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### EMPLOYMENT

2016- Associate Professor of Economic History, London School of Economics  
2013-16 Assistant Professor of Economic History, LSE  
2009-13 Assistant Professor of Economics, Queens College, City University of New York

### EDUCATION

2009 PhD in Economic History, LSE  
2004 MSc in Economic History, LSE  
2002 BA in Economics, University College Dublin

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

2016 LSE Teaching Award  
2011 PSC-CUNY Award [\$3,000]  
2010 Economic History Association Gerschenkron Prize Shortlist  
2010 Arthur H. Cole Grant in aid of Research, Economic History Association [\$3,100]  
2007 Marie Curie Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Paris School of Economics  
2006 ESRC Studentship, LSE  
2005 Marie Curie Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, LSE

### ARTICLES

**Cummins, Neil. 2017.** “Lifespans of the European Elite, 800-1800,” *Journal of Economic History*, 77(2): 406-439. [Blog](#). [Paper](#).

**Cummins, Neil, Cormac Ó Gráda and Morgan Kelly. 2016.** “Living Standards and Plague in London, 1560-1665,” *Economic History Review*, 69(1): 3-34. [Paper](#). [Data+Replication Files](#).

**Clark, Gregory and Neil Cummins. 2015.** “Is Most Wealth Inherited or Created? England, 1858-2012,” *Tax Law Review*, 68(3): 517-544. [Paper](#).

**Clark, Gregory and Neil Cummins. 2015.** “Surnames and Social Mobility,” *Human Nature*, 25(4): 517-37. [Link](#). [Paper](#).

**Clark, Gregory and Neil Cummins. 2015.** “Intergenerational Mobility in England, 1858-2012. Wealth, Surnames, and Social Mobility,” *Economic Journal*, 125(582): 61-85. [Link](#). [Paper](#). [Data+Replication Files](#).

**Clark, Gregory and Neil Cummins. 2015.** “Malthus to Modernity: Wealth, Status and Fertility in England, 1500-1879,” *Journal of Population Economics*, 28(1): 3-29. [Link](#). [Paper](#).

**Clark, Gregory, Neil Cummins, Yu Hao and Dan Diaz Vidal. 2015.** “Surnames: a New Source for the History of Social Mobility,” *Explorations in Economic History*, 55:3-24. [Link](#). [Paper](#).

**Cummins, Neil. 2013.** “Marital Fertility and Wealth during the Fertility Transition: Rural France, 1750-1850,” *Economic History Review*, 66(2): 449-76. [Link](#). [Paper](#).

**Cummins, Neil. 2011.** “Why Did Fertility Decline?” (PhD Summary), *Journal of Economic History*, 71(2): 465-8. [PhD Summary](#). [Complete PhD \(2009\)](#).

**Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2009.** “Urbanization, Mortality, and Fertility in Malthusian England,” *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*, vol. 99(2): 242-7. [Link](#). [Paper](#).

## BOOKS

**Clark, Gregory, Neil Cummins, Dan Diaz Vidal, Yu Hao, Tatsuya Ishii, Zach Landes, Daniel Marcin, Kuk Mo Jung, Ariel Marek, and Kevin Williams. 2014.** *The Son Also Rises: Surnames and the History of Social Mobility: Surnames and the History of Social Mobility*, Princeton University Press.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

**Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2014.** “Inequality and social mobility in the Era of the Industrial Revolution,” in Roderick Floud, Jane Humphries and Paul Johnson (eds.), *Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain*, Vol. I: 211-236. [Ebook](#). [Chapter](#).

**Baines, Dudley, Neil Cummins and Max-Stephan Schulze. 2010.** “Population and Living Standards, 1945-2000,” in Steven Broadberry and Kevin O’Rourke (eds.), *The Cambridge Economic History of Modern Europe*, Vol. II: 390-420, Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, [Ebook](#). [Chapter](#).

