# Editors' Notes

#### AWARDS AT THE 2009 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The following prizes were awarded at the sixty-ninth annual meeting of the Economic History Association, held in Tucson, Arizona, September 11–13, 2009.

The Arthur H. Cole Prize for the outstanding article published in this JOURNAL in the September 2008 through June 2009 issues to Eric Hilt of Wellesley College for "When Did Ownership Separate from Control? Corporate Governance in the Early Nineteenth Century," which appeared in the September 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 2008/09 to Melinda Miller of the United States Naval Academy, for "Essays on Race and the Persistence of Economic Inequality," completed under the supervision of Benjamin R. Chabot and Warren Whatley.

The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the outstanding dissertation in non-U.S. or Canadian economic history during 2008/09 to Roman Studer, for "Market Integration and Economic Development: A Comparative Study of India and Europe, 1700–1800," completed under the supervision of Robert Allen, at Oxford University.

The Gyorgy Ranki Prize for the outstanding book in the economic history of Europe (including the British Isles and Russia) published in 2008–2009 to Jan de Vries of University of California, Berkeley for *The Industrious Revolution: Consumer Behavior and the Household Economy, 1650 to the Present* (Cambridge University Press, 2008).

*The Jonathan R. T. Hughes Prize* for excellence in teaching economic history to Kenneth Sokoloff, of University of California, Los Angeles (awarded posthumously). The winner is selected by the EHA Committee on Education and Teaching.

Also announced at the meeting was the prize for the best article appearing in *Explorations in Economic History* in the past year, which was shared by Eric Hilt of Wellesley College for "The Negative Trade-Off Between Risk and Incentives: Evidence from the American Whaling Industry" [45 (September 2008): 424–44] and David Clingingsmith and Jeffrey G. Williamson of Harvard University for "Deindustrialization in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century India: Mughal Decline, Climate Shocks, and British Industrial Ascent" [45 (July 2008): 209–34].

THE 2010 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS HOSTED BY NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY HOTEL ORRINGTON EVANSTON, ILLINOIS SEPTEMBER 24–26, 2010 NAOMI LAMOREAUX, PRESIDENT

"Thinking Comparatively: Economic and Historical Perspectives on Places, Periods, and Institutions"

The Program Committee—Timothy Guinnane, Yale University (Chair); Carolyn Moehling, Rutgers University; William Summerhill, UCLA; and Jan Luiten van Zanden, Utrecht University—welcomes submissions on all subjects in economic history, though some preference will be given to papers that specifically fit the

theme. Papers should be submitted individually, but authors may suggest to the committee that three particular papers fit well together in a panel.

Scholars who work on a single locality, period, or institution usually have in mind some kind of comparative question, although the comparative dimension is often implicitly rather than explicitly articulated. Recently, formal comparative approaches have figured more prominently in economic history. These approaches take a variety of forms, from detailed qualitative studies of two or more cases to quantitative examinations of large numbers of countries. This conference seeks to provoke a dialog between the comparative and the specific by attracting a broad range of papers that are implicitly or explicitly comparative. What do we learn from comparative work? How can we make better comparisons? What would we lose if all work was comparative?

Papers should in all cases be works in progress rather than accepted or published work. Submitters should let the program committee know at the time of application if the paper they are proposing has already been submitted for publication. Individuals who presented or co-authored a paper given at the 2009 meeting are not eligible for inclusion in the 2010 program.

Papers and session proposals should be submitted online at the following website: http://www.ehameeting.com/submissions. Paper proposals should include a 3–5 page précis and a 150-word abstract suitable for publication in the *Journal of Economic History*. Papers should be submitted by January 29, 2010 to ensure consideration.

Graduate students are encouraged to attend the meeting. 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. Applications for the poster session are due no later than May 21, 2010, and should be sent to timothy.guinnane@yale.edu.

The dissertation session convened by Eric Hilt (Wellesley College) and Nathan Sussman (Hebrew University) will honor six dissertations completed during the 2009–2010 academic year. The submission deadline is June 11, 2010. The Alexander Gerschenkron and Allan Nevins prizes will be awarded to the best dissertations on non-North American and North American topics respectively.

For further information, check http://eh.net/eha/, which also includes information on travel options to Evanston; consult 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 2009: 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.

## Sokoloff Fellowship Recipient

Tuan Hwee Sng of Northwestern University for "The Principle Agent Problem in Dictatorships," working on Late Imperial Chinese Political Economy with Joel Mokyr and Melissa Macauley.

### Dissertation Fellowship Recipients

Rowena Gray of University of California, Davis for "U.S. Immigration in Historical Perspective." Advisors, Greg Clark and Alan Taylor.

Andrew Jalil of University of California, Berkeley for "Causes and Macroeconomic Effects of Panics, Misconceptions in the History of American Financial Panics, and a New Panic Series, 1790–2009." Advisor, Christy Romer.

### **Exploratory Grant Recipients**

- Jonathan Fox of University of Arizona for "Public Health Movements, Local Poor Relief, and Child Mortality in the United States, 1910–1932." Advisors, Price Fishback and Paul Rhode.
- Jeffrey Greenbaum of University of California, Berkeley for "Child Labor and the Development of Public Schooling: Evidence from the Early Twentieth-Century United States." Advisor, Kenneth Chay.
- David Keenan of Northwestern University for "Organized Interests and the Process of Government in the Early American Republic, 1783–1800." Advisors, Timothy Breen and Joel Mokyr.
- Daniel Egel of University of California, Berkeley for "Freemasonry and the Expansion of American Higher Education." Advisor, Barry Eichengreen.
- Robert Gillezeau of University of Michigan for "Employer Resistance and the War Labor Relations Board." Advisor, Warren Whatley.
- Erik Hornung of University of Munich for "Human Capital, Technological Change, and Economic Growth in Historical Perspective: The Case of Prussia." Advisor, Ludger Wossmann.
- Kiril Kossev of Oxford University for "Financing Development: Sources of Finance in Southeast Europe in the Interwar Period, 1919–1939." Advisor, Rui Pedro Esteves.
- Peter Koudijs of Universitat Pompeu Fabra for "The Microstructure of the Amsterdam Capital Market in the Eighteenth Century." Advisor, Hans J. Voth.
- Montserrat Lopez Jerez of Lund University for "The Division Within: The Role of Initial Inequalities in the Development Paths of North and South Vietnam." Advisor, Christer Gunnarson.
- Mohamed Saleh of University of Southern California for "Differences in School Enrollment and Fertility Across Religious Groups: Sources of the Differences and the Effects of Public Policy Interventions on these Differences: Empirical Evidence from Nineteenth-Century Egypt." Advisors, Richard Easterlin and Jeffrey Nugent.
- Veronica Santarosa of Yale University for "Mitigating Asymmetric Information in Modern Financial Markets: The Bill of Exchange and the Role of the Joint-Liability Rule." Advisor, Timothy Guinnane.

Arthur H. Cole Grants-In-Aid

Martina Viarengo of London School of Economics for "Religious Institutions and the Introduction of Compulsory Schooling in the Western World: An International Perspective."

Mark Hanna of University of California, San Diego for "Pirates and Piracy in the Atlantic World."

The association is grateful to the members of the CREH for their work in selecting the award winners. Anne McCants chaired the committee. She was assisted by Gregory Clark of University of California, Davis, Joseph Ferrie of Northwestern University, Mary MacKinnon of McGill University, Robert McGuire of University of Akron, and Kris Mitchener of Santa Clara University.