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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan	2023–2024
Assistant Professor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Toulouse School of Economics (TSE)	Since 2018
Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (IAS)	Since 2018
Scientific advisor, University Data Platform of Toulouse (PUD-T)	Since 2021

EDUCATION

<i>PhD</i> , Economics, The University of Chicago	2018
<i>Master</i> , Economics, The University of Chicago	2013
<i>Master</i> , Economics, University of Cergy (THEMA)	2012
<i>MBA</i> , ESSEC Business School	2012

RESEARCH FIELDS

Economic history, labor economics, political economy, economics of culture.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Analysis Articles

- A7 Victor Gay. 2023. “The Intergenerational Transmission of World War I on Female Labor.” *The Economic Journal*, 133(654): 2303–33. DOI: [10.1093/ej/uead029](https://doi.org/10.1093/ej/uead029)
- A6 David le Bris and Victor Gay. 2023. “Distance to Innovations, Kinship Intensity, and Psychological Traits.” *PLoS ONE*, 18(1): e0279864. DOI: [10.1371/journal.pone.0279864](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0279864)
- A5 Jörn Boehnke and Victor Gay. 2022. “The Missing Men: World War I and Female Labor Force Participation.” *Journal of Human Resources*, 57(4): 1209–41. DOI: [10.3388/jhr.57.4.0419-10151R1](https://doi.org/10.3388/jhr.57.4.0419-10151R1)
- A4 Michael Albertus and Victor Gay. 2019. “No Better Time Than Now: Future Uncertainty and Private Investment Under Dictatorship.” *Economics & Politics*, 31(1): 71–96. DOI: [10.1111/ecpo.12120](https://doi.org/10.1111/ecpo.12120)
- A3 Victor Gay, Daniel L. Hicks, Estafania Santacreu-Vasut, and Amir Shoham. 2018. “Decomposing Culture: An Analysis of Gender, Language, and Labor Supply in the Household.” *Review of Economics of the Household*, 16(4): 897–909. DOI: [10.1007/s11150-017-9369-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11150-017-9369-x)

- A2 Michael Albertus and Victor Gay. 2017. “Unlikely Democrats: Economic Elite Uncertainty Under Dictatorship and Support for Democratization.” *American Journal of Political Science*, 61(3): 624–41. DOI: [10.1111/ajps.12277](https://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12277)
- A1 Estefania Santacreu-Vasut, Amir Shoham, and Victor Gay. 2013. “Do Female/Male Distinctions in Language Matter? Evidence from Gender political Quotas.” *Applied Economics Letters*, 20(5): 495–8. DOI: [10.1080/13504851.2012.714062](https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2012.714062)

Data Articles

- D3 Victor Gay, Paula E. Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. 2024. “The Customary Atlas of Ancien Régime France.” *Explorations in Economic History*, 101588. DOI: [10.1016/j.eeh.2024.101588](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eeh.2024.101588)
- D2 Victor Gay and Pauline Grosjean. 2023. “Morts Pour la France: A Database of French Fatalities of the Great War.” *Explorations in Economic History*, 90: 101550. DOI: [10.1016/j.eeh.2023.101550](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eeh.2023.101550)
- D1 Victor Gay. 2021. “Mapping the Third Republic. A Geographic Information System of France (1870–1940).” *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History*, 54(4): 189–207. DOI: [10.1080/01615440.2021.1937421](https://doi.org/10.1080/01615440.2021.1937421)

Replication Articles

- R1 Victor Gay. 2023. “Culture: An Empirical Investigation of Beliefs, Work, and Fertility. A Verification and Reproduction of Fernández and Fogli (2009).” *Journal of Comments and Replications in Economics*, 2: 1–15. DOI: [10.18718/81781.28](https://doi.org/10.18718/81781.28)

WORKING PAPERS

Raphaël Franck and Victor Gay. 2024. “Urbanization and the Change in Political Elites.” CEPR Discussion Paper 18737. HAL: hal-04364519

Victor Gay, Paula E. Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. 2024. “Revolutionary Transition: Inheritance Change and Fertility Decline.” CEPR Discussion Paper 18607. HAL: hal-04285818

Victor Gay, Paula E. Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. 2024. “The Atlas of Local Jurisdictions of Ancien Régime France.” CEPR Discussion Paper 18608. Accepted at the *Journal of Historical Geography*. HAL: hal-04285825

ORIGINAL DATASETS

Victor Gay, Paula E. Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. 2024. *The Customary Atlas of Ancien Régime France*. Harvard Dataverse. DOI: [10.7910/DVN/HYE2O9](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/HYE2O9)

Victor Gay, Paula E. Gobbi, and Marc Goñi. 2023. *The Atlas of Local Jurisdictions of Ancien Régime France*. Harvard Dataverse. DOI: [10.7910/DVN/T8UXHK](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/T8UXHK)

Victor Gay and Pauline Grosjean. 2023. *The Morts Pour la France Database*. Harvard Dataverse. DOI: [10.7910/DVN/2APQZ6](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/2APQZ6)

