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CONTACT INFORMATION

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AFFILIATIONS

University of Missouri	
Sam B. Cook Professor of Economics	2025–Present
Auburn University	
Professor of Economics	2024
Interim Department Chair	2023–2024
Ekelund and Hebert Professor of Economics	2022–2024
Ekelund and Hebert Associate Professor of Economics	2018–2022
Associate Professor of Economics (untentured)	2017–2018
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta	
Visiting Scholar	2023–2024
Northwestern University Center for Economic History	
Visiting Scholar	Spring 2023
United States Census Bureau	
Special Sworn Status	2016–Present
NBER	
Research Associate	2019–Present
Faculty Research Fellow	2013–2019
University of Iowa	
Assistant Professor of Economics	2012–2017

EDUCATION

PhD, Economics, Northwestern University	2012
MA, Economics, Northwestern University	2006
BA with Comprehensive Honors, Economics, Mathematics, and Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2005

REFEREED ARTICLES

J. David Hacker, Jonas Helgertz, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2026. “Life Tables for the White and Black Populations of the United States, 1850-1940.” *Demographic Research*, conditionally accepted.

Chris Vickers and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2025. “Can the Great Compression be Explained by Wartime Wage Controls?” *Explorations in Economic History* 98.

Erik Loualiche, Chris Vickers, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2025. “Firm Networks in the Great Depression.” *Journal of Economic History* 85:1040–1065.

Price V. Fishback, Chris Vickers, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2024. “Labor Market Effects of Workweek Restrictions: Evidence from the Great Depression.” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 16:77–113. [AEA Summary](#).

- Felipe Benguria, Chris Vickers, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2020. "Labor Earnings Inequality in Manufacturing During the Great Depression." *Journal of Economic History* 80:531–563.
- Sarada, Michael J. Andrews, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2019. "Changes in the Demographics of American Inventors, 1870–1940." *Explorations in Economic History* 74:101275.
- Alexandre Poirier and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2019. "Estimation of Models with Multiple-valued Explanatory Variables." *Journal of Business and Economic Statistics* 37:586–597.
- Martin Gervais and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2019. "Life After Debt: Post-graduation Consequences of Student Loans." *Economic Inquiry* 57:1342–1366.
- Emek Basker, Chris Vickers, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2018. "Competition, Productivity, and Survival of Grocery Stores in the Great Depression." *International Journal of Industrial Organization* 59:282–315.
- Mary E. Hansen and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2017. "Credit Relationships and Business Bankruptcy During the Great Depression." *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 9:228–255.
- Matthias Kehrig and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2017. "The Effects of the Real Oil Price on Regional Wage Dispersion." *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 9:115–148.
- Gabriel Mathy and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2017. "How Much Does Political Uncertainty Matter? The Case of Louisiana Under Huey Long." *Journal of Economic History* 77:90–126.
- Chris Vickers and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2016. "Economic Development and the Demographics of Criminals in Victorian London." *Journal of Law and Economics* 59:191–223.
- Richard Steckel and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2016. "Trader Selectivity and Measured Catch-up Growth of American Slaves." *Journal of Economic History* 76:109–138.
- Peter M. Scott and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2015. "The Determinants of Plant Survival in the U.S. Radio Equipment Industry During the Great Depression." *Journal of Economic History* 75:1097–1127.
- Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2015. "The Great Depression Through the Eyes of the Census of Manufactures." *Historical Methods* 48:185–194.
- Joel Mokyr, Chris Vickers, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2015. "The History of Technological Anxiety and the Future of Economic Growth: Is This Time Different?" *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 29:31–50.
- Paul L.E. Grieco and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2015. "Unigeniture in an Uncertain World." *Cliometrica* 9:139–166.
- Chris Vickers and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2014. "Did the NRA Facilitate Collusion? Evidence From the Macaroni Industry." *Journal of Economic History* 74:831–862.
- Mark Chicu, Chris Vickers, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2013. "Cementing the Case for Collusion Under the NRA." *Explorations in Economic History* 50:487–507.
- Mark Chicu and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2013. "Multi-Market Contact and Competition: Evidence From the Cement Industry During the Depression." *International Journal of Industrial Organization* 31:603–611.
- Richard Steckel and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2013. "A Troublesome Statistic: Traders and the Westward Movement of Slaves." *Journal of Economic History* 73:792–809.
- Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2013. "Identifying the Effects of Bank Failures From a Natural Experiment in Mississippi During the Great Depression." *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 5:81–101.
- Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2013. "Are China and India Backward? Evidence From the 19th Century U.S. Census of Manufactures." *Review of Economic Dynamics* 16:86–99.
- Anthony R. Ives, Paul Glaum, Nicolas L. Ziebarth, and Dave A. Andow. 2011. "The Evolution of Resistance to Two-toxin Pyramid Transgenic Crops." *Ecological Applications* 21:503–515.
- Anthony R. Ives, Karen C. Abbott, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2010. "Analysis of Ecological Time Series with $ARMA(p, q)$ Models." *Ecology* 91:858–871.

