

VOLUME 42 | NUMBER 1 | SPRING 2018

S O C I A L

THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE

S C I E N C E

S O C I A L S C I E N C E H I S T O R Y A S S O C I A T I O N

H I S T O R Y

CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY PRESS

 **SSHA**
www.ssha.org

Editor: Anne McCants, History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Managing Editor: Jeffrey K. Beemer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Editorial Board

Douglas Anderton
Sociology, University of South Carolina

Elizabeth P. Berman
Sociology, University at Albany, SUNY

Joyce Burnette
Economics, Wabash College

Geoff Cunfer
History/Geography, University of Saskatchewan

Fabian Drixler
History, Yale University

Rebecca Jean Emigh
Sociology, UCLA

Emily Erikson
Sociology, Yale University

Donald Fyson
History, Université Laval

J. David Hacker
History, University of Minnesota

Ho-fung Hung
Sociology, Johns Hopkins University

Don Lafreniere
Historical Geography and GIS, Michigan
Technological University

Chulhee Lee
Economics, Seoul National University

Trevon Logan
Economics, The Ohio State University

Stephanie Mudge
Sociology, University of California, Davis

Susannah Ottaway
History, Carleton College

Steven Pfaff
Sociology, University of Washington

Monica Prasad
Sociology, Northwestern University

Elise van Neederveen-Meerkerk
History, University of Utrecht

Simone A. Wegge
Economics, CUNY

Regina Werum
Sociology, University of Nebraska

SSHA Executive Director

William C. Block, Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research, Cornell University

Social Science History seeks to advance the study of the past by publishing research that appeals to its interdisciplinary readership of historians, sociologists, economists, political scientists, anthropologists, and geographers. The journal invites articles that blend empirical research with theoretical work, undertake comparisons across time and space, or contribute to the development of quantitative and qualitative methods of analysis.

As the official journal of the Social Science History Association, Social Science History reflects the interests of members who are active in the Association's research networks. However, it also welcomes submissions from the larger international research community of social scientists.

For information about the Association's activities, its research networks, and its annual conference, please see its website at www.ssha.org.

The Social Science History Association, the editors, and the publisher of Social Science History gratefully acknowledge the Massachusetts Institute of Technology for its support of the journal.

© Social Science History Association, 2018. All rights reserved.

Social Science History

Volume 42, Number 1, Spring 2018

SSHA Presidential Address

- Beyond Social Science History: Population and Environment
in the US Great Plains *Myron P. Gutmann* 1

Articles

- Historical Dimensions of the “Cost Disease” in US Higher
Education, 1870s–2010s *Bruce A. Kimball and
Jeremy B. Luke* 29
- State Phobia, Then and Now: Three Waves of Conflict over
Wisconsin’s Public Sector, 1930–2013 *Jane L. Collins and
H. Jacob Carlson* 57
- Divided Government and Significant Legislation: A History of
Congress from 1789 to 2010 *Stephen Ansolabehere,
Maxwell Palmer and Benjamin Schneer* 81
- Reexamining the Nineteenth-Century Presidency and Partisan
Press: The Case of President Grant and the Whiskey Ring
Scandal *Jennifer Rose Hopper* 109
- Global Risks, Divergent Pandemics: Contrasting Responses to
Bubonic Plague and Smallpox in 1901 Cape Town
Alexandre I. R. White 135
- Contributors for Volume 42, Number 1 159