**Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure**  
*Report of research activities August 1st 2022 – July 31st 2023*

**Current Group members at 1 October 2023**  
(new members, since October 1st 2022, in bold)

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Publications appearing in print or published online (in Online Early form) August 2022 – July 2023


Briggs, C. 2023. ‘Current trends and future directions in the rural history of later medieval England (c. 1200-c. 1500)’, *Rural History*, early view [https://doi.org/10.1017/S0956793323000067](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0956793323000067).


**Publications accepted/in press August 2022 – July 2023**


Dobson, M. *Pandemics: From Plagues and Poxes to Disease X and Covid-19* (Head of Zeus; in press).


Ferguson. C. General editor for Peter Seaman, Adrian Green, Andrew Wareham (eds.) *Norfolk hearth tax 1672 and Norwich hearth tax 1671* (British Record Society 142 (Hearth Tax Series 8)) in press and due to be published 2023 or early 2024.


Mansell, C. ‘The Labour of Care in Early Modern England’ (forthcoming with *The Historical Journal*).


Williams, S., ‘Urban governance and the impact of plague on everyday life in Cambridge, 1625’, accepted by *Social History*.

Publications submitted August 2022 – July 2023 (outcome unknown yet)


Publications appearing as working papers or on personal or other websites August 2022 – July 2023


Brown, S. E., ‘Female legal identity and violent crime’.

Brown, S. E., ‘Let the punishment fit the person: Manorial amercements for assault in fourteenth-century Yorkshire’.


Smith, R., Presentation at memorial service 23 September 2022 for Sir Tony Wrigley on Peterhouse website.

Grants held August 2022 – July 2023 (grants awarded since August 2021 are asterisked)

Brown, S. E., Economic and Social Research Council Postdoctoral Fellowship (£95,492.90).

*Davenport, R.J. ‘Endemic malaria in Britain: a pilot study’, Cambridge Humanities Research grant £14,074 (July – Sept 2023).*


Litvine, A., Large Bid Preparation Grant (£10k) to employ Stan Hinton to prepare submission of grant application to the ESRC. 2023.

Litvine, A., CDH and Ellen MacArthur grants to fund the digitisation of road data (£3,000). 2023.

Litvine, A., Arts and Humanities and ESRC Impact Funds (£16+20K) plus CDH bid development award (£4K) to develop a pilot of educational video game on the Industrial Revolution with Juan Hiriart and a network of five participating secondary schools. 2022.

Mansell, C., British Academy Post-Doctoral Award 1 Oct 2019 - 14 April 2024.


*Shaw-Taylor, L., ‘Overcoming market failure in river navigation in England and Wales 1600-1830. Towpaths, pound locks, weirs, flash-locks, and mills’, Keynes Fund (£97,605). Leigh Shaw-Taylor is PI. Prof. Dan Bogart (University of California at Irvine) is CI.

Shaw-Taylor, L., ‘Lighthouses in Economics Redivivus: Analysis’, Keynes Fund (£94,730) Leigh Shaw-Taylor is PI. Prof. Dan Bogart (University of California at Irvine) is CI.

Schürer, K., ‘Integrated Census Microdata’ Economic and Social Research Council (award started 1st July 2022, ends September 30th 2023 - £319,319 FEC (£269,819 contribution) plus £72,090 FEC (£57,672 contribution) supplement to original grant application). Total award £391,409 FEC - £327,491 contribution.

Grant/fellowship applications submitted, outcome unknown, August 2022 – July 2023

Bennett, B. ‘The incentives to entrepreneurship and small businesses’, Economic and Social Research Council.

Davenport, R.J. and Satchell, M. ‘Airs, waters and agues: The historical impact of malaria in England and Denmark’, Economic and Social Research Council, c.£1M. Proposed start date 1st April 2024, result expected Nov 2023.

c.£3.7M (c.£250,000 to Cambridge) January 2024-December 2029, final decision October 2023.


Litvine, A., ARC UKRI, £62,500, starting 01/02/2024 – shortlisted, final outcome known in November 2023.

