014: Trinity College Dublin, BETA Workshop in Economic History, Economic and Business History  
Society Annual Meeting, 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), 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**

Trinity College Dublin International Welcome Program Mentor, 2016-2017  
Steering Committee, All-UC Group in Economic History, 2016-  
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, Riksbankens Jubileumsfond Grant Referee*

**University Service**

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

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

Undergraduate Chair, Economics, UC Merced, 2016-2017

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

Seminar Coordinator, Economics, UC Merced, 2016-2017

Economics Department Search Committee, UC Merced, 2015-2016 & 2016-2017

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

Continuing Lecturer Merit Review Committee, UC Merced, 2015

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, UC Merced, 2015-2017

Fiat Lux Scholars Program Faculty Participant, UC Merced, 2015

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