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Fields

Research: Economic History, Financial Economics, Urban Economics
Teaching: Economic History (PhD, BS), Data Science for Economics and Finance (BS)

Appointments

July 2022 - Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Caltech
Assistant Professor of Economics

May 2025 - National Bureau of Economic Research
Faculty Research Fellow

Education

Ph.D., *Finance*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA, 2022
M.S., *Finance*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, USA, 2022
M.S., *Applied Mathematics*, University of Colorado Boulder, CO, USA, 2016
B.S., *Applied Mathematics*, Magna Cum Laude, University of Colorado Boulder, CO, USA, 2016
B.A., *Economics*, Magna Cum Laude, University of Colorado Boulder, CO, USA, 2016

Projects

All working papers are available on www.paweljanas.com

1. Public Goods Under Financial Distress [solo]
Revise and Resubmit (3rd round) at the *Journal of Financial Economics*
2. Crises and Educational Attainment [solo]
Forthcoming at the *Journal of Economic History*
3. Lender of Last Resort and Local Economic Outcomes [solo]
Under Review
4. Mobilizing Savings, Shaping Regions: The Financial Geography of U.S. Life Insurance [solo]
In progress

Publications

2. Baker, S. R., Janas, P., & Kueng, L. (2025). Correlation in state and local tax changes. *Journal of Public Economics*, 242, 105275.
1. Janas, P. (2023). Financial Crises and Economic Growth: U.S. Cities, Counties, and School Districts during the Great Depression (Summaries of Doctoral Dissertations for the Nevins Prize). *Journal of Economic History*, 83(2), 582-586.

Other Work

Historical datasets made publicly available through OpenICPSR:

1. Janas, Pawel. U.S. City School Systems, 1922 - 1940. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207221V2>
2. Janas, Pawel. U.S. City Financial Statistics, 1924 - 1938. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207244V2>
3. Janas, Pawel. U.S. City Manufacturing, 1904 - 1939. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207243V1>

4. Janas, Pawel. U.S. County Manufacturing, 1927 - 1937. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207242V1>
5. Janas, Pawel. U.S. Municipal Bonds, 1929. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E184123V2>
6. Janas, Pawel. U.S. County Banking Data, 1924 - 1931. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207245V1>
7. Janas, Pawel. U.S. County Manufacturing Industries, 1927. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207241V1>
8. Janas, Pawel. U.S. City Vital Statistics, 1915 - 1938. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207222V1>
9. Janas, Pawel, Baker, Scott, and Kueng, Lorenz. U.S. State and Local Tax Rates, 1975 - 2022. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E208462V1>

Awards

Arthur H. Cole Grant (Economic History Association), 2024
 Linde Institute of Economic and Management Sciences Research Grant, 2022 - 2023
 Finalist: Allan Nevins Prize for Best North American Dissertation (EHA), 2022
 Center for Economic History (Northwestern) Research Grant, 2021
 Finalist: Urban Economics Association Best Student Paper Prize, 2020
 Dissertation Fellowship (Economic History Association), 2020 - 2021
 Kellogg School of Management Doctoral Fellowship, 2016 - 2021
 Kellogg School of Management Ph.D. Research Grant, 2019 - 2021
 Distinguished Graduate, Department of Applied Mathematics at CU Boulder, 2016

Teaching

2022 - present Assistant Professor, Caltech
 U.S. Economic History (EC 129)
 Data Science for Economics and Finance (BEM 106)
 Graduate Economic History (SS 229b)
 Graduate Seminar (SS 282c)

2017 - 21 Teaching Assistant, Northwestern Kellogg School of Management
 Corporate Finance (PhD, MBA)
 Venture Capital (MBA)

Refereeing

Journal of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Financial History Review, Review of Economics and Statistics

Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations in the Past Five Years

ASSA Meetings, Mountain West Economic History Conference, Virtual Municipal Finance Workshop, Western Finance Association Annual Meeting, Western Economics Association International Annual Meeting, USC Price, Caltech, CU Boulder Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, Economic History Association Annual Meeting, UC Irvine, Vanderbilt, UC Davis, Northwestern, NBER DAE summer session (poster), Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting, Yale, Southern Economic Association Conference (scheduled)

Discussions

1. "New Deal, New Patriots: 1930s Government Spending Boosted Patriotism during WW II" by Bruno Caprettini and Hans-Joachim Voth. War and Economic History Conference, 2022.
2. "A Century of Municipal Bond Financing" by Klenio Barbosa, Gustavo Cortes, and Igor Cunha. WEAI Annual Meeting, 2022.
3. "Household Saving in World War II" by Gillian Brunet. EHA Annual Meeting, 2022.

Service

1. Ph.D. Thesis Chair, Kexin Feng (2025, initial placement: Yale Postdoc)
2. Junior Search Committee in Finance (Winter 2024, Winter 2025)
3. Caltech Finance and Social Science History Seminar Organizer (Fall 2022 - present)
4. Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Advisor (Summer 2023)

Last updated: May 2025