

This will be a course in writing and presenting work in economic history and institutions with a special emphasis on Powerpoint presentations. We will be reading a large number of recently published papers, especially from the *Journal of Economic History*. The following is a basic selection and more papers will be added as the course progresses. Your input will shape which papers we end up discussing.

You will be graded on class presentations and participation as well as a final paper due on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Topic must be approved by me.

The writing booklet by D. McCloskey, *Economical Writing* is also required.

**Greg Clark “Genetically Capitalist? The Malthusian Era, Institutions and the Formation of Modern Preferences”**

**Working paper**

<http://www.econ.ucdavis.edu/faculty/gclark/papers/Capitalism%20Genes.pdf>

Greg Clark “[The Long March of History: Farm Wages, Population and Economic Growth, England 1209-1869](#)” **Economic History Review**, 60(1) (February, 2007): 97-136.

**The Industrial Revolution in Miniature: The Spinning Jenny in Britain, France, and India by Robert C. Allen**

[The Journal of Economic History, Volume 69, Issue 04](#), December 2009, pp 901-927

**Effects of Bilateralism and the MFN Clause on International Trade: Evidence for the Cobden-Chevalier Network, 1860-1875 by Markus Lampe**

[The Journal of Economic History, Volume 69, Issue 04](#), December 2009, pp 1012-1040

**“Survival of the Richest. The Malthusian Mechanism in Pre-Industrial England” (with Gillian Hamilton) *Journal of Economic History*, 66(3) (September, 2006): 707-36.**

["Barbed Wire: Property Rights and Agricultural Development,"](#) *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, May 2010. **Richard Hornbeck**

**Fiscal Centralization, Limited Government, and Public Revenues in Europe, 1650–1913 by Mark Dincecco**

[\*\*The Journal of Economic History, Volume 69, Issue 01\*\*](#), March 2009, pp 48-103

**Bonds and Brands: Foundations of Sovereign Debt Markets, 1820–1830** by Marc Flandreau and Juan H. Flores

[\*\*The Journal of Economic History, Volume 69, Issue 03\*\*](#), September 2009, pp 646-684

**The Impact of the Boll Weevil, 1892–1932** by Fabian Lange, Alan L. Olmstead and Paul W. Rhode

[\*\*The Journal of Economic History, Volume 69, Issue 03\*\*](#), September 2009, pp 685-718

**Coercion, Culture, and Contracts: Labor and Debt on Henequen Haciendas in Yucatán, Mexico, 1870–1915** by Lee J. Alston, Shannan Mattiace and Tomas Nonnenmacher

[\*\*The Journal of Economic History, Volume 69, Issue 01\*\*](#), March 2009, pp 104-137

**Determinants of Primary Schooling in British India** by Latika Chaudhary

[\*\*The Journal of Economic History, Volume 69, Issue 01\*\*](#), March 2009, pp 269-302

**Logistics, Market Size, and Giant Plants in the Early Twentieth Century: A Global View**

**Information Technology and Economic Change: The Impact of the Printing Press.**  
QJE 2011 by Jeremiah Dittmar

**ANGUS DEATON Understanding and Misunderstanding RCTs.** NBER Working Papers. Deaton and Nancy Cartwright.

**LESLIE HANNAH**

[\*\*The Journal of Economic History, Volume 68, Issue 01\*\*](#), March 2008, pp 46-79

**When did Ownership Separate from Control? Corporate Governance in the Early Nineteenth Century**

**ERIC HILT**

[\*\*The Journal of Economic History, Volume 68, Issue 03\*\*](#), September 2008, pp 645-685

**Steers Afloat: The North Atlantic Meat Trade, Liner Predominance, and Freight Rates, 1870–1913**

**C. KNICK HARLEY**

[\*\*The Journal of Economic History, Volume 68, Issue 04\*\*](#), December 2008, pp 1028-1058

**The Engine or the Caboose? Resource Industries and Twentieth-Century Canadian Economic Performance**

**Ian Keay**

[\*\*The Journal of Economic History, Volume 67, Issue 01\*\*](#), March 2007, pp 1-32

**Two Centuries of Productivity Growth in Computing**

**William D. Nordhaus**

[\*\*The Journal of Economic History, Volume 67, Issue 01\*\*](#), March 2007, pp 128-159

**Nathan NUNN:**

"**The Long Term Effects of Africa's Slave Trades,**" *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 123, No. 1, February 2008, pp. 139-176.

"**Relationship-Specificity, Incomplete Contracts and the Pattern of Trade,**" *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, Vol. 122, No. 2, May 2007, pp. 569-600.

**Gary Libecap and Dean Lueck** THE DEMARCATON OF LAND AND THE ROLE OF COORDINATING INSTITUTIONS: [Libecap Lueck paperfinal.pdf](#)

**Joel Mokyr**

"[The Political Economy of Technological Change: Resistance and Innovation in Economic history](#)" in Maxine Bergand Kristin Bruland, eds., *Technological Revolutions in Europe*, Cheltenham:Edward Elgar Publishers, 1998, pp. 39-64.

"[Knowledge, Technology, and Economic Growth During the Industrial Revolution.](#)" Forthcoming in Bart Van Ark and Gerard Kuper, eds., *Technology and Productivity Growth*. The Hague: Kluwert, 2000.

"[The Enduring Riddle of The European Miracle: The Enlightenment and the Industrial Revolution](#)". Presented to the all University of California Conference on Economic Convergence and Divergence in Historical Perspective, Irvine, Nov. 8-10 2002.