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## Ran Abramitzky

Stanford Federal Credit Union Professor, Professor of Economics and Senior Fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

### Bio

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#### BIO

Ran Abramitzky is the Stanford Federal Credit Union Professor of Economics and the Senior Associate Dean of the Social Sciences at Stanford University. His research is in economic history and applied microeconomics, with focus on immigration and income inequality. He is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research and a senior fellow at the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research. He is the former co-editor of *Explorations in Economic History*. His awards include the Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, and grants from the National Science Foundation and the Russell Sage Foundation. His first book, *The Mystery of the Kibbutz: Egalitarian Principles in a Capitalist World* (Princeton University Press, 2018) was awarded by the Economic History Association the Gyorgi Ranki Biennial Prize for an outstanding book on European Economic History. His new book (with Leah Boustan) is *Streets of Gold: America's Untold Story of Immigrant Success* (PublicAffairs 2022). He has received the Economics Department's and the Dean's Awards for Distinguished Teaching. He holds a PhD in economics from Northwestern University.

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Economics
- Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- The Stanford Federal Credit Union Professor of Economics, Stanford, (2022- present)
- Senior Associate Dean of the Social Sciences, Stanford University, (2020- present)
- Professor, Stanford, (2019- present)
- Senior Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR), (2015- present)
- Vice Chair, Economics Department, Stanford, (2014-2020)
- Faculty Senate, Stanford, (2014-2016)
- Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), (2013- present)
- Associate Professor, Stanford, (2013-2019)
- Stanford Faculty Scholar, Stanford, (2013-2014)
- Research Fellow, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, (2012-2012)
- Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), (2011-2013)
- Faculty Fellow, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR), (2007-2015)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Stanford University, (2005-2013)
- Dissertation Fellowship, Crown Family Center for Jewish Studies, Northwestern, (2004-2005)

- Teaching Assistant Fellow, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence, Northwestern, (2004-2005)
- Dissertation Fellowship, Northwestern University, (2003-2004)
- Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, MMSS program, (2003-2004)
- Graduate Research Fellowship, Northwestern University, (2003-2003)
- Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, Department of Economics, (2000-2003)
- University Fellowship, Northwestern University, (1999-2000)
- Rector's Fellowship, School of Business Administration, Hebrew University, (1998-1999)
- Teaching Assistant, Hebrew University, Department of Economics, (1997-1999)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- NSF, "Colleges and Upward Mobility in the US Over the Last Century," \$500,000, National Science Foundation (2022-2025)
- RSF, "Colleges and Upward Mobility in the US Over the Last Century," \$166,553, Russell Sage Foundation (2022-2023)
- Ranki Biennial Prize for the best book in European Economic History in 2018/2019, Economic History Association (2019)
- RSF, "Cultural Assimilation during the Age of Mass Migration," \$105,000, Russell Sage Foundation (2016-2017)
- Excellence in Refereeing Award, American Economic Review (2016)
- Excellence in Refereeing Award, American Economic Review (2013)
- Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching, Stanford University (2012)
- Excellence in Refereeing Award, Quarterly Journal of Economics (2012)
- NSF grant, "Economic Outcomes and Self-selection in the Age of Mass Migration," \$447,750, National Science Foundation (2010-2013)
- Economics Distinguished Faculty Teaching Award, Stanford University (2009)
- NSF Grant, "The Selection and Incentive Effects of Equal-Sharing," \$219,342, National Science Foundation (2007-2010)
- Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the best dissertation in economic history, Economic History Association (2006)
- Dissertation Award, Economic History Association (2004)
- Pre-Dissertation Award, Economic History Association (2003)
- Teaching Assistant Awards, Northwestern University (2003)
- Teaching Assistant Awards, Northwestern University (2002)
- Teaching Assistant Awards, Northwestern University (2001)
- Department of Economics Award, Hebrew University (1998-1999)
- Dean's List, Hebrew University (1998)
- Dean's List, Hebrew University (1997)
- Program for Outstanding Students, Economics Department, Hebrew University (1996-1999)
- Dean's List, Hebrew University (1996)

## **BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Co-editor, Explorations in Economic History (2015 - 2019)
- Member, Scientific Committee, World Bank and the Center for Global Development, conferences on Migration and Development (2012 - present)
- Member, Committee on education in economic history, Economic History Association (2013 - 2016)
- Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Economic History (2013 - 2017)
- Co-director, Summer Institute for High School Economics Teachers (2013 - present)
- Member, Program Committee, European Economic Association (EEA) annual meetings (2013 - 2013)

