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RESEARCH & TEACHING FOCUS

Monetary and banking economics; History of monetary theory; International money and finance.

EDUCATION

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| 2020 | Ph.D. in Economics , Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. |
| 2015 | M.A. in History of Economic Thought (Master 1 & Master 2) , Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. |
| 2013 | B.A. in Economics , University of Crete. |

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY & AFFILIATIONS

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| Since Aug. 2026 | Associate Professor of Economics, American University of Paris. |
| Since Sept. 2025 | Research Associate, Center Mondes Américains (CENA), École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales. |
| Since Sept. 2020 | Research Associate, Center PHARE, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. |
| Aug. 2021- Aug. 2026 | Assistant Professor of Economics, American University of Paris. |
| Sept. 2020-May 2021 | Research Fellow, Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University. |
| Sept. 2018-Sept. 2020 | Short-term Research and Teaching Assistant/Attaché temporaire d'enseignement et de recherche (ATER), Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. |
| Sept. 2015-Aug. 2018 | PhD fellowship from the French Ministry of Education with a teaching load/Doctorante contractuelle avec mission d'enseignement, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. |
| Jan.-April 2015 | Teaching assistant/Vacataire chargée d'enseignement de travaux dirigés, Université Paris-Descartes. |

PUBLICATIONS

Published Articles

1. Ron, Ariel, and Sofia Valeonti. Forthcoming. "John Sherman of Ohio: Finance Minister of the American Civil War Era." *History of Political Economy*. (HCERES ranking A).
2. Ron, Ariel, and Sofia Valeonti. 2025. "Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture." *History of Political Economy* 57 (4): 571-605. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00182702-11857058>. (HCERES ranking A).

3. Ron, Ariel, and Sofia Valeonti. 2023. "The Money War: An Interpretation of Democracy, Depreciation, and Taxes in the U.S. Civil War." *Cambridge Journal of Economics* 47 (2): 263-268. <https://doi.org/10.1093/cje/bead006>. (HCERES ranking A).
4. Dimand, Robert, and Sofia Valeonti. 2022. "Irving Fisher, Simon Newcomb, and Their Plans to Stabilize the Dollar." *The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought* 29 (6): 1052-1065. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09672567.2022.2137550>. (HCERES ranking A).
5. Valeonti, Sofia. 2022. "Henry C. Carey's Monetary Thought and American Industrialization in the Greenbacks Debate." *History of Political Economy* 54 (2): 186-216. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00182702-9699025>. (HCERES ranking A).
6. Valeonti, Sofia. 2020. "Simon Newcomb's Monetary Theory: A Reappraisal." *The European Journal of the History of Economic Thought* 27 (6): 837-52. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09672567.2020.1790623>. (HCERES ranking A).

Book Reviews

1. Valeonti, Sofia. Forthcoming. Review of *Spread the Fed: Distributed Central Banking for Productive-Republican Finance*, by Robert C. Hockett. *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*. (HCERES ranking A).
2. Valeonti, Sofia. 2020. Review of *Reconstructing the National Bank Controversy: Politics and Law in the Early American Republic*, by Eric Lomazoff. *History of Economic Ideas*. (3)154-156 (HCERES ranking B)

Under Review

1. "Economist's Fables on the Origins of Money" coauthored with Carlos Eduardo Suprinyak, submitted *Cambridge Journal of Economics*

Working Papers

1. "Republican's Competing Visions of Development after the US Civil War"
2. "John Sherman and the International Conference of 1867"

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Fellowships

- **John H. Lewis Jr. Faculty Development Fund**, American University of Paris: Summer 2025.
- **Course release for research**, American University of Paris: Fall 2024.
- **Faculty development grant**, American University of Paris: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026.
- **Fellowship**, Center for Critical Democracy Studies, AUP, 2022-2023.
- **Research fellowship**, Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University, 2020-2021.
- **Research and teaching assistant fellowship**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2018-2020.
- **PhD program fellowship**, Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2015-2018.

Academic Recognition

1. **AUP Board of Trustees Distinguished Teaching Award**, 2026. Nominated: 2023 & 2026.
2. **Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholar**, for the 2022 History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), University of St. Thomas, June 16-18, 2022
3. **Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholar**, for the 2019 History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), Columbia University, June 20-23, 2019.
4. **Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholar**, for the 2018 History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), Loyola University Chicago, June 14-17, 2018.

5. **ESHET Young Scholar Seminar**, at the 21st Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET), University of Antwerp, May 19, 2017.

Travel awards

- **Research grant**, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, for archival research at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and the Library of Congress, July-August 2017.

French Academic Qualifications

- Qualified to apply for a position of *Maître de Conférences* by the *conseil national des universités* in section 5 (Economics) and section 11 (English and Anglo-Saxon language and literature).