Grant/fellowship applications planned for 2023-24


Mansell, C., Marie Sklodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Fellowship (University of Amsterdam) – application in progress, to be submitted by 13 Sept 2023.

Mansell, C., ESRC New Investigator Grant (for individual project ‘People on the Move: Rethinking Mobility in the Pre-Industrial World’).

Shaw-Taylor, L., AHRC IAA grant: Enhancing www.economiespast.org

Will be for approaching £15,000. Funding for Stan Hinton, Jenny Bishop and buy-out for Martin Lucas-Smith. Result in September. Start date in October.

Shaw-Taylor, L., Plan to submit a Cambridge Humanities Research Grant (CHRG) to work with Stan Hinton on the towns project. Likely for £20k. Deadline is in October. Decision in December? Start date 1st January.

Conference and seminar papers given August 2022 – July 2023


Briggs, C., 'Felons and their possessions in late medieval and Tudor Rutland', Rutland Local History and Record Society, May 2023.


Davenport, R.J. ‘Must the gap widen before it can narrow?’ Inequalities in health and survival in the English population from demographic evidence, c.1580 – 1911’, Dept of Archaeology, University of Reading, 20th October 2022 (invited).


Davenport, R.J. ‘Early modern epidemics in Britain’, Joint Universities Pandemic and Epidemiological Research (JUNPER) seminar, Cambridge 21st June 2023 (invited).

Davenport, R.J. Panelist, ‘New threats to health and survival - increasing health inequalities?’ Talking about Population: a BSPS 50th Anniversary day event, London School of Economics 7th July 2023 (invited).

Dobson, M., Seminar on ‘Malaria in England: Contours of Death Revisited’ at the University of Roskilde, Denmark, 3 November 2022 (invited by Professor Lone Simonsen).


Erickson, A.L., ‘Identifying women’s work through occupations’, workshop on Decoding textual representation: Understanding working women’s legal capacity, Université de Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, 4 November 2022 (invited).

Erickson, A.L., ‘Migration and gender in British cities and towns in the long 18th century’, Urban History seminar, University of Brussels, Belgium, 24 April 2023 (invited).


Henderson, S., ‘The English Leather Economy during the long nineteenth century’, Society for Museum Archaeology Annual Conference 2022, University of Nottingham, 15 September 2022.


Reid, A., on behalf of Kevin Schürer: ‘Regional variations in household structure and composition in Great Britain, 1851-1901’. British Society for Population Studies Annual Conference September 2022 (Winchester).


Reid, A., ‘Comparing causes of death over time and between places: challenges and opportunities (Plenary). European Society for Historical Demography Conference, Nijmegen, August 2023 (invited).

Reid, A., ‘The first demographic transition in Britain—one or many?’ European Society for Historical Demography Conference, Nijmegen, August 2023.


Williams, S., ‘The poor law, the workhouse and the construction of ablebodiedness in England and Wales, 1834-1914’, Core Economic and Social History seminar series, University of Cambridge, 17 November 2022 (invited).


Undergraduate and graduate teaching and examining undertaken August 2022 – July 2023 (supervisions, lectures and directing studies)

Adams, C. Imperial history lecture and seminar, MSt in History, ICE.

Briggs, C. Faculty of History: Outline O2 The British Isles in the Middles Ages 800-1500: supervisions and lectures. Part IA Historical Thinking: classes, supervisions.

Brown, S. E. Convenor & Lecturer: ‘History of Violence’ (MPhil), University of Cambridge. Lecturer: ‘Criminal Justice System’ (Y1), Arden University; ‘Academic Writing and Presentation Skills’ (MPhil), University of Cambridge. Supervisor: ‘Global Perspectives on Violence’ (Y3), University of Cambridge; ‘Academic Skills Workshops’ (Part IA), University of Cambridge; ‘British Isles in the Middle Ages, 800-1500’ (Y1), University of Cambridge.

Dai, Y. Seminar teacher, Research Design and Quantitative Methods in Economic History, Department of Economic History, London School of Economics.

Davenport, R.J. Teaching and examining Part II course ‘Demographic continuity and change’, with Alice Reid (Geography); examining undergraduate coursework (26) and dissertations in Geography (2).


