Editors' Notes

AWARDS AT THE 2008 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The following prizes were awarded at the sixty-eighth annual meeting of the Economic History Association, held in New Haven, Connecticut, September 12–14, 2008.

The Arthur H. Cole Prize for the outstanding article published in this JOURNAL in the September 2007 through June 2008 issues to Aldo Musacchio of Harvard Business School for "Can Civil Law Countries Get Good Institutions? Lessons from the History of Creditor Rights and Bond Markets in Brazil," which appeared in the March 2008 issue. The winner is selected by the editorial board.

The Columbia University Prize in American Economic History in honor of Allan Nevins for the outstanding dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history during 2007/08 to Marco Sunder of Ludwig-Maximilians-Universitat Munchen for "Passports and Economic Development: An Anthropometric History of the U.S. Elite in the Nineteenth Century," completed under the supervision of John Komlos and Claude Hillinger.

The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the outstanding dissertation in non-U.S. or Canadian economic history during 2007/08 to Amílcar Eduardo Challú, for "Grain Markets, Food Supply Policies and Living Standards in Late Colonial Mexico," completed under the supervision of John Coatsworth, at Harvard University.

The Jonathan R. T. Hughes Prize for excellence in teaching economic history to Pamela Nickless, of University of North Carolina-Asheville. The winner is selected by the EHA Committee on Education and Teaching.

The Alice Hanson Jones Biennial Prize, which is awarded every other year for an Outstanding Book on North American Economic History, was given to Carlos Marichal, *Bankruptcy of Empire: Mexican Silver and the Wars between Spain, Britain, and France, 1760–1810* (Cambridge University Press, 2007).

Also announced at the meeting was the prize for the best article appearing in *Explorations in Economic History* in the past year, which was awarded to Michael Huberman of Université de Montréal and Chris Minns of London School of Economics and Political Science for "The Times They Are Not Changin': Days and Hours of Work in Old and New Worlds, 1870–2000" [44 (October 2007): 538–67].

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"Human Welfare: Measurement, Analysis, and Interpretation"

The Program Committee—Michael Haines, Colgate University (Chair); Jeremy Atack, Vanderbilt University; Brooks Kaiser, Gettysburg College; and Trevon Logan, Ohio State University—welcomes proposals for individual papers, as well as for entire sessions. Papers should in all cases be works in progress rather than accepted or published work. Submitters have a responsibility to let the program committee know if the proposed paper has been submitted for publication. Submissions for entire sessions

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should include no more than three papers and each proposal should be submitted separately. The committee reserves the right to determine which papers will be included in those sessions that are accepted.

As is the rule, papers on all subjects in economic history are welcome, but a number of sessions will be devoted to the theme "Human Welfare: Measurement, Analysis, and Interpretation."

The ultimate goal of economic historians is to illuminate the evolution of human welfare. This year's theme promotes efforts to unify and to find common denominators in diverse approaches to understanding this central aspect of our past. Measurement is a central concern, even in modern studies of this complex subject. Among the issues to consider are the variety of approaches and how they compare. What was the contribution of improvements in health? Of emancipation or freedom? Of the right to vote? Of moderating the business cycle, or reducing bank failures? Can we estimate the social cost of inequality or crime, and of war, epidemics, and other calamities? Of consumer surplus from trade? By how much did technological change improve welfare by making home and market production, as well as travel, easier and safer? What was the cost of isolation, or alternatively the benefit of cheap communication? What are the counterfactuals most suitable for addressing these types of questions? Of course, these ideas are merely suggestions, and we have at our disposal a growing array of economic theories and empirical methods to estimate how "progress" translates into human welfare.

Papers and session proposals should be submitted online at: http://eh.net/eha/meetings/prop_09.html. Paper proposals should include a 3–5 page précis and a 150-word abstract suitable for publication in the *Journal of Economic History*. The due date is January 31, 2009.

Graduate students are encouraged to attend and the Association offers subsidies for travel, hotel, registration, and meals, including a special graduate student dinner. A poster session welcomes work from dissertations in progress (application due date April 30, 2009).

The dissertation session convened by John Murray (University of Toledo) and Stephen Broadberry (University of Warwick, UK) will honor six dissertations completed during the 2008–2009 academic year. The submission deadline is May 31, 2009. The Alexander Gerschenkron and Allan Nevins prizes will be awarded to the best dissertation on non-North American and North American topics.

For further information, check http://eh.net/eha/, which also includes information on travel options to Tucson; the EHA meetings page (www.ehameeting.com); or contact Meetings Coordinator Jari Eloranta at elorantaj@appstate.edu.

EHA GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

The Committee on Research in Economic History (CREH) of the Economic History Association is charged with administering the association's project of assisting young scholars as a way of strengthening the discipline of economic history. The CREH made three types of awards for 2008: fellowships to graduate students writing their dissertations; travel/data grants to graduate students in the early stages of research; and Cole Grants to recent Ph.D.s.

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Dissertation Fellowship Recipients

Leticia Arroyo Abad of University of California, Davis for "Latin American Inequality in the Long Run." Advisor, Peter Lindert.
Linda Carter of Vanderbilt University for "Essays on the Educational Experiences of Economically Disadvantaged Children and Young Adults, 1870–2005." Advisor, William Collins.

Exploratory Grant Recipients

Molly Ball of University of California, Los Angeles for "Industrialization in Sao Paul's Old Republic: A Wage Perspective." Advisor, William Summerhill.
Mike Doron of Texas A&M for "The American Accounting Profession, 1920–1970." Advisor, Harold Livesay.
Brendan Livingston of University of Arizona for "The New Deal and Poverty." Advisor, Price Fishback.
Anirban Mukherjee of University of British Columbia for "Movement from Informal to Formal Credit Agreements in Early Modern England." Advisor, Mauricio Drelichman.
Maritza Paredes of University of Oxford for "Building State Institutions in Resource Abundance in the Andes, the Rise and Evolution of Development Corporations, and the Post-Liberal Challenge: Cases, Bolivia, Chile, and Peru." Advisor, Rosemary Thorp.
Ariel Rubin of Columbia University for "Low-Level Credit Networks in the Early Modern Netherlands." Advisor, Martha Howell.
Kristin Wintersteen of Duke University for "Fishing for Food and Fodder: The Transnational Environmental History of Fishmeal in Chile and Peru, 1960–1998." Advisor, John French.
Noam Meir Yuchtman of Harvard University for "An Economic Analysis of Different Educational Institutions: Returns to Education in Late Imperial and Republican China." Advisor, Claudia Goldin.

Arthur H. Cole Grants-In-Aid

Lisa Cook of James Madison College for "The Anomaly of Private Property in the Soviet Union: Evidence from Soviet Patenting at Home and Abroad, 1921 to 2007."
Karine van der Beek of Ben-Gurion University, Israel for "Investment in Human Capital on the Eve of the British Industrial Revolution: The Market for Engineering-Related Skills."
Patrick Van Horn of University of Michigan, Dearborn for "New York City Banks During the Great Depression."

The association is grateful to the members of the CREH for their work in selecting the award winners. Joyce Burnette of Wabash College chaired the committee. She was assisted by Gregory Clark of University of California, Davis, Joseph Ferrie of Northwestern University, Marc Law of University of Vermont, Anne McCants of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Kris Mitchener of Santa Clara University, and Robert Whaples of Wake Forest University.

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