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Education

- 2010 University of California, Berkeley
 Ph.D., Economics
- 2003 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 S.B., Mathematics, Economics

Academic Positions

- 2018– Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Houston
- 2018 Visiting Fellow, Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2011–18 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Houston
- 2010–11 Visiting Assistant Professor, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, University of Rochester
- 2003–05 Research Assistant, The Brookings Institution

Papers

1. “The