Garrett, E. One lecture on the ‘Geography of Fertility’ given to Masters in Reproductive Medicine, University of Sheffield.


Kienast-von Einem, C. Undergraduate supervisions in ‘Geographies of Health’ Paper IA, and ‘Social and Ethical Context of Health and Illness’.
Mansell, C. Examiner for ‘Earning a Living’ Themes and Sources undergraduate essays (Cambridge History tripos), with Craig Muldrew. Lecturer and assessor on the MSt in History (Institute of Continuing Education), delivering ‘Quantitative History’ lecture. Assessor of Historical Thinking 1A Book Reports (Cambridge History tripos).

Reid, A. Part 1A: Geographies of Health (Geography Dept). Part 2: Demographic Continuity and Change (Geography Dept). Selection of additional lectures, supervisions etc.

Shaw-Taylor, L. Michaelmas 2022: Eight undergraduate lectures for paper 10, British Economic and Social History 1700-1870. Two undergraduate lectures for paper 5. One undergraduate lecture for paper 10. Three graduate classes for the M.Phil in Economic and Social History. Lent 2023: Examined one M.Phil dissertation proposal essay. Easter 2023: Depending on the strike I may be examining one M.Phil dissertation in August.

Williams, S. Institute of Continuing Education: MSt in History. Faculty of History: Paper 10, ‘British Economic and Social History, 1700-1880’; Paper 11, ‘British Economic and social History, since 1880’; History and Politics IB project; MPhil in Early Modern History, Option, ‘Poverty, disease and medicine in Britain, 1500-1800’.

Research supervision (undergraduate, MPhil and Ph.D. students) conducted August 2022 – July 2023


Brown, S. E., ‘Dissertation’ (Y3), University of Wales Trinity Saint David (10 dissertations).

Davenport, R.J. Undergraduate dissertation in Economics (co-supervised with Amy Erickson) (1) and Geography (1); Joanne Wallace (Ph.D. student, History); two summer internships July – August 2023 (SHARE programme).


Williams, S., 3 PhD students; 1 MSt Year 2 dissertation student; 2 MSt Year 1 students.
Zahedieh, N., PhD History (1st Supervisor), Eleanor Stephenson, ‘The Royal Society and Slavery in Jamaica, 1655-1713’ (funded by AHRC Collaborative Doctoral Award in partnership with the Royal Society).

Dissertations submitted and degrees awarded August 2022 – July 2023


Smart, J. K., MSt in History, University of Cambridge, 2022 (Distinction).

Visitors to the Group August 2022 – July 2023

Dr Martin Andersson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (September 2021 – June 2023).
Grigoris Antoniou, PhD Candidate, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (July 2023 – August 2023).
Dr Mathias Ingholt, University of Roskilde (July 11-14 2023).
Dr Margarida López Antón, Università Autónoma de Barcelona (October 2022 – December 2022).
Louise Ludvigsen, PhD Candidate, Copenhagen University (February 2023 - March 2023).
Dr Ann-Catrin Östman, Åbo Akademi University, Finland (May 2023).
Mads Perner, PhD Candidate, Copenhagen University (February 2023 - March 2023).
Prof Hilde Sommerseth, Arctic University of Tromso, Norway (August 2022 – July 2023).

Refereeing for journals, publishers and grant awarding bodies undertaken since August 1 2022


Other professional activities

editor, Material Culture and the Medieval World (Bloomsbury Academic). President, Cambridgeshire Records Society (from July 2019). Convenor, Medieval Economic and Social History Seminar, Faculty of History.

Brown, S. E. Researcher: Medieval Murder Maps, Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge
https://www.vrc.crim.cam.ac.uk/vrcresearch/london-medieval-murder-map.

Dai, Y., Member of the prize committee for the Economic History Society’s best new researcher poster (2023).

Davenport, R. J. Chair, Local Population Studies Society (June 6th 2023+); Editorial board Economic History Review; dissertation prize judge for Economic History Society annual conference; external member of PandemiX Centre, University of Roskilde; service on advisory board of ‘Pathogens, Pandemics and the Development of Nordic Societies’ (PI Lone Simonsen, Roskilde University); ‘Disentangling socio-political and climatic factors for food insecurity in early modern northern Europe (c. 1500–1800)’ (PI Fredrik Charpentier Ljungqvist, Stockholm) and the ‘Corsican Population Project’ (PI Jean-Pascal Bassino, ENS Lyon).