## BOOK REVIEWS

**Cummins, Neil. 2016.** Review of “Population, Welfare and Economic Change in Britain 1290-1834. Edited by Chris Briggs, P. M. Kitson, and S. J. Thompson.” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 46(3): 436-7. [link](#)

**Cummins, Neil. 2017.** Review of “Mortality, Marriage and Population Growth in England, 1550–1850. By Peter Razzell” *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 77(3): 954-6. [link](#)

## WORKING PAPERS

**Clark, Gregory, and Neil Cummins. 2016.** “The Child Quality-Quantity Tradeoff, England, 1780-1880: A Fundamental Component of the Economic Theory of Growth is Missing,” *Centre for Economic Policy Research Working Paper*. [Link](#).

## MEDIA

Research has been featured in the *Economist*, the *BBC*, the *Telegraph*, the *Guardian*, the *Observer*, the *Independent*, the *Daily Mail*, the *Huffington Post*, *CNBC* and the *Washington Post* amongst others. See [my website](#) for an up-to-date list.

## PRESENTATIONS

**2018** School of Slavonic and East European Studies, UCL (24/1), Seminario d’Economia, Universitat de València (7/3), Economic and Social History Seminar, Wadham College, Oxford (8/5), Finance and Demography Workshop, LSE (31/5), One Bank Research Seminar, Bank of England (26/6). **2017** UC Berkeley Economic History Seminar (30/1), Yale Economic History Workshop (20/2), World Congress of Cliometrics, Strasbourg (4/7), European Historical Economics Society Conference, Tübingen (2/9), Faculty seminar in Economics, Bergen (25/10). **2016** Biological Anthropology Seminar, University College London (8/3), ‘The importance of elites and their demography for knowledge and development’, Louvain-la-Neuve (22/6), UC Berkeley Demography Brown Bag Seminar (2/11), UC Davis Economic History Seminar (8/11). **2015** Dynamics of Wealth Inequality Workshop (Santa Fe, 30/1), Utrecht Social & Economic History Seminar (12/2), UC Davis Economic History Coffee Hour (23/4), Population Association of America Meetings (San Diego, 30/4), Dondena Seminar (Bocconi, 23/5), ‘Longitudinal data in African history’ Workshop (Stellenbosch, 27/5), World Economic History Congress, (Kyoto, 5/8), European Historical Economics Society Meetings, (Pisa, 5/9), Political Economy Seminar, King’s College (London, 30/9), First OWL Workshop in Economic History (All Souls College, Oxford, 5/10), PhD Defence of Joseph Molitoris

(Lund, 23/10), “Institutions, Culture, and Long-Run Development,” Ludwig-Maximilians Universität München (Munich, 13/11), “Long-term Processes of Socio-Economic Development: Stagnation, Growth, Divergence and Crises,” Herrenhausen Conference (Hanover, 21/11), “Economic history and economic policy,” Banque de France, (Paris, 15/12). **2014** LSE Economic History Seminar (30/1), Scottish Economic Association Meetings (Perth, 28/4), CRASSH Seminar (Cambridge, 24/5), Economic History Seminar (Queens University Belfast, 3/10), Plague in the City conference (Cambridge, 5/12), Oxford Economic and Social History Seminar (All Souls, 25/11). **2013** FZID Research Seminar (Universität Hohenheim, 8/1), Binghamton SUNY Economics Seminar (15/3), Public Choice Workshop (George Mason University, 20/3), UC Davis Economic History Seminar (28/5). **2012** PSTC Colloquia (Brown University, 1/3). **2011** Cliometrics conference (Boulder, 22/5), European Historical Economics Society (Dublin, 3/9), University of Michigan Historical Demography Workshop (11/11), UC Davis Economic History Seminar (15/11), UC Berkeley Demography Brown Bag Seminar (16/11). **2010** Co-Chair of the Columbia University Seminar in Economic History (Until 2013), Economic History Association Annual Meeting (Evanstown, 9/26). **2009** Columbia Economic History Seminar (New York, 3/12), Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (Long Beach, 14/11), “Fertility declines in the past, present and future” (Cambridge, 15/7), Economic History Society Annual Conference (Warwick, 3/4).