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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Health Economics, expected 2022  
*Faculty Advisors:* William H. Dow, Paul Gertler, Lia C.H. Fernald, Jonathan Kolstad  
*Minor Fields:* Development and Labor Economics
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Economics (concurrent), 2019
- B.A. Harvard University, Social Studies, *magna cum laude*, 2013  
*Senior Thesis:* “Rights within Reach: Implementing Maternal Health Care Rights for Colombia’s Displaced Women”

## RESEARCH AREAS

**Economics:** Development Economics, Health Economics, Labor Economics

**Global Health Policy:** Maternal and Child Health, Quality of Care, Health Workforce

## PUBLICATIONS

- **Maria Dieci**, Juan J. Llibre-Rodriguez, Daisy Acosta, William H. Dow. “Cuba’s Cardiovascular Risk Factors: International Comparison of Levels and Education Gradients” (*PLOS ONE*)
- **Maria Dieci**, Zachary Wagner, Willa Friedman, Sarah Burgess, Jessica Vandermark, Sandra McCoy, Manisha Shah, William H. Dow. “Measuring Family Planning Provider Bias: A Discrete Choice Experiment Among Burkinabe, Pakistani, and Tanzanian Providers” (*forthcoming, Studies in Family Planning*)

## WORKING PAPERS

- Alexa M. Magyari, **Maria Dieci**, Jung G. Kim. “Changes in the Number and Types of Interventions Used in Childbirth Following the 2003 and 2011 Resident Duty-Hour Reforms”

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- Impact evaluation on the effects of patient and provider incentives on appropriate malaria care in private pharmacies in Kenya leveraging a novel digital point of sale technology (with Paul Gertler and Jonathan Kolstad). Piloting complete, data collection in progress.
- Impact of early life shocks on child health and cognition outcomes in Madagascar, focus on understanding changes in parental health investments.

- Process evaluation of group-adaptation of early child development intervention in Madagascar (with Lia C.H. Fernald, Emanuela Galasso, Ann Weber, Caitlin Hemlock, Lisy Ratsifandrihamanana, Mathilde Col, and Norotiana Rakotomalala)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### RESEARCH

2015-2016 Senior Research Associate, Innovations for Poverty Action, Zambia  
 2013-2015 Research Analyst for Prof. Dean Karlan (Yale), Innovations for Poverty Action

### TEACHING

2018-2021 Teaching Assistant, Department of Health Policy, UC Berkeley  
 Health Economics (undergraduate/graduate), Fall 2018  
 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award  
 Economic Evaluation and Population Health (graduate, online), Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2021)

### SERVICE

2017 – 2019 Department of Health Policy, UC Berkeley  
 Executive Committee (2018-2020)  
 Graduate Admissions Committee (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

## PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

2020 PAA Annual Meeting (cancelled due to COVID-19); Society for Research in Child Development; UC Berkeley Development Economics Lunch Seminar Series  
 2019 AHRQ Trainee Conference; Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) Evidence to Action Conference; UC Berkeley Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging Workshop; PAA Annual Meeting  
 2018 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting; American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Conference; International Health Economics Association (iHEA) World Congress  
 2017 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Trainee Conference  
 2014 Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference

## GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Co-Investigator on United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Development Impact Ventures (DIV) Stage II Award # 7200AA18FA00009 for project “A Digital Approach for Targeted Malaria Treatment”, with Paul Gertler, Jonathan Kolstad and Jessica Vernon. (2019-2022)
- UC Berkeley School of Public Health Alumni Association Award (2018-2021)
- Agency for Healthcare and Research Quality (AHRQ) T-32 Fellowship (2018-2019)

- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) T-32 Fellowship (2016-2018)

**OTHER INFORMATION**

Languages	English (native), Italian (native), Spanish (professional), French (proficient)
Programming	Stata, R, Matlab, Python, Open Data Kit, QGIS, SQL