Dobson, M. External Examiner for the PhD thesis by Mathias Ingholt at the University of Roskilde, Denmark, November 4th, 2022. Thesis title: ‘The Epidemiology and Medical History of Malaria in nineteenth-century Denmark’.


Ferguson, C. General Editor since 2008 of the British Record Society Hearth Tax Series which publishes on a county basis the work of the Hearth Tax Project. In this role, I am currently completing the index for the Norfolk volume, and also working with the county introducers and other members of the BRS committee on 5 other volumes in progress. Member British Academy Hearth Tax Committee. Outreach: Palaeography tutor/organiser for the Surrey Archaeological Society, Heritage Lottery Funded Outreach Project transcribing Surrey Archdeaconry wills and probate inventories from the Consistory Court of Winchester 1600-1650 (c. 300).
https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/sites/default/files/HLF%20e-letter%20Dec%202018.pdf Committee member of Surrey Archaeological Society Local History Committee which organises and presents two full day symposia per annum; this year’s topics have been ‘Managing poverty in Surrey’ (6 speakers) and ‘Surrey music makers’ (6 speakers). Lectures given this year to History Societies across Surrey and adjacent counties cover a range of topics including medieval anchorites and hermits; the pattern and distribution of poverty in post-Restoration Surrey; the growth of education and literacy in 17th century Surrey; hymn-writers of Surrey; and
1660s/1670s parish population lists for subscription to slave/captive ransoms; the Loseley Chapel and concealed lands. Lectures given in person and online, all invited.

**Garrett, E.** Chair of Local Population Studies Society. Organisation of BSPS workshop on Teaching Historical Demography (with Eric Schneider, LSE; Wendy Sigle, LSE; Nicola Shelton, UCL), April 2023.

**Gasson, J. T. T.** Co-convenor of the Graduate Workshop for Economic and Social History (2022-3 and 2023-4).


**Parkinson, E.** Continuing co-editing work for three volumes of the British Record Society Hearth Tax series–Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire and Worcestershire. Honorary Research Fellow at Roehampton University. Member of the British Academy Hearth Tax Research Project Committee. Outreach continuing links with local history groups in North and South Wales and now Devon.


**Schürer, K.** Vice-Chair, Local Population Studies Society; Chair, ESRC Grant Assessment Panel C (and thereby member of ESRC Grants Delivery Group); Co-operating editor, *Historical Social Research*; Fellow, Academy of the Social Sciences; Professor Emeritus, University of Leicester.

**Shaw-Taylor, L.** I have been working on [www.economiespast.org](http://www.economiespast.org), a public engagement and impact project. This is launch ready and will be launched at the Economic History Society’s annual conference in April 2024. However, I have applied for further funding (see above) which would allow me to enhance the site before launch.

**Smart, J. K.** Member of Social History Society. Member of Local Population Studies Society.
Smith, R. Fellow of the British Academy, Fellow of the Academy of Social Science, Fellow of University College London, Vice-President and Council Member, Economic History Society, President Suffolk Records Society, Trustee Stour Valley Education Trust.

Wakelam, A. ‘Debtors’ prisons: Dickensian horrors or economic successes?’, BBC History Extra (November 2022), Podcast Interview. ‘Inside debtors’ prisons: what life was like for people jailed in Georgian Britain’, BBC History Magazine (April 2023), 36-41. ‘They Must Marry! (Chapters 49 + 50)’, Live From Pemberley (Hot & Bothered Productions, March 2023), Podcast interview on debt and gambling in Regency England.

Williams, S. Economic History Society; Royal Historical Society.

Zahedieh, N., Fellow of Academy of Social Sciences, Acadamia Europaea, FRHS. Chair of Publications Committee of Economic History Society, Ex Officio member of Executive Committee of Economic History Society. Member of Editorial Boards New Approaches to Economic and Social History (Cambridge University Press); People, Markets, Goods: Economies and Societies in History (Boydell and Brewer). Member of Academic Panel, Museum of London.

