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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Boston University (2021 –)
M.Sc. Economics, University College London (Distinction) (2018-2019)
B.A. Economics & Management, The University of Oxford (2.1) (2013-2016)

EMPLOYMENT

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
Research Assistant to Prof. Margaret McConnell (2022-2024)

University College London
Research Assistant to Prof. Gabriella Conti (2019-2021)

U.K. Government Economic Service
Assistant Economist, Dept. for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
Labour Markets (2019-2020)
Strategic and International Energy Analysis (2018)
Consumer and Competition Policy (2017-2018)
Regulatory Policy Committee Secretariat (2017-2018)

WORKING PAPERS

- “The Price of Parenthood: Childcare Costs and Fertility”
- “Does More Prenatal Care Improve Health Outcomes? Evidence from Paid Sick Leave Mandates” (*Submitted*)
- “Intensive Nurse Home Visiting and Perinatal Mental Health in Low-Income Mothers”
with Dea Oviedo, Michelle Woodford Martin, Mary Ann Bates, Katherine Baicker, Alecia McGregor, and Margaret McConnell

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Disbelieved and Unrelieved? Gender in Doctor Patient Relationships”
- “Urban Parks and Health”
with Jessie Lu and Graeme Peterson

PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH AND POLICY BRIEFS

- Conti, Gabriella and Dow, Abigail. 2020. “The Impacts of COVID-19 on Health Visiting Services in England: FOI Evidence for the First Wave”
Featured in the Institute of Government’s “The Week in Public Services”. Referenced in BBC News coverage of the EEF report on the damage of lockdown to child speech and language skills.

- Conti, Gabriella and Dow, Abigail. 2020. “The Impacts of COVID-19 on Health Visiting in England ”
Featured in BBC Radio 4 File on 4, The Guardian, Medical Xpress, Nursery World, UCL News, The Institute of Health Visiting, Nursing Times, Children and Young People Now. Included as written evidence for the UK Public Services Committee inquiry Children in Crisis: The Role of Public Services in Overcoming Child Vulnerability.
- Conti, Gabriella and Dow, Abigail. 2020. “Rebuilding the Health Visiting Workforce: Costing Policy Proposals ”

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 ASHEcon Programme Chair Award for Maternal, Sexual, and Reproductive Health
- 2024 Boston University GSO Conference Grant
- 2024 Berkeley/Sloan Summer School in Environmental and Energy Economics Grant

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

- 2025:** BU Applied Micro Dissertation Workshop, ASHEcon (*upcoming*), SEHO (*upcoming*)
- 2024:** ASHEcon, APPAM, Harvard Health Econ PhD Workshop
- 2023:** BU Applied Micro Dissertation Workshop
- 2021:** Wellcome Trust Longitudinal Studies Conference

TEACHING

- **Boston University, Dept. of Economics**
Introductory Microeconomic Analysis, Undergraduate level (*2022 –*)
Head TA (*2023, 2025 –*)

SERVICE

- BU Graduate Economic Association Officer (*2023-2024*)
- U.K. Civil Service Women in Economics Network Committee (*2017-2020*)
- Gender in the U.K. Government Economic Service Initiative (*2017-2018*)

SKILLS

R, Stata, Qualtrics, SQL (proficient); Python, Matlab (basic)