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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor, 2014-

- University of California-Merced, Department of Economics

PAST APPOINTMENTS

Research Associate (Mentor: Jason Fletcher), 2013-2014

- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Demography and Ecology

Postdoctoral Associate (Mentor: Jason Fletcher), 2012-2013

- Yale University, School of Public Health

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic Growth; Health Economics.

EDUCATION

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA USA

- Ph.D., Economics, 2012

- Dissertation (Advisor: Areendam Chanda): Investigating the Role of Genetic Variation in Explaining Long Run Economic Outcomes

- M.S., Economics, 2009

- B.S., Economics (Concentration in Empirical Studies), 2006

ACCEPTED AND PUBLISHED PAPERS

- Cook, C.J. (2015). The natural selection of infectious disease resistance and its effect on contemporary health. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 97, 742-757.
- Cook, C.J., & Fletcher, J. (2015). Understanding heterogeneity in the effects of birth weight on adult cognition and wages, *Journal of Health Economics*, 41, 107-116.
- Cook, C.J., & Fletcher, J. (2015). Can education rescue genetic liability for cognitive decline? *Social Sciences and Medicine*, 127, 159-170.
- Cook, C.J. (2014). The role of lactase persistence in precolonial development. *Journal of Economic Growth*, 19, 369-406.
- Cook, C.J. (2014). Potatoes, milk, and the Old World population boom. *Journal of Development Economics*, 110, 123-138.
- Chanda, A., Cook, C.J., & Putterman, L. (2014). Persistence of fortune: Accounting for population movements, there was no post-Columbian reversal. *A EJ: Macro*, 6, 1-28 [lead article].
- Cook, C.J., & Fletcher, J. (2014). Interactive effects of in utero Nutrition and genetic inheritance on cognition: New evidence using sibling comparisons. *Economics and Human Biology*, 13, 144-154.

WORKING PAPERS

- Cook, C.J., & Fletcher, J. (2016). Genetic diversity and economic outcomes: A novel test of a controversial hypothesis.
 - Revision requested at the *Journal of Economic Growth*.
- Cook, C.J., Forgues, A., & Fletcher, J. (2016). Multigenerational effects of early life health shocks.
 - Revision requested at the *The Russel Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*.
- Cook, C.J., & Fletcher, J. (2016) Using heterogeneity in resistance to estimate the impact of antibiotics on US economic development

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2016: Southern Methodist University, Dept. of Economics (November); University of Wisconsin, Development Economics Workshop (September); *Western Economic Association*: Portland (June).
- 2015: Northwestern University, Economic History Seminar (October); *Southern Economics Association*: New Orleans (November); *Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences*: University of Colorado (October).
- 2014: Louisiana State University, Dept. of Economics (November); *Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences*: University of Colorado (October); *Population Association of America*: Boston, MA (May); Marquette University, Dept. of Economics (March).
- 2013: University of Wisconsin, Center for Demography and Ecology (October); *Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences*: University of Colorado (October); University of Wisconsin, Development Economics Workshop (September); *Deep Determinants of International Comparative Development*: Brown University (May); University of Connecticut, Dept. of Economics (April); Tulane University, Dept. of Economics (April); *Population Association of America*: New Orleans, LA (April); *Midwest International Economic Development Conference*: Madison, WI (April); Brown University, Macroeconomics Lunch (February).
- 2012 and earlier: *Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences*: University of Colorado (August 2012); *Southern Economics Association*: Washington, D.C. (November 2012); *Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences*: University of Colorado (June 2011); *LSU Brown Bag Meeting*: LSU (January 2011); *LSU Third Year Paper Presentation*: LSU (May 2009).

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Journal Referee: *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Israel Science Foundation*, *Journal of Economic Growth*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Economics and Human Biology*.
- Economics Dept. Seminar co-organizer, UC-Merced, 2016-2017.
- Search Committee, UC-Merced, 2016 & 2017.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- University of California, Merced (Instructor): Money, Banking, and Financial Markets (Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Spring 2017); Introduction to Economics (Summer 2016); Economic Growth (Spring 2017).
- Louisiana State University (Instructor): Money, Banking, and Financial Markets (Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2012); Principles of Macroeconomics (Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Summer 2011); Principles of Economics (Fall 2008); Principles of Microeconomics (Summer 2012).
- Louisiana State University (Teaching Assistant): Introduction to Econometrics (Spring 2008, Fall 2009, Spring 2009); Intermediate Macroeconomics (Spring 2008).

REFERENCES

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