**Statements of current research (where supplied)**

Caitlin Adams
I am about to submit my PhD. My thesis examines the language of labouring families in England and New South Wales in the early nineteenth century, as expressed in petitions for clemency.

Bob Bennett
Development of the BBCE dataset and further testing of its characteristics; further analysis of BBCE mainly focusing on completion of existing paper drafts, and new analysis of firm-size data for 1851-81 for non-manufacturing firms. Further development of the entrepreneurship choice model used in Age of Entrepreneurship, Chapter 6. Preparations for analysis of 1921 I-CeM data when it becomes available.

Lyn Boothman
I am using the 1861 census and my population reconstruction of Long Melford to investigate the proportion of the population present who, either in 1861 or previously, had grandparents, or grandchildren, resident in the same community, and the approximate length of time the grandchildren had had grandparents alive in their lifetimes.

Chris Briggs
Material culture and living standards 1300-1600; law and society in the later middle ages.

John Broad
Completing revisions of article on boundaries (2021) for resubmission to English Historical Review. Researching and writing article on virus pandemics in England 1500-1750 using Campop datasets. Writing up work on early workhouses for publication. Completion of rural housing book.

Stephanie Brown

Anthony Cockerill
Once the Common Pleas dataset is finalised, I shall work with Prof Leigh Shaw-Taylor to write the following papers: (i) The English occupational structure as indicated by a comparison of the late 14th century Poll Tax with the early 15th century Common Pleas. Prof Richard Smith will continue working with me on this paper. The paper should help establish the representativeness of the common pleas dataset besides painting a picture of England’s occupational structure. (ii) An evaluation of Dyer’s towns list for the late medieval period; this will include ideas about how towns should be defined and the growth of urban occupational complexity with a particular focus on London. (iii) Although the primary, secondary and tertiary sector shares in the common pleas appear trendless between the early fifteenth and early sixteenth centuries economic development/progress is visible when the data are approached in a much more disaggregated form. For instance, the incidence of millwrights and brickmaker increased more than 10-fold while scythe makers increased three-fold; thus, making wheeled vehicles increased 50 percent. All this is indicative of economic development even though it did not feed through into changes in sectoral shares. This paper will explore occupations which grew markedly in ways which suggest economic development. (iv) English economic geography in the late medieval period including wheeled v unwheeled zones and the location of textile industries. (v) A summary of the common pleas data from the perspective of economic and social history.

Ying Dai
I am now writing articles based on my dissertation on the occupational structure of the twentieth-century Yangtze Valley. I am revising an article about by-employment, analysing data from a lineage with the kins linked, and preparing an article on female labour force participation rate.

Romola Davenport
My current research foci are (1) a new ESRC-funded project on faecal-oral mortality in British cities c.1770-1930 (with Hanna Jaadla, Toke Aidt and Bernard Harris), and (2) the history of malaria in Britain c.1580-1900 (with Max Satchell).

Emma Diduch
During the first year of my PhD I have been constructing a longitudinal dataset on women’s life courses and fertility decline in late nineteenth-century Derbyshire using a combination of census records, archival material, and marriage indexes around 1881-1911. In particular I am focusing on the textile manufacturing districts of Derbyshire and a collection of archival materials from factories owned by WG and J Strutt Ltd.

Mary Dobson
My current research foci are 1) Malaria. This includes exchanging ideas with Romola, Max, Mathias and others at CAMPOP about the ‘Malaria in England and Denmark’ project and revisiting my earlier research and book, ‘Contours of Death and Disease in Early Modern England’ (CUP 1997) especially in the Romney Marsh region of southeast England 2) Pandemics. I am currently writing a book commissioned by the publisher Head of Zeus: Mary Dobson, ‘Pandemics: From Plagues and Poxes to Disease X and Covid-19’ (Head of Zeus, forthcoming; title to be confirmed). This follows my previous books on the history of medicine and disease designed for the general reader (Disease; The Story of Medicine; Murderous Contagion).

