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Matt Drwenski

EDUCATION

The University of Pittsburgh

Ph.D. in History 2015-

Advisor: Patrick Manning

Regional and Thematic Fields: Latin America, World History

M.A. in History 2013-2015

Thesis: “Scales of Inequality: Strategies for Researching Global Disparities from 1750 to the Present”  
Thesis Committee: Patrick Manning, Diego Holstein, Edward Muller

Rice University, Houston, TX

B.A. in History, Political Science, and Policy Studies 2004-2008

RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Global Inequality**I am interested in the interaction among different scales of human economic and social inequality, from the local to the planetary. Specifically, my research addresses how inequality is measured, described, and visualized and what forces create, sustain, and shift patterns in the distribution of wealth and well-being. One aspect of my work looks at the global scale of inequality in the recent past while the other prong of my investigation examines inequality for a single understudied region, the Caribbean, back through the end of the 18th-century.

**American Silver Trade**Global flows of American silver, with the Americas and to Europe and Asia, are fundamental to understanding the creation of modern capitalism. My archival research in both the National Archive in Buenos Aires and the Archive of the Indies in Seville explored instances of silver smuggling in order to to create a new estimate of both illegal and legal bullion.

**World History Education**

As a former secondary school instructor, I am interested in the ways in which World History is taught at both the high school and college-levels.

PUBLICATIONS

(Under Review). “Data on Inequality and the Inequality of Data: The Last Two Centuries.” Journal of World Historical Information.

(Under Review). “Historical Databases: Processes in Practice.” Thematic cluster’s introduction and conclusion. Co-authored with Chris Meyers.Journal of World Historical Information.

AWARDS

**International Institute for Social History (IISH) Short-Term Exchange Program Summer 2015**

Awarded by World History Center and the International Institute for Social History in Amsterdam for two months of study and collaboration at the IISH.

**International Studies Fund Summer 2015**

Awarded by the University Center for International Studies for summer travel to and from the Netherlands.

**Arts and Sciences Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 2016 – 2017**

Awarded by the History Department Graduate Committee for initial year of dissertation work in the Ph.D. program at the University of Pittsburgh

**Collaborative for Historical Information and Analysis (CHIA) Fellowship** **2014 – 2015**

Awarded by CHIA for research on historical inequality and a world-historical gazetteer

**Arts and Sciences Pre-Doctoral Fellowship 2013 – 2014**Awarded by the History Department Graduate Committee for initial year of study at the University of Pittsburgh

**European Studies Summer Pre-Dissertation Research Summer 2014**

Awarded by History Department Graduate Committee on behalf of the European Union Center of Excellence and European Studies Center for summer archival research in the U.S., Europe, and South America.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

YES PREP SCHOOLS, HOUSTON TX 2009-2013

COURSE LEADER & CURRICULUM SPECIALIST 2010-2013

Created a curriculum for high school World History, from the evolution of humans to current events. Wrote nine district common assessments for the five other high schools in the YES Prep system. Led a team of six other 10th grade social studies teachers in planning, history teaching pedagogy, and common essay grading. Planned and facilitated training sessions for new social studies teachers.

AP WORLD HISTORY TEACHER 2010-2012

Started the first Advanced Placement history course at the school. Students achieved remarkable success in the first year with a mean score higher than the national average and significantly higher than the average scores for students with similar demographics. Doubled enrollment in AP course by second year, in addition to mentoring three new AP teachers at other schools in the district.

HISTORY AND ECONOMICS TEACHER 2009-2012

Taught 10th grade World History and 12th grade Economics at nationally-ranked public charter school for low-income students. Created plans for both courses of rigorous skills-centered instruction, including analyzing economic data and historical sources and writing rigorous research papers. Served as an advisor to a small group of high school students.

Conferences and LEADERSHIP

Steering Committee – Beyond Borders: The Practice of Atlantic, Transnational, and World History (April 2015)

Project Participant – National Endowment for the Humanities World-Historical Gazetteer Workshop (September 2014)

Mongol Rally Veteran (Summer 2012)

Coach, YES Prep Southeast Quiz Bowl Team (2010-12)

Coach, YES Prep Southeast Ultimate Frisbee Team (2011-12)

LANGUAGES

English – native language

Spanish – intermediate proficiency, three years of college-level coursework, archival experience