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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, May 2012 (expected)

Dissertation Title: *Historical Institutions and their Legacy: The Spanish Inquisition's Motivations and Impact on Spanish Economic Development*

Main advisor: Robert A. Margo

Dissertation Committee: Robert A. Margo, Christophe Chamley and Carola Frydman

M.Sc., Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 2006

B.A., Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 2004

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Economic History, Development Economics, Political Economy, Economics of Institutions

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Public Finance History, African-American Economic History and Law and Economics, Department of Economics, Boston University, Spring 2011

Instructor, Economic Institutions in Historical Perspective, Department of Economics, Boston University, Fall 2010

Teaching Fellow, Econometrics and Development Economics, Department of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Fall 2005 and Spring 2006

ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Professor Jordi Jaumandreu, Department of Economics, Boston University, Boston, Spring 2009

Research Assistant for Professor Daniele Paserman, Department of Economics, Boston University, Boston, Summer 2008

Research Assistant for Professor Bernardo Kugler, Department of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Summer 2004 – Spring 2005

Research Assistant for Professors Josep Lluís Carrion Silvestre, and Enrique Lopez Bazo, AQR, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Summer 2003

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Rosenstein-Rodan Prize for the Best PhD Student Paper in Development Economics, May 2011

Tuition Fellowship, Department of Economics, Boston University, Spring 2011

Economic History Association Exploratory and Travel Grant, 2010

Summer Research Grant, Department of Economics, Boston University, Summer 2010

Ramon Areces Foundation Scholarship, Fall 2007-Spring 2010

Caja Madrid Foundation Scholarship, Fall 2006-Spring 2007 (renewal awarded)

MSc in Economics Tuition Fellowship, Department of Economics, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Fall 2005-Spring 2006

WORKING PAPERS

“An Economic Analysis of Spanish Inquisition’s Motivations and Consequences”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Persistence of the Inquisitorial Mind: Long Term Effects of the Spanish Inquisition”
“Fanatic Devotion for the Pope”, Extractive Institution or Social Control? Confronting the Motivations of the Spanish Inquisition”
“Papal States: Division, Elections and Conflicts” (with Francisco J. Pino)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, Yale University, November 2011
Harvard Economic History Tea, Harvard University, Boston, October 2011
Economic History Association 2011 Annual Meeting, Poster Session, Boston, MA, September 2011
European Historical Economics Society Conference, Dublin, Ireland, September 2011
Australasian Econometrics Society Meetings, Poster Session, Adelaide, Australia, July 2011
Australian National University, Canberra, Australia, June 2011
Royal Economic History Society Annual Meeting, Cambridge (UK), April 2011
Iberometrics V, Barcelona, March 2011
Asia-Pacific Economic and Business History Conference, San Francisco, February 2011
Spanish Economic Association Annual Meeting, Madrid, December 2010
NBER Summer Institute, Development of the American Economy, Poster Session, July 2010
Harvard Economic History Tea, Harvard University, Boston, March 2010
CLADHE-II/AMHE-IV, Mexico DF, February 2010, (Session: “Formación de redes sociales y su relación con la actividad económica”)

LANGUAGES

Catalan and Spanish (native); English (fluent)

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, MATLAB, E-views, LaTeX, Microsoft Office

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Economic History Association (EHA), Economic History Society (EHS), European Historical Economics Society (EHES), Econometrics Society

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Soccer, Judo Black belt (second DAN)

CITIZENSHIP/VISA: SPANISH, NON-IMMIGRANT VISA F-1

REFERENCES

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