Catherine Ferguson
Continued research for, and editing of, British Record Society Hearth Tax Series volumes. Norfolk Hearth Tax (eds. P. Seaman, A. Green, A. Wareham) has required general and copyediting to reduce the content/size of volume. Delayed from planned publishing date of 2022 but now with the printer. Final indexing to follow soon. Huntingdonshire Hearth Tax (eds.E. Lord, K. Sneath, C. Ferguson, E. Parkinson) and Northamptonshire Hearth Tax (eds. D. Hayter, C. Ferguson, E. Parkinson) have been
delayed by the Covid pandemic but work on the latter has resumed as we focus on finalising the collection areas. Lincolnshire, Worcestershire and Hertfordshire all have complex hearth tax documents (early and/or damaged) requiring considerable preparatory work to understand them and then to assist the local introducers before full analysis can begin.

Eilidh Garrett
Finishing work on Britain’s’ First Demographic Transition (‘Atlas’ project). Working with team in Edinburgh on Scottish Historical Population Platform, mainly coding and quality assessment.

Jerome Gasson
I am moving into the third year of a PhD in History. My provisional title is ‘The management of human resources on the Clare estate, c. 1317-60’. My work focuses on the auditing and annotation of the account rolls that are our main sources for agriculture and production in this period. I am interested in exploring where and why conflict and accusations of corruption arose, and what this might tell us about the priorities and vulnerabilities of estate economies.

Stuart Henderson
My PhD project, which is very much nearing completion, covers the history of the English and Welsh leather trades from 1700 to 1900, with an emphasis on occupational, technological, and legal changes.

Christoph Hess
My current research focuses on the economics of the family in pre-industrial China. One part of this project focuses on migration, especially the impact of Western-style education on mobility in China, and marriage-related migration. The second major part of the project is about family structure in pre-industrial China and seeks to identify regionally prevalent patterns of family structures.

Hannaliis Jaadla
I am working on the GB Atlas project on questions related to British demographic transition and have started work on the WaSH project to study the relationships between urbanisation, public health and mortality decline in Great Britain from 1780 to 1930s. My research also focusses on long-run demographic change in Estonia.

Caroline Kienast-von Einem
My research focuses on the effects of the (built) environment on health behaviours, and in particular the impact of environmental interventions to promote physical activity. Areas of interest include the mechanisms by which environmental interventions operate, how to assess the effects of interventions, and how to account for the impacts of cohort attrition and migration.

Alexis Litvine
My current research foci are (1) completing the INCHOS chapters on subsectoral analysis, (2) refactoring PSTI, (3) analysis of lighthouse and wreck data with Dan Bogart and (4) wishful thinking, finish my book.

Charmian Mansell
I currently hold a British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at the University of Cambridge (2019-2023) for a project titled ‘Everyday Travel and Communities in Early Modern England’. This project traces patterns of everyday travel in early modern England to recover social and economic communities beyond the boundary of the village, parish, or town. Scholarship identifies high migration and parish population turnover in England during this period; yet historians continue to locate the social and economic communities to which ordinary people belonged within a highly localised framework, characterising the early modern village as self-contained. To access their spatial experiences and identities, this project investigates the quotidian journeys that men and women across the social spectrum recounted in court depositions between 1550 and 1700. Divided into three
strands, the project analyses the nature of everyday travel (investigating who made journeys, how far they travelled and for what purpose); the influence of topography and landscape on cross-parish socio-economic networks; and the extent to which infrastructure and transportation determined the scale and experience of everyday travel in early modern England. Between Jan 2023 and Jan 2024, I am on a secondment at UCL, working as a Research Associate on the AHRC-funded project ‘Legacies of the British Slave Trade’, tracing investments into the Royal African Company in the early eighteenth century.

Elizabeth Parkinson
Current research covering central aspects of the Worcestershire hearth tax administration has reached the stage for discussion with the editors of the British Record Society and the Worcestershire Historical Society as how best to use the data which is limited by poor record survival. Research nearer home includes an investigation of two Devon farms and their building development since the first hearth tax assessments in 1662 tracing land ownership and tenure against a changing economic background.

