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May 7, 2018

Professor Katharine G. Abraham, CRIW Chair
CRIW Summer Institute Fellowship Program
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Professor Abraham,

I wish to express my interest in attending the Conference for Research in Income and Wealth Summer Institute. In previous years, as a graduate student and as a participant in the NBER Entrepreneurship Research Boot Camp, I have been very honored to attend some of the paper presentations at the CRIW. As a researcher who works on patents and innovation, these presentations have not only been useful to expose me to work that is being done on these topics, but they have also been useful to me as a Census employee to understand my efforts here in broader context. This fellowship would also allow me to attend the Innovation SI, to which I have been invited, and looks to have an extremely exciting line up of papers.

In addition, I would look forward to the chance to reconnect with and meet other researchers interested in innovation and entrepreneurship and their impact on the broader economy.

I should mention that I would not need a hotel room, as I my partner continues to maintain residence at our apartment in Boston.

Thank you for your consideration,

Elisabeth Perlman

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Dear Dr. Abraham,

I am writing in support of Elisabeth Perlman's (Bitsy) application for a CRIW Summer Institute Fellowship. The Summer Institute meeting provides a wonderful opportunity for Census Bureau staff to connect with a broader group of people who work on topics of measurement and economic dynamics.

The subject matter of the CRIW SI aligns well with Bitsy's research interests as well the roles she has taken on in helping improve Census data products. In particular, she has been spending time working on matching techniques for the Longitudinal Business Database, and I expect matching between and within datasets will be a common theme in presentations at the CRIW. Attending the meeting will be a valuable experience for Bitsy and I expect that she will contribute to the discussions.

We would very much like for her to have the opportunity to attend.

Sincerely,

Barbara Downs

Director, Federal Statistical Research Data Centers
Acting Assistant Center Chief for Research (for Shawn Klimek)
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Current Position

Economist, Center For Economic Studies, U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-Present

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, 2016
Dissertation Title: *Connecting the Periphery: Three Papers on the Developments Caused by Spreading Transportation and Information Networks in the Nineteenth Century United States*
Dissertation Committee: Robert A. Margo, Carola Frydman, Daniele Paserman

B.A., Physics and Economics, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, 2006

Diploma, Northfield Mount Hermon School, Northfield, MA, 2002

Fields of Interest

Economic History, Innovation, Labor Economics, Urban/Regional Economics

Work Experience

Research Assistant, Capital Markets, Federal Reserve Board, 2007-2009

Publications

"Delivering the Vote: The Political Effect of Free Mail Delivery in Early Twentieth Century America" (with Steven Sprick Schuster), The Journal of Economic History, September 2016

Working Papers

"Business Dynamic Statistics of Innovative Firms" (with Nathan Goldschlag), December 2017
"An Empirical History of the United States Postal Savings System"
(with Steven Sprick Schuster and Matt Jaremski), March 2018 *(under review)*
" Dense Enough To Be Brilliant: Patents, Urbanization, and Transportation in Nineteenth Century America,"
November 2015
"The Impact of Railroads on School Enrollment in Nineteenth Century America"
(with Jeremy Atack and Robert A. Margo), June 2012

Referee Experience

The Journal of Economic History, Research Policy, The Journal of Urban Economics, Economic History of Developing Regions, PLOS One

Fellowships and Awards

Finalist for the Allan Nevins Dissertation Award, 2016
Sokoloff Dissertation Fellowship, Economic History Association, Fall 2014-Spring 2015
Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, Summer 2014
Economic History Association Data Grant, Spring 2013
Summer Research Grant, Boston University, Summer 2012

Conferences and External Presentations

2017: USC, AREUEA National Conference; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum; Utrecht University; Yale; Social Science History Association, Montreal, Canada

2016: NBER Summer Institute (Innovation, Urban); LSE; Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank; Economic History Association, Bolder, CO

2015: Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference, Brown University; Harvard; NBER Productivity Seminar; NBER Summer Institute; Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy at NYU; Australian National University; University of Warwick; Economic History Association, Nashville TN; World Economic History Congress, Kyoto, Japan

2014: LSE; UC Berkeley; Harvard; NBER Productivity Seminar; Carleton; NBER Summer Institute (poster); Social Science History Association, Toronto, Canada; Western Economic Association International, Denver CO; Economic and Business History Society, Manchester UK;

2013: Yale Law School; University of Essex; University of Nottingham; Seventh World Congress of Cliometrics, Honolulu, Hawai'i

2012: World Economic History Congress, Stellenbosch, South Africa

2011: UC Irvine; Harvard; University of Warwick

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Economic Institutions in Historical Perspective, Department of Economics, Boston University, Spring 2012, Fall 2012

Teaching Fellow, Introductory Microeconomic Analysis, Department of Economics, Boston University, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2013

Teaching Fellow, Introductory Macroeconomic Analysis, Department of Economics, Boston University, Spring 2011, Spring 2014

Teaching and Laboratory Assistant, Department of Physics, Carleton College, Fall 2004-Spring 2006

Intermediate Price Theory Tutor, Department of Economics, Carleton College, Fall 2004

Computer Skills: Stata, Python (NLTK, scikit-learn), ArcGIS, MS Office, and LaTeX

Citizenship: USA