Victor Gay. 2021. *The Third-Republic France Geographic Information System (1870–1940)*. Harvard Dataverse. Dataverse: [TRF-GIS](#)

Victor Gay, Daniel L. Hicks, and Estafania Santacreu-Vasut. 2017. *Grammatical Gender Structures*. Harvard Dataverse. DOI: [10.7910/DVN/XIFPS5](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/XIFPS5)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Victor Gay, Daniel L. Hicks, and Estafania Santacreu-Vasut. 2016. “Language and Gender Roles among Immigrants to the U.S.: A Historical Perspective.” In Paola Paolini (Ed), *I Mondi Delle Donne*, 165–79. Roma: Edi Cusano. HAL: [hal-02523125](https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-02523125)

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Lucas Bourel, Nathalie Hernandez, Nathalie Aussenac-Gilles, Victor Gay, and Sébastien Poublanc. 2022. “Graphes de connaissances pour représenter et analyser l’évolution des territoires en Histoire.” In Nicolas Lasolle, Oliver Bruneau, and Jean Liever (Eds), *Actes des journées humanités numériques et Web sémantique*, 23–37. Nancy, France. HAL: [hal-03683727](https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-03683727)

Victor Gay. 2021. “Un data paper en SHS: pourquoi, pour qui, comment?” In *Colloque #dhnord2021. Publier, partager, réutiliser les données de la recherche: les data papers et leurs enjeux*. HAL: [hal-03434216](https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-03434216)

Victor Gay, Daniel L. Hicks, and Estafania Santacreu-Vasut. 2016. “Migration as a Window into the Coevolution between Language and Behavior.” In Sean G. Roberts, Christine Cuskley, Luke McCrohon, Lluís Barceló-Coblijn, Olga Fehér and Tessa Verhoef (Eds.), *The Evolution of Language: Proceedings of the 11th International Conference (EVOLANG11)*. HAL: [hal-02523115](https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-02523115)

NON-PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Victor Gay and Sébastien Poublanc. 2022. “ObARDI: un projet interdisciplinaire pour comprendre la construction de l’État moderne (1661–1789).” *Les Cahiers de Framespa*, 41. DOI: [10.4000/framespa.13379](https://doi.org/10.4000/framespa.13379)

EXTERNAL GRANTS (PI ONLY)

ANR-21-FRAL-0005 DeNazDB (co-PI with J. Stuckatz, €339,584).	2022–2025
ANR-20-CE38-0015 ObARDI (€612,923).	2021–2025
Arthur H. Cole Grant, Economic History Association (\$5,000).	2020
Research grant, Pearson Institute (joint with M. Albertus, \$10,000).	2017–2018
Exploratory travel and data grant, Economic History Association (\$2,500).	2016

Social sciences division research grant, The University of Chicago (\$7,000).

2015

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Prix Science Ouverte des Données de la Recherche (€10,000).	2022
IAST Interdisciplinary Prize (co-PI with J. Stuckatz, €14,960).	2020
Overall winner of the UChicagoGRAD's Three Minute Thesis Competition.	2018
CISSR Research Fellowship, The University of Chicago.	2017-2018
Sherwin Rosen Fellowship, The University of Chicago.	2017-2018
Social Sciences Division Fellowship, The University of Chicago.	2014-2017
Rosen Memorial Fellowship, The University of Chicago.	2013-2014

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

External Seminars

2024: UC Irvine, University of Toronto. **2023:** Boston University / Harvard University (joint), George Mason University, Paris Cité University (LIRAES), The University of Texas at El Paso, University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh. **2022:** Aix-Marseille School of Economics, IESEG School of Management, UCLouvain, University Toulouse 2 (Framespa). **2021:** ENS Lyon, Observatoire Midi-Pyrénées, Université Libre de Bruxelles, University of Bordeaux, Sciences Po (CDSP), Sciences Po (CHSP). **2020:** Paris School of Economics. **2019:** Aix-Marseille School of Economics, Bocconi University, Paris School of Economics, Rutgers University. **2018:** Toulouse School of Economics, University of Southern Denmark, University of Toronto. **2017:** Chapman University, Northwestern University, Stanford University. **2015:** Cergy Paris University, Harris School of Public Policy, Paris School of Economics.

