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Current position

Postdoc researcher in Economic History, Lund University Department of Economic History. From July 2019 80% Research. Principal investigator on the project “Everyone worked: work patterns and household labor allocation in early modern Sweden” funded by Wallanders and Tom Hedelius Stipend and Tore Browaldhs Stipend.

Research interests

Historical labor markets, women’s work, work patterns, household labor allocation, wages and income, inequality and poverty, living standards, economic development and growth.

Education

PhD in Economic History, Lund University, Sweden, 2019.

Dissertation: Work, Wages and Income: Remuneration and Labor Patterns in Sweden 1500–1850.

Supervisors: Mats Olsson, Patrick Svensson, Faustine Perrin.

Examiner: Jane Humphries, University of Oxford and LSE

MSc in Economic History, Lund University, Sweden, 2014.

BA in History with a minor in Japanese Language, Bryn Mawr College, USA, 2011.

Grants

2022-2026. Swedish Research Counsel. Co-applicant and investigator: Spinning women revisited. Work and life before industrialization. PI: Malin Nilsson. 5.9 million SEK (590,000 EUR)

2022-2025. Swedish Research Counsel. Co-applicant and investigator: Equal in life and death? Living standard, inequality and mortality in Sweden 1600-1800. PI: Björn Eriksson. 4.34 million SEK (434,000 EUR)

2022: Stiftelsen för Arkitekturforskning. Co-applicant and investigator: Den glesa stadens skapelseberättelse. PI: Daniel Persson. 150,000 sek (15,000 EUR).

2019-2021. Wallanders and Tom Hedelius Stipend and Tore Browaldhs Stipend. PI for project “Everyone worked: work patterns and household labor allocation in early modern Sweden”. 1.8 million SEK (180,000 EUR).

2018. Ebbe Kocks stipend for research about southern Sweden. 250,000 SEK (25,000 EUR). Granted to extend PhD data collection.

2015. Hedelius stipend for study at a foreign university. 173,000 SEK (17,000 EUR). Granted for study visit at the University of Oxford, spring 2016.

2014-2017. Jan Wallanders and Tom Hedelius Stipend and Tore Browaldhs Stipend. Co-applicant and investigator for project "Wages, economic performance, and inequality. Scandinavia in 'the Little Divergence' in Europe". Principle investigator: Mats Olsson. 1.8 million SEK (180,000 EUR).

Prizes

2021. Heckscher Prize for the best paper in the *Scandinavian Economic History Review* in 2020. Awarded for Men at work: Wages and industriousness in southern Sweden 1500–1850" with Mats Olsson.

2019. Semi-finalist for Thirsk-Feinstein PhD Dissertation Prize at the Economic History Society.

2017. New Researchers' Prize in economic history by the Economic History Society to the top New Researchers' paper presented at the 2017 annual conference.

2014. Håkan Lindgren prize in economic history by the Stockholm School of Economics for the top masters' thesis in economic history in Sweden.

Publications

Gary, K. E, and Olsson, M. (2020). "Men at work: Wages and industriousness in southern Sweden 1500–1850." *Scandinavian Economic History Review* 68(2), pp 112-128.

Gary, K. E. (2018). *Work, Wages and Income: Remuneration and Labor Patterns in Sweden 1500–1850*. Doctoral dissertation. Lund University Department of Economic History.

Gary, K. E, and Olsson, M. (2017). Business as usual: Nobility and landed estates in Sweden. With Mats Olsson. *Essays in Economic & Business History* 35(1), pp 151-173.

Book review

Gary, K. E. (2021). "Jan Luiten van Zanden, Tine de Moor, and Sarah Carmichael, 'Capital women: the European Marriage Pattern, female empowerment, and economic development in western Europe, 1300–1800'." *The Economic History Review* 74(3), pp 856-857

Under review

Monopsony power and wages: Evidence from the introduction of serfdom in Denmark. With Mats Olsson, Peter Sandholt Jensen, Cristina Victoria Radu, Battista Severgnini, and Paul Sharp. Revise and resubmit at the *Economic Journal*.

Working papers

Gary, K. E. (2019). [The distinct seasonality of early modern casual labor and the short durations of individual working years: Sweden 1500-1800](#). LUP working paper 189.

Gary, K. E. (2017). [Constructing Equality? Women's wages for physical labor, 1550-1760](#). LUP working paper 158.

Gary, K. E. (2018). [On the construction of nominal and real wage series: Southern Sweden 1500–1850](#). Dissertation chapter.

Works in Progress

Seasonality in construction in early modern Europe. With Judy Stephenson and Patrick Wallis.

The (Working) Poor in Stockholm 1740. With Jakob Molinder and Christopher Phil.

Women's wages for annual work in Sweden, 1500–1850.

Men's wages for different social groups in Sweden 1500–1850.

Women's wage gap in Sweden, 1800–2000. With Tobias Karlsson and Faustine Perrin.

Skill premium in Swedish construction work 1500–1850.

The cost of a respectable living in Sweden 1500–1914. With Jakob Molinder and Christopher Phil.

Refereeing

The Journal of Economic History

The Economic History Review

European Review of Economic History

Scandinavian Economic History Review

Polish Research Council – Grant evaluation

Professional experience and service

From 2021 Organizing member of FRESH conference series.

2021 Adjunct judge for the EHS New Researchers Prize.

From 2019 Editor of the European Historical Economics Society's blog, 'Positive Check'.

Founder and moderator of European Historical Economics Society's social media accounts.

2017-2019 EHS Student Ambassador.

From 2016 Regular proof-reader for academic articles in various fields of economic history.

2014-2017 PhD student representative to the Board, Department of Economic History, Lund University.

2015 Co-manager of Department of Economic History social media.

2013-2014 Masters' student representative for the Department of Economic History, Lund University.

