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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 –)

**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

- “Does More Prenatal Care Improve Health Outcomes? Evidence from Paid Sick Leave Mandates”
- “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

- “Gender Concordance in Doctor Patient Relationships”

## 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

## CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

**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 –*)

## 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)