- Member, Program Committee, Economic History Association (EHA) annual meetings (2012 - 2012)
- Member, Program Committee, World Bank and the Center for Global Development, 5th Int'l Conf. on Migration and Development (2013 - 2013)
- Economic History Association (EHA) Representative to the Allied Social Science Association (ASSA), Economic History Association (2009 - 2011)
- Referee, American Economic Review
- Referee, Quarterly Journal of Economics
- Referee, Econometrica
- Referee, Journal of Political Economy
- Referee, Review of Economic Studies
- Referee, Journal of Economic History
- Referee, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics
- Referee, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics
- Referee, Review of Economics and Statistics
- Referee, International Economic Review
- Referee, Journal of Public Economics
- Referee, Journal of Labor Economics
- Referee, Journal of Development Economics
- Referee, Journal of Human Resources
- Referee, Economic Journal
- Referee, Journal of European Economic Association
- Referee, Games and Economic Behavior
- Referee, Demography
- Referee, Journal of Population Economics
- Referee, Journal of Comparative Economics
- Referee, Population and Development
- Referee, Review
- Referee, Population Research and Policy Review
- Referee, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy
- Referee, Scandinavian Journal of Economics
- Referee, Economic Development and Cultural Change
- Referee, Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics
- Referee, Economic Quarterly [Hebrew]
- Referee, National Science Foundation
- Referee, Israel Science Foundation
- Referee, Falk Institute
- Job Market Placement Officer, Stanford University (2013 - 2013)
- Member, Undergraduate Policy Committee, Stanford University (2012 - 2013)
- Transfer Credit Policy, Stanford University (2012 - 2013)
- Member, Graduate Admission Committee, Stanford University (2006 - 2007)
- Member, Junior Recruiting Committee, Stanford University (2005 - 2006)

## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Northwestern University , Economics (2005)
- M.A., Northwestern University , Economics (2000)
- B.A., Hebrew University, Israel , Economics and Business (1998)

## LINKS

- Ran Abramitzky - Website: <http://web.stanford.edu/~ranabr/>

## Teaching

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### COURSES

#### 2023-24

- Big Ideas: Conversations with Stanford's Own Nobel Laureates & MacArthur "Genius" Fellows: CHEM 5, ECON 3, SOC 5 (Aut)
- Economic History Seminar: ECON 325 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Topics in Economic History: ECON 229 (Win)

#### 2022-23

- Economic History Workshop: ECON 325 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Topics in Economic History: ECON 229 (Win)

#### 2021-22

- Economic History Workshop: ECON 325 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Topics in Economic History: ECON 229 (Win)

#### 2020-21

- Democracy Matters: ECON 4, PHIL 30, POLISCI 42, PUBLPOL 4 (Aut)
- Economic History Workshop: ECON 325 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- Topics in Economic History: ECON 229 (Win)

### STANFORD ADVISEES

#### Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Zach Freitas-Groff, Alain Pineda Pineda

#### Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Gabriele Cristelli

#### Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Anna Dagorret

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **The Effect of Immigration Restrictions on Local Labor Markets: Lessons from the 1920s Border Closures** *AMERICAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL-APPLIED ECONOMICS*  
Abramitzky, R., Ager, P., Boustan, L., Cohen, E., Hansen, C. W.  
2023; 15 (1): 164-191
- **Computational analysis of 140 years of US political speeches reveals more positive but increasingly polarized framing of immigration.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*

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- Card, D., Chang, S., Becker, C., Mendelsohn, J., Voigt, R., Boustan, L., Abramitzky, R., Jurafsky, D.  
2022; 119 (31): e2120510119
- **Automated Linking of Historical Data** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC LITERATURE*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L., Eriksson, K., Feigenbaum, J., Perez, S.  
2021; 59 (3): 865-918
  - **The long-term spillover effects of changes in the return to schooling & nbsp;** *JOURNAL OF PUBLIC ECONOMICS*  
Abramitzky, R., Lavy, V., Perez, S.  
2021; 196
  - **Intergenerational Mobility of Immigrants in the United States over Two Centuries** *AMERICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L., Jacome, E., Perez, S.  
2021; 111 (2): 580–608
  - **Were Jews in interwar Poland more educated?** *JOURNAL OF DEMOGRAPHIC ECONOMICS*  
Abramitzky, R., Halaburda, H.  
2020; 86 (3): 291–304
  - **Discrimination and the Returns to Cultural Assimilation in the Age of Mass Migration**  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L., Eriksson, K., Hao, S.  
AMER ECONOMIC ASSOC.2020: 340–46
  - **Do Immigrants Assimilate More Slowly Today than in the Past?** *American economic review. Insights*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L., Eriksson, K.  
2020; 2 (1): 125–41
  - **To the New World and Back Again: Return Migrants in the Age of Mass Migration** *ILR REVIEW*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L., Eriksson, K.  
2019; 72 (2): 300–322
  - **TO THE NEW WORLD AND BACK AGAIN: RETURN MIGRANTS IN THE AGE OF MASS MIGRATION.** *Industrial & labor relations review*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L., Eriksson, K.  
2019; 72 (2): 300-322
  - **The Mystery of the Kibbutz: Egalitarian Principles in a Capitalist World**  
Abramitzky, R.  
Princeton University Press.2018
  - **To the New World and Back Again: Return Migrants in the Age of Mass Migration** *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L., Eriksson, K.  
2018
  - **Immigration in American Economic History** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC LITERATURE*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L.  
2017; 55 (4): 1311–45
  - **Economics and the Modern Economic Historian** *Journal of Economic History*  
Abramitzky, R.  
2015; 75:4: 1240-1251
  - **BOOK TRANSLATIONS AS IDEA FLOWS: THE EFFECTS OF THE COLLAPSE OF COMMUNISM ON THE DIFFUSION OF KNOWLEDGE** *JOURNAL OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION*  
Abramitzky, R., Sin, I.  
2014; 12 (6): 1453-1520
  - **HOW RESPONSIVE IS INVESTMENT IN SCHOOLING TO CHANGES IN REDISTRIBUTIVE POLICIES AND IN RETURNS?** *ECONOMETRICA*  
Abramitzky, R., Lavy, V.  
2014; 82 (4): 1241-1272