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker

1. GREDEG seminar, Université de Nice, June 5, 2026.
2. Workshop “Capitalism and the Developmental State in the U.S. Civil War Era,” The Pennsylvania State University, April 9-10, 2026. [Presented “Republican’s Competing Visions of Development after the US Civil War”].
3. CAKE seminar, University of Utah, August 29, 2025. [Presented “John Sherman of Ohio: American Finance Minister of the Civil War Era” co-authored with Ariel Ron].
4. Economic History Seminar, American University, August 29, 2024. [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
5. Economic History Seminar, University of Barcelona, December 13, 2023. [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
6. Workshop “At the Edge of Financial Worlds: an Interdisciplinary Workshop,” University of Zurich, August 18, 2023. [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
7. Workshop “Central banking, monetary policy, and social responsibility,” Université Grenoble Alpes, December 7-8, 2022. [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
8. Workshop “Magnifying Spaces of Capitalism: Sources and Data of a Transforming World,” University Complutense of Madrid and YSI Economic History Working Group, April 21-22, 2022. [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization: Stephen Colwell and the Political Economy of Nineteenth-Century U.S. Monetary Architecture” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
9. Economic History Seminar, Paris School of Economics, April 6, 2022 [“The Money Struggle: An Interpretation of Democracy, Depreciation and Taxes in the U.S. Civil War” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
10. Workshop “Magnifying Spaces of Capitalism: a Webinar”, University of Santiago de Compostela and YSI Economic History Working Group, February 22, 2021 [“The Gold-Approach Reply in the Greenbacks Debate: Evidence from Hugh McCulloch’s and John Sherman’s Monetary and Tariff Policies”].
11. Seminar “Topics in Global Economic History,” Tutor Dr. Damian Clavel, University of Oxford, Trinity College, June 11, 2021 [“Henry C. Carey’s Monetary Thought and American Industrialization in the Greenbacks Debate”].
12. Brown Bag Seminar, Colorado State University, March 15, 2021 [“The Money Struggle: An Interpretation of Democracy, Depreciation and Taxes in the U.S. Civil War” coauthored with Ariel Ron].
13. Early American Money Symposium, Rhodes Center for International Economics, Brown University, October 29, 2020 [“The Money Struggle: An Interpretation of Democracy, Depreciation and Taxes in the U.S. Civil War.” Coauthored with Ariel Ron].

International Conferences

1. European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) and History of Economic Society joint conference, University of Côte d'Azur, May 26-29, 2026. [Presented "Republican's Competing Visions of Development after the US Civil War"].
2. History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), University of Richmond, June 27-30, 2025, [Presented "An American in Paris: John Sherman and the International Conference of 1867"].
3. European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) Annual Conference, University of Torino, May 22-24, 2025. [Presented "John Sherman of Ohio: American Finance Minister of the Civil War Era" co-authored with Ariel Ron].
4. French Association of the History of Economic Thought (GIDE), SciencesPo Bordeaux, June 20-22, 2024 ["Economist's Fables on the Origins of Money"].
5. Money as Democratic Medium 2.0, Harvard University, June 15-17, 2023 ["The Political life of Money during the U.S. Independent Treasury System"].
6. Iberian Association of the History of Economic Thought (AIHPE), University of Barcelona, Dec. 2-3, 2022 ["Stephen Colwell's Political Economy"].
7. History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), University of St. Thomas, June 16-18, 2022 ["Stephen Colwell's Political Economy"].
8. European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) Annual Conference, University of National and World Economy in Sofia, October 8-10, 2021 ["Irving Fisher, Simon Newcomb, and Their Plans to Stabilize the Dollar. Coauthored with Robert Dimand, Brock University."]
9. European Historical Economics Society Annual Conference (EHES), Paris School of Economics, August 29-31, 2019 ["Taxation with Representation: Long-Term Institutional Determinants of Union and Confederate Fiscal Policies during the American Civil War" coauthored with Ariel Ron].
10. History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), Columbia University, June 20-23, 2019 ["The Political Economies of the Greenbacks Debate"].
11. European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) Annual Conference, Université de Lille, May 23-25, 2019 ["Simon Newcomb's Monetary Theory in the Greenbacks Debate"].
12. ESHET Summer School in the History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History, University of Thessaly, August 31-September 4, 2018 ["Simon Newcomb's Monetary Theory in the Greenbacks Debate"].
13. History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), Loyola University Chicago, June 14-17, 2018 ["Hugh McCulloch's and John Sherman's Monetary and Tariff Policies in the Greenbacks Debate"].
14. Annual Conference of the European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET), University Complutense of Madrid, June 7-9, 2018 ["Hugh McCulloch's and John Sherman's Monetary and Tariff Policies in the Greenbacks Debate"].
15. Summer School in the History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History, Lake Como School of Advanced Studies, August 28-September 1, 2017 ["Hugh McCulloch's and John Sherman's Monetary and Tariff Policies in the Greenbacks Debate"].
16. History of Economics Society Annual Conference (HES), Trinity College, Toronto, June 22-25, 2017 ["Henry Charles Carey's Monetary Thought and American Industrialization"].
17. European Society for the History of Economic Thought (ESHET) Annual Conference, University of Antwerp, May 18-20, 2017 ["Henry Charles Carey's Monetary Thought and American Industrialization"].
18. Summer School in the History of Economic Thought, Economic Philosophy and Economic History, University Nice Sophia Antipolis and University of Corsica Pasquale-Paoli, Cargèse, September 5-10, 2016 ["The Monetary Theory of Carey: a Reply to the Greenback Debate"].

