INSTITUTIONS EVERYWHERE
All-University of California Conference on Economic History
In Honor of Founding Member Roger L. Ransom
May 15-17, 2009 -- University of California, Riverside
Mission Inn – Riverside, California

Preliminary Program

Friday, May 15

[lunch on your own]

2:00-2:10  Greetings
Richard Sutch, UC Riverside

2:10-3:00  And it is one, two, three/What are we fighting for?
Chair: TBA
John Majeweski, UC Santa Barbara, “Imagined Economies: Economic Nationalism in
the American and Confederate Independence Movements”
Discussant: Roger L. Ransom, UC Riverside

3:00-3:15  Break

3:15-4:55  Securitization: A good idea or what?
Chair: Kirsten Wandtschneider, Occidental College
Sarah Quinn, UC Berkeley, “Towards a Market for Mortgage-Backed Securities:
Federal Credit Lending and Debt Instruments in the Post War Era”
Discussant: Larry Neal, University of Illinois

Tony Yang, UC Riverside, “The Performance of Life Insurance Companies: 1860-1905”
Discussant: Alan Olmstead, UC Davis

6:00  Reception
California Museum of Photography
Hosted by the UCR Department of History and
the California Museum of Photography
Saturday, May 16

8:15-9:00 Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:40 Is finance broken? Is there a Superglue?
   Chair: Richard Sutch, UC Riverside

    Larry Neal, University of Illinois, “The Perils of Moving from Personal to Impersonal Finance: From the Glorious Revolution in Britain to Sub-Prime Time at Northern Rock.”
    Discussant: Christopher M. Meissner, UC Davis

    Marc D. Weidenmier, Claremont McKenna College, “Identifying the Effects of a Lender of Last Resort on Financial Markets: Lessons from the Founding of the Fed” with Asaf Bernstein, Harvey Mudd College, and Eric Hughson, University of Colorado
    Discussant: Martha Olney, UC Berkeley

10:40-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:45 Growth in the really long run
   Chair: Kerry Odell, Scripps College

    Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, CalTech, and R. Bin Wong, UC Irvine, "Political Economy and Growth in China and Europe since Tamerlane"
    Discussant: Gary D. Libecap, UC Santa Barbara

    Jeremiah Dittmar, UC Berkeley, “Cities, Institutions, and Growth: The Emergence of Zipf’s Law”
    Discussant: Greg Clark, UC Davis

12:45-1:45 Lunch and Steering Committee Meeting

1:45-2:30 Break

2:30-4:10 Institutions everywhere: From Turkey to Yucatan
   Chair: Robert Patch, UC Riverside

    Fariba Zarinebaf, UC Riverside, “Ottoman Guilds and the State in Eighteenth Century Istanbul”
    Discussant: Jan DeVries, UC Berkeley

    Juliette Levy, UC Riverside, "Were the Nineteenth Century Mexican Notaries the Original Micro-financiers? Credit Markets in Mexico"
    Discussant: Dan Bogart, UC Irvine
Saturday Evening

5:30-6:30  Reception

6:30  Banquet In Honor of Roger L. Ransom, Founding member of the All-UC Group and recently retired member of the UCR History Department.

Sunday, May 17

8:15-9:00  Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:40  Free and not so easy: masters, servants, and the unemployed

    Chair: Leah Platt Boustan, UCLA

    Noam Yuchtman, Harvard University, “How Green Was My Valley? Labor Market Coercion in Late Nineteenth Century Industrial Britain” with Suresh Naidu, Harvard University
    Discussant: Peter Lindert, UC Davis

    Woong Lee, UC Irvine, “Slack and Slacker: Job Seekers and Job Vacancies in the U.S. Labor Market during the Roaring Twenties and the Great Contraction, 1924-1932”
    Discussant: Gavin Wright, Stanford University

10:40-11:00  Coffee Break  [checkout time is noon]

11:00-11:50  Watch what you drink!

    Chair: Susan B. Carter, UC Riverside

    Discussant: Todd Sorensen, UC Riverside

11:50  Closing – Susan B. Carter, UC Riverside

12:00  Adjourn

[lunch on your own]