- **A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration** *JOURNAL OF POLITICAL ECONOMY*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L. P., Eriksson, K.  
2014; 122 (3): 467-506
- **A Nation of Immigrants: Assimilation and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration.** *The journal of political economy*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L. P., Eriksson, K.  
2014; 122 (3): 467-506
- **How Responsive is Investment in Schooling to Changes in Redistribution Policies and in Returns?** *Econometrica*  
Abramitzky, R., Levy, V.  
2014; 82 (4): 1241-1272
- **Have the poor always been less likely to migrate? Evidence from inheritance practices during the age of mass migration** *JOURNAL OF DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L. P., Eriksson, K.  
2013; 102: 2-14
- **Have the poor always been less likely to migrate? Evidence from inheritance practices during the age of mass migration.** *Journal of development economics*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L. P., Eriksson, K.  
2013; 102: 2-14
- **ON THE OPTIMALITY OF LINE CALL CHALLENGES IN PROFESSIONAL TENNIS** *INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC REVIEW*  
Abramitzky, R., Einav, L., Kolkowitz, S., Mill, R.  
2012; 53 (3): 939-963
- **Europe's Tired, Poor, Huddled Masses: Self-Selection and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration.** *The American economic review*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L. P., Eriksson, K.  
2012; 102 (5): 1832-1856
- **Europe's Tired, Poor, Huddled Masses: Self-Selection and Economic Outcomes in the Age of Mass Migration** *AMERICAN ECONOMIC REVIEW*  
Abramitzky, R., Boustan, L. P., Eriksson, K.  
2012; 102 (5): 1832-1856
- **Marrying Up: The Role of Sex Ratio in Assortative Matching** *AMERICAN ECONOMIC JOURNAL-APPLIED ECONOMICS*  
Abramitzky, R., Delavande, A., Vasconcelos, L.  
2011; 3 (3): 124-157
- **Lessons from the Kibbutz on the Equality-Incentives Trade-off** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVES*  
Abramitzky, R.  
2011; 25 (1): 185-207
- **On the (lack of) Stability of Communes: An Economic Perspective** *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion*  
Abramitzky, R.  
edited by McCleary, R.  
Oxford University Press.2011: 169-189
- **Risk, Incentives, and Contracts: Partnerships in Rio de Janeiro, 1870-1891** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC HISTORY*  
Abramitzky, R., Frank, Z., Mahajan, A.  
2010; 70 (3): 686-715
- **Is Hanukkah Responsive to Christmas?\*** *ECONOMIC JOURNAL*  
Abramitzky, R., Einav, L., Rigbi, O.  
2010; 120 (545): 612-630
- **The effect of redistribution on migration: Evidence from the Israeli kibbutz** *JOURNAL OF PUBLIC ECONOMICS*  
Abramitzky, R.  
2009; 93 (3-4): 498-511
- **The limits of equality: Insights from the Israeli kibbutz** *QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS*  
Abramitzky, R.

2008; 123 (3): 1111-1159

- **The limits of equality: Insights from the Israeli Kibbutz**

Abramitzky, R.

CAMBRIDGE UNIV PRESS.2007: 527-27

- **Migration and human capital: Self-selection of indentured servants to the Americas** *JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC HISTORY*

Abramitzky, R., Braggion, F.

2006; 66 (4): 882-905

- **Vanderbilt Family** *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*

Abramitzky, R.

Oxford University Press.2004

- **"Du Pont Family", "Kettering Charles", "Lenin Vladimir Ilich", "Lewis John L.", "Malthusian and neo-Malthusian Theories"** *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*

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Oxford University Press.2004