Workshops

1. Money & Gender, online, Dec. 12-13, 2025. [Presented “Zola, Gender, and New Monetary Structures in Second Empire France” along with Geoff Gilbert].
2. Workshop in preparation of a special issue titled “The Nineteenth-Century Political Economy and the US Developmental State,” online, June 2024. [Presented “John Sherman of Ohio: American Finance Minister of the Civil War Era” co-authored with Ariel Ron].
3. “Walter Bagehot and Lombard Street (1973): A 150 Years Retrospective,” Université de Bretagne Sud, June 29-30, 2023 [“From Lombard Street to Wall Street: Bagehot’s reception in the United States” with Ariel Ron].
4. “The American Developmental State in Comparative Perspective” Workshop, Institut d’Études Avancées & American University of Paris, May 25-26, 2023 [“Central Monetary Services without Centralization in Stephen Colwell’s The Ways and Means of Payment” with Ariel Ron].
5. “Crises, money doctors and reforms: Critical moments in the development of modern monetary systems” Workshop, Banque de France, March 14-15, 2019 [“Nineteenth-Century U.S. Money Doctors and their Trade Doctrines”].

Seminars

1. Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University, October 30, 2020 [“The Gold-Approach Reply in the Greenbacks Debate: Evidence from Hugh McCulloch’s and John Sherman’s Monetary and Tariff Policies”].
2. History of Macroeconomics and Monetary Theories Seminar, PHARE, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, February 8, 2020 [“Simon Newcomb’s Monetary Theory in the Greenbacks Debate”].
3. History of Macroeconomics and Monetary Theories Seminar, PHARE, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, January 26, 2018 [“Hugh McCulloch’s and John Sherman’s Monetary and Tariff Policies in the Greenbacks Debate”].
4. Seminar of Philosophy and Economics, PHARE, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, November 7, 2016 [“Henry Charles Carey’s Monetary Thought and American Industrialization”].

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor

- **Principles of Microeconomics**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.
- **Principles of Macroeconomics**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.
- **Intermediate Macroeconomics**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.
- **Economics of Money and Debt**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.
- **Ecological and Environmental Economics**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.
- **The Political Economy of Money, Debt, and Taxes**, undergraduate, The American University of Paris.

Teaching Assistant

Responsibilities included leading class discussions, grading all assignments, and meeting with students. All classes were taught in French.

- **International Economics: European Politics and Economics**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **Economic Theories: Growth and Crises**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **Microeconomics**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **Statistics**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **History of Economic Thought**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **Monetary and Financial Economics**, undergraduate, University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.
- **Growth and Political Economy**, undergraduate, University Paris Descartes.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Workshop co-organizer:
 - 1) “Walter Bagehot and *Lombard Street* (1873),” 2023
 - 2) “The American Developmental State in Global Perspective, 1750-1950,” 2023
- Seminar co-organizer:
 - 1) AUP History of Political Economy Seminar, since 2023
 - 2) UPEL research seminar, since 2021
 - 3) PHARE research seminar “Histoire de la macroéconomie et des théories monétaires,” 2022-2025
 - 4) PHARE research seminar “Textes Fondateurs,” 2016-2020
 - 5) PhD students’ seminar, 2015-2019
- Referee for *History of Political Economy*, *European Journal for the History of Economic Thought*, *History of Economic Ideas*, *Revue d’Economie Politique*, *Review of Political Economy*, *Journal of Post Keynesian Economics*, *Journal of the Early Republic*, *Journal of the History of Economic Thought*, *International Labor and Working-Class History*.
- PhD committee: Jonah Estess, PhD, “Bank and State: Money, Law, and Moral Economy in the United States, 1775-1896,” American University, defended March 4, 2024.
- Committee member, History of Economics Society, Best Dissertation in the History and Methodology of Economics.
- Committee member at AUP: Curriculum Committee, Budget Committee, Honors Board, member of three search committees.
- Advising: 15 students (2024-2025), 19 students (2025-2026).