Conferences

2024: ASREC annual conference (Chapman University), ASSA annual meeting (San Antonio). **2023:** AFSE annual congress (Sciences Po), CNEH annual conference (University of Toronto), Séminaire “Des Sources aux systèmes d’information géographiques: des outils pour la cartographie dans les humanités numériques” (DYPAC UVSQ / Dlab SHS Paris-Saclay), SSHA annual conference (Washington), VonGremp Workshop in Economic and Entrepreneurial History (UCLA). **2021:** AFSE annual congress (IESEG School of Management), Colloque #dhnord2021 “Publier, partager, réutiliser les données de la recherche: les data papers et leurs enjeux” (MESHS), Séminaire “Des problèmes en partage, des méthodologies divergentes, le regard croisé d’historiens et d’économistes” (Fondation des Treilles), Séminaire “Des Sources aux systèmes d’information géographiques: des outils pour la cartographie dans les humanités numériques” (DYPAC UVSQ / Dlab SHS Paris-Saclay), Virtual workshop “Life and Death in the WW1 Trenches: Causes and Consequences” (Center for Economic History at the Australian National University). **2020:** Atelier Données de la MITI “Data paper: une incitation à la qualification et à la réutilisation des jeux de données” (CNRS), ASSA annual meeting (San Diego), EHS annual conference (Oxford). **2019:** EHS annual conference (Queen’s University Belfast), SSHA annual conference (Chicago), SYME annual meeting (Université Libre de Bruxelles). **2018:** Galatina Summer meetings, HEDG Mini-Workshop (University of Southern Denmark). **2017:** Development Day at

Northwestern, EHA annual meeting (San Jose). **2016:** IEA annual meeting (Chicago).

Conference discussant

2024: ASSA annual meeting (San Antonio). **2022:** IAST workshop “Leadership: Does it Matter?” **2018:** EHA annual meeting (Montreal). **2016:** IEA annual meeting (Chicago).

Conference reviewer

2019–2024: SYME annual meeting. **2021:** IUSSP international population conference.

Main refereeing activity

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Economics & Politics, Economic Inquiry, European Economic Review (3), Financial History Review, Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History (2), Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization (4), Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association (4), Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Review of Economic Studies, The Economic Journal (2), The Journal of Economic History (2), The Quarterly Journal of Economics.

Other refereeing activity

Agence Nationale de la Recherche, Applied Economics (2), Applied Economics Letters, Children and Youth Services Review, Democratization (2), Eastern Economic Journal, Economics & Human Biology (5), Humanités Numériques (3), International Social Science Journal, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Open Humanities Data (2), Strategic Management Journal, The Economics of Transition, The World Bank Economic Review.

Book reviews

Roger L. Ransom, *Gambling on War: Confidence, Fear and the Tragedy of the First World War*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018. Reviewed for EH.Net. April 2019.

Departmental and professional services

Co-organizer of the Toulouse Summer School in Quantitative Social Sciences	2020–2023
Co-organizer of the TSE BID Seminar	2020–2023
Co-organizer of the TSE BID Workshop	2018–2023
Co-organizer of the IAST Epistemology Workshop	2021–2022
Co-organizer of IAST Political Economy Workshop	2022
Co-organizer of the Toulouse History Workshop	2019–2021
Co-organizer of the 7th Toulouse Economics & Biology Workshop	2019

Member of UT1 Committee for Open Science, TSE representative	Since 2024
Member of IAST Executive Committee, researchers representative	2019–2021

TEACHING

University of Michigan
Global Economic History (Undergraduate) 2024

Toulouse School of Economics	
Institutions and Long-Run Development (M2 PPD)	2019–2023
Development: Theory, Public Policy, and Historical Perspectives (M2 ETE)	2021–2023
Economic History (M1 and ENGAGE program)	2020–2022
Applied Econometrics (M1)	2018–2022
Natural Experiments in History (PhD)	2021–2022
Advanced Public Policy and Applied Economics (PhD)	2019–2020
TSE Inaugural Lecture	2020
Microeconomics (Undergraduate)	2019
PhD (2), M1 (11), and M2 (7) theses supervision.	2019–2024

ESSEC Business School	
Advanced Macroeconomics (MBA)	2015–2016

The University of Chicago	
Elements of Economic Analysis (Undergraduate)	2014–2015

MEDIA AND OUTREACH

2023: “In the Shadows of War.” *TSE Mag* 25, 17; “Learning from the past.” *IAST Magazine* 20, 12–3. **2022:** “What can political leaders learn from history?” Crossing Channels Podcast. **2021:** “Female labor throughout the twentieth century.” Coffee talk (Tseconomist); “Covid-19 : Comme si nous vivions la grippe espagnole de 1918 et la Grande dépression de 1929.” *L'Opinion*; “Que peut nous apprendre l'histoire sur la Covid-19?” *TSE Mag* 21, 30–1; “La Grande Guerre, une aubaine pour l'industrie textile chinoise.” *Le Point, Phébé*. **2020:** TSE-IAST Public Webinar (Covid and climate); “Comment la grippe espagnole a augmenté la méfiance.” *Le Point, Phébé*. **2019:** “Gender and language.” Coffee talk (Tseconomist); Prendre un café avec un.e chercheur.e. (CNRS); “War and the sexes.” *IAST Magazine* 14, 17. **2018:** “Guerre et genre.” *TSE Mag* 18, 7.

DISSERTATION

The Legacy of the Missing Men: World War I and Female Labor in France Over a Century. 2018.
Granted by the Department of Economics at The University of Chicago.
Committee: Richard Hornbeck (chair), Steven D. Levitt, Derek A. Neal, and James A. Robinson.