Nicolas L. Ziebarth, Karen C. Abbott, and Anthony R. Ives. 2010. “Weak Population Regulation in Ecological Time Series.” *Ecology Letters* 13:21–31.

Nicolas Lehmann-Ziebarth and Anthony R. Ives. 2006. “The Structure and Stability of Model Ecosystems Assembled in a Variable Environment.” *Oikos* 114:451–464.

Nicolas Lehmann-Ziebarth, Paul Heideman, Rebecca A. Shapiro, Sonia L. Stoddart, Chien Ching Lilian Hsiao, Gordon R. Stephenson, Paul A. Milewski, and Anthony R. Ives. 2005. “The Evolution of Periodicity in Periodical Cicadas.” *Ecology* 86:3200–3211.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Chris Vickers and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2023. “The Census of Manufactures: An Overview.” In *Handbook of Cliometrics*, Vol. 2, edited by Claude Diebolt and Michael J. Hauptert, 1697–1720.

OTHER ACADEMIC WRITING

Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2026. “Reflections on the 2025 Nobel Memorial Prize Awarded to Joel Mokyr.” *Erasmus Journal for Philosophy and Economics*, forthcoming.

Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2026. “Introduction to Special Issue in Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of *The Wealth of Nations*.” *Review of Industrial Organization*.

Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2024. “Review of *Shock Values: Prices and Inflation in American Democracy* by Carola Binder (Chicago, 2024).” [EH.net](#).

Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2023. “Review of *The Journey of Humanity: The Origins of Wealth and Inequality* by Oded Galor (Dutton, 2022).” [EH.net](#).

Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2023. “Review of *Power and Progress: Our Thousand-Year Struggle over Technology and Prosperity* by Daron Acemoglu and Simon Johnson (PublicAffairs, 2023).” *Business Economics* 58:187–189.

Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2023. “Review of *Slouching Towards Utopia: An Economic History of the 20th Century* by J. Bradford DeLong (Basic Books, 2022).” *Journal of Economic History* 83:642–644.

Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2022. “Review of *Gold, the Real Bills Doctrine, and the Fed: Sources of Monetary Disorder, 1922-1938* by Thomas M. Humphrey and Richard H. Timberlake. (Cato Institute, 2019).” [EH.net](#).

Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2019. “Review of *Deconstructing the Monolith: The Microeconomics of the National Industrial Recovery Act* by Jason E. Taylor (University of Chicago Press, 2019).” *Journal of Economic History* 79:1195–1196.

Chris Vickers and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2019. “Lessons for Today from Past Periods of Rapid Technological Change.” UN Department of Economics and Social Affairs Working Paper No. 158.

Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2014. “Review of Taylor Jaworski’s *The Warring Forties: The Economic Consequences of WWII*.” [Dissertation Reviews](#).

Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2013. “Dissertation Summary of ‘Essays on the Great Depression From a Micro-Perspective.’” *Journal of Economic History* 73:556–559.

TEXTBOOKS

Jonathan R.T. Hughes, Louis P. Cain, Chris Vickers, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2026. *American Economic History*, 9th edition. Routledge.

