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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 Humanities and the Social Sciences, Caltech
Assistant Professor of Economics

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

Works in Progress

1. Public Goods Under Financial Distress [solo]
Submitted
2. Crises and Educational Attainment [solo]
Revise and Resubmit
3. Correlation in State and Local Tax Changes [with Scott Baker and Lorenz Kueng]
Revise and Resubmit
4. Lender of Last Resort and Local Economic Outcomes [solo]
Submitted
5. U.S. Insurance Capital in the Long Run: 1880 - 1950
In data collection (2022 - present)

Other Scholarly Work

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.

Historical datasets made publicly available through the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR):

2. Janas, Pawel. U.S. City School Systems, 1922 - 1940. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207221V2>
3. Janas, Pawel. U.S. City Financial Statistics, 1924 - 1938. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207244V2>
4. Janas, Pawel. U.S. City Manufacturing, 1904 - 1939. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207243V1>
5. Janas, Pawel. U.S. County Manufacturing, 1927 - 1937. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207242V1>
6. Janas, Pawel. U.S. Municipal Bonds, 1929. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E184123V2>
7. Janas, Pawel. U.S. County Banking Data, 1924 - 1931. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207245V1>
8. Janas, Pawel. U.S. County Manufacturing Industries, 1927. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207241V1>

9. Janas, Pawel. U.S. City Vital Statistics, 1915 - 1938. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR [distributor]. <https://doi.org/10.3886/E207222V1>
10. 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
Christopher S. Randall Scholarship for Excellence in Economics, 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), starting Winter 2025

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

Refereeing

Journal of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Financial History Review

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 (scheduled 2025), Hoover Institution (scheduled 2025)

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 expected)
2. Junior Search Committee (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)