Research visits

2016. Visiting PhD student at the Department of History, University of Oxford. Spring 2016. Supervisors: Deborah Oxley and Jane Humphries

Blog posts

2017. Constructing Equality? Women's wages, physical labor, and demand factors in Sweden 1550-1759, at the EHS blog Long Run. <https://ehstheLongrun.net/2017/05/04/constructing-equality-womens-wages-physical-labor-and-demand-factors-in-sweden-1550-1759/>

2016. Income and the household: women's work and wages in early modern Sweden, published by Fernetzt, a blog focused on women's and gender history. <https://www.univie.ac.at/fernetzt/income-and-the-household-womens-work-and-wages-in-early-modern-sweden/>

Teaching

2019 to present. EOSE04 - Economic Growth in Modern Europe, North America and the OECD Club.

Developed new course for Bachelor's Program in Economy and Society.

2018 to present. SASE10 - Swedish Economic Development. Given twice annually.

EKHA22 - Världens ekonomisk historia (The World's Economic History). Recurring guest lecture and data exercise.

EKHA23 - Sveriges ekonomiska och sociala historia (Sweden's Economic and Social History).

Recurring guest lecture and data exercise.

2020 SASE11 - Economic Change, Labour Market and the Population. Converted to online course.

2015-2017 EKHE33 – The Break with the Old Order. Medieval and Early Modern Foundations of Modern Economic Growth. Bachelor level. Redesigned course material and structure.

Teaching fields

gender history – labor history – economic development – quantification in history – Swedish economic history – European economic history – industrialization

Supervision of masters' theses

2018 Hannah Leadbetter. (Supervisor) "Women's human capital and economic growth in India"

2017 Vivien Mohrland. (Secondary supervisor) "Did Economic Development And Economic Growth Contribute to the Democratization in Latin America in the 1980s? Modernization theory revisited."

Safoora Seyedi. (Secondary supervisor). Gender equality and Economic Growth in 20th Century India.

2016 Daniel Moreland. (Secondary supervisor) "Are there Gaps in Swedish Gender Wage Gap Research? A Meta-Analytical Approach."

Mårten Viberg. (Secondary supervisor) "Investment patterns in Scanian primary education before and after the Elementary School Act of 1842."

Peilin Wei. (Secondary supervisor) "Urbanization and Income Inequality in China in the period 2001-2012."

Antian Yang. (Secondary supervisor) "A Comparison Study on Modernization in the Meiji Restoration and the Self-Strengthening Movement."

Keynote address

SOUND for Seniors. Trondheim, June 2019. "The case for the periphery: Swedish work, wages and labor patterns in comparative context 1500-1850."

Presentations

2022

upcoming: XVIV World Economic History Congress, Paris. July. Presentation in 3 sessions.

2021

FRESH meeting in Economic History, online, 10 February.

EHS annual meeting, online, 6 March.

Swedish Economic History Meeting, Gothenburg, 9 October.

2019

Uppsala University History seminar, 30 January

Uppsala University Economic History seminar, 13 May

Stockholm University Economic History Seminar, 12 September

13th Swedish Economic History Meeting, Uppsala, 12 October

2018

Cambridge Early Modern Seminar in Economic & Social History. Cambridge, 10 May.

London FRESH meeting. London, 14 June 2018.

Working Time in the Past. LSE, 28 June 2018.

XVIII World Economic History Congress. Boston, 29 July – 3 August

2017

Economic History Society Annual Conference 2017. London, 31 March-2 April.

Wageningen RHI economic history seminar series. Wageningen, 13 June.

12th EHES Conference. Tübingen, 1-2 September.

12th Swedish Economic History Meeting. 12-14 October.

2016

Wage formation and costs of employment. London, 16 September.

41st Annual SSHA meeting. Chicago, 17-20 November.

Cambridge Economic and Social History Workshop. Cambridge, 28 November.

Lund Economic History Seminar Series. Lund, 14 December.

2015

Beyond GDP: A Long-Term View on Human Wellbeing and Inequality. Groningen, 28 June -3 July.

XVII WEHC. Kyoto, 3-7 August.

Wealth in America since 1600. Odense, 8-10 September.

Eleventh Swedish Economic History Meeting. Umeå, 8-10 October.

40th Annual SSHA meeting. Baltimore, 12-15 November.

10th Sound Economic History Workshop. Lund, 26-27 November.

Economic and Social History graduate seminar series. Oxford, 2 December.

2014

The British Economy in a Global Perspective 1000-2000. Odense, 1-3 September.

Labor Markets in Economic-Historical Perspective. Gothenburg, 30 September - 1 October, 9-10 December.

Organizer of

2022 (*upcoming*)

Timeless Wages: Piece Rates in Economic History. Accepted session for the XVIV World Economic History Congress, Paris. With Ben Schneider.

Working time in the Past. Accepted session for the XVIV World Economic History Congress, Paris.

2021

Wages, Labour and Inequality. Session at the 14th Swedish Economic History Meeting in Gothenburg 7-9 October. With Erik Bengtsson and Jakob Molinder

FRESH meeting Lund. Local organizer.

2019

Labour, wages and inequality. Session at the 13th Swedish Economic History Meeting. Uppsala. With Erik Bengtsson and Jakob Molinder

2018

Working Time in the Past. Workshop held at the LSE

GIS methods in economic history. Session at the XVIII World Economic History Congress, Boston.

2017

Labour, wages and inequality. Session at the 12th Swedish Economic History Meeting, Stockholm. With Erik Bengtsson and Jakob Molinder.

2015

Lund University Economic History Graduate Seminar

Skills and proficiencies

STATA: Proficient

English: Native Speaker

Swedish: Proficient

Japanese: Conversational