WORKING PAPERS

Price V. Fishback, Chris Vickers, Yiyu Xing, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2026. “Labor Market Effects of Gender-Specific Hours Restrictions,” submitted.

Chris Vickers and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2026. “The Effects of the National War Labor Board on Labor Income Inequality,” resubmitted to *Journal of Economic History*.

DATA PRODUCTS

J. David Hacker, Jonas Helgertz, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2026. Life tables for the white and black populations of the United States, 1850-1940. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. [DOI](#).

Chris Vickers and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2023. United States Census of Manufactures, 1929-1935. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR. [DOI](#).

Sarada, Michael J. Andrews, and Nicolas L. Ziebarth. 2019. American Inventors, 1870-1940. Ann Arbor, MI: ICPSR. [DOI](#).

HONORS

Excellence in Refereeing Award, <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>	2017, 2023
Finalist for Nevins Prize, Economic History Association	2012
Sokoloff Graduate Fellowship, Economic History Association	2011
Robert B. Eisner Memorial Fellowship, Northwestern University	2010
Distinguished Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University	2007
Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2005, 2006
Phi Beta Kappa, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2003

EXTERNAL FUNDING

NSF SES-2342600 (co-PIs Carola Frydman, Martin Gervais, and Chris Vickers)	2024–Present
NSF SciSIP-1661421 (co-PI Michael J. Andrews)	2017–2018
NSF SES-1459263 (co-PI Chris Vickers)	2015–2017
Economic History Association Cole Grant-In-Aid	2013
Economic History Society Small Grant (co-PI Peter M. Scott)	2012
NSF SES-1122509 (co-PI Joel Mokyr)	2011–2012

RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

2026: University of Missouri PEH, WEA Annual Meeting, CU Benson Center PPE Summer Workshop, EHA Annual Meeting (discussant).

2025: Mountain West Economic History Conference, Lindenwood University Langenberg Speakers Series, EHA Annual Meeting (discussant).

2024: Dallas FRB, NBER Economics of World War II Conference, University of Missouri.

REFEREING

Academy of Management Review, American Economic Journal: Applied, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Cliometrica, Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal, Economic History of Developing Regions, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics and Human Biology, Economics Bulletin, Economics of Education Review, Ecosphere, Empirical Economics, Economic History Review, European Economic Review, Explorations in Economic History, Financial History Review, Historical Methods, International Economic Review, Journal of Affective Disorders, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Economic History, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking, Journal of Population Economics, Labour Economics, Management Research Review, Metroeconomica, Open Journal of Social Science, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND Journal of Economics, Review of Economic

Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, Scientometrics, Social Science Quarterly, U.S. National Science Foundation, Dutch Research Council, Bloomsbury Press, Routledge Press, Taylor & Francis, University of Chicago Press.

EDITORIAL SERVICE

Guest Editor, <i>Review of Industrial Organization</i>	2026
Co-Editor, <i>Economic Inquiry</i>	2018–Present
Editorial Board, <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>	2018–2022
Associate Editor, <i>Economic Inquiry</i>	2014–2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Committee on the <i>Journal of Economic History</i> , Economic History Association	2024–Present
External Review of Department of Economics, Binghamton University	2023
Atlanta Research Data Center Review Board	2018–2024
Committee on Administration, Economic History Association	2017–2023
Iowa Department of Revenue	2016–2017
Committee on Research, Economic History Association	2014–2017

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

University of Missouri

Raadhika Paul	In Progress
Davis Bell	In Progress

Auburn University

Sirazum Haque	In Progress
Arunima Paul (Co-Chair)	2026
Yiyu Xing (Chair)	2024
Sharbani Bhattacharjee (Chair)	2022
Shuwei Zhang	2019

University of Iowa

Michael J. Andrews (Chair)	2017
Emily Leslie	2017
Ray Ou Yang	2017
Lev Lvovskiy	2017
Lawrence F. Warren	2016
Chander Kochar	2016
Dohyoung Kwon	2015
Cenk Cetin	2015

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