Alice Reid
Mainly trying to complete analyses and write up papers for the ‘Britain’s first demographic transition’ project!

Kevin Schürer
1921 I-CeM project.

Leigh Shaw-Taylor

Jennifer Smart
Currently working towards a PhD on Climacteric Insanity in the Derbyshire and Norfolk County asylums, 1845-1914.

Richard Smith
Roger Schofield British Academy obituary memoirs; The English medieval manor court roll as a demographic source; Occupational structure of later medieval England; Marriage and economy among the lower classes of medieval England; Political change in village society, welfare and wealth redistribution in rural England 1400-1650; The Household Accounts of Elizabeth de Burgh (Clare), 1330-1360; The medieval estate records of the Abbey of Bury St Edmunds (with Mark Bailey);
Migration, mortality and medicalisation and urbanization in England 1600-1945; The demography and wellbeing of the elderly in Europe 1400-1800.

Auriane Terki-Mignot
I am investigating patterns of female and male employment in France between 1792 and 1901, with the aim of assessing the impact of hard data on female employment on assessments of French industrialisation.

Alex Wakelam
My primary focus is on completing the coding of the enhanced 1921 Census and producing detailed guides to accompany the dataset on how to optimise approaches to I-CeM based on emergent data. Additionally, I continue when possible with my long-standing research into eighteenth-century economic society through the prism of debt imprisonment such as the integration of Jews or the purchasing power of women.

Joanne Wallace
Population, growth and migration in 19th century English small towns and their hinterlands.

Samantha Williams

Nuala Zahedieh
Nuala Zahedieh’s research focuses on the economic history of the Atlantic world in the age of slavery with a particular interest in the intersection between empire, the pursuit of new natural knowledge, and the accumulation of skills (human capital) which underpinned industrial revolution. At the moment she is working on canoes and the importance of indigenous skills and technology in the rise of the Caribbean plantation economy. Other projects include an economic history of Jamaica, Silver and Sugar: Jamaica and the Atlantic Economy, 1655-1730; the price of free and enslaved labour in the Caribbean; London and the Atlantic economy in the eighteenth century.

Datasets available online (not in public repositories)


Litvine, A., (2023). Historical wrecks database: a geodatabase containing the location of over 189,000 wrecks identified and geolocated.  https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8014019  This dataset has a restrictive licence since it uses material under copyright from several maritime agencies.


Datasets in preparation (not yet fully available online)

Broad, J. Database of farmers’ writing (with Rebecca Ford) for online publication by British Agricultural History Society. c700 items covering 1500-1960.

Cockerill, A. Common Pleas database. I have added 23 terms to the original database that I created and am now getting the combined database ready for analysis; this will be completed by end 2023.

Ferguson, C. Completion of statistical data tables for the British Record Society volume of The Huntingdonshire Hearth Tax.

Ferguson, C. I am the Palaeography tutor/organiser for Surrey Archaeological Society, Heritage Lottery Funded Outreach Project: Transcriptions of all wills and probate inventories for the Surrey Archdeaconry from the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Winchester 1600-1650; c. 300, 90% complete but the recent online publication of Ancestry’s digital images of these document has necessitated re-checking of the transcripts initially done from microfilm images. Dataset will be placed on the society’s website

https://www.surreyarchaeology.org.uk/content/research

Ferguson, C., and Parkinson, E., pending data sets providing details of the distribution of entry and hearth numbers in the parishes of Northamptonshire, Huntingdonshire and Worcestershire in preparation for the statistical tables and maps to be published in the respective county hearth tax volumes. Dates covered will be between 1662 and 1674.

Litvine, A., French Historical GIS, 1700-2020. Administrative units, Populations, Transports, Economy (forthcoming 2024):  https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3727274.  This dataset combines all the data produced during my five-year research programme. A full description of the data is available at www.anrcommunes.fr. Our data have already been requested for reuse multiple times and are already cited in several publications.

Terki-Mignot, A., dataset of French population listings for 21 case studies spread across 16 French départements, across the period 1792-1906.  254,581 observations. Main variables include household number, sex, age, relationship to head of household, marital status, and occupation for each individual listed. Dataset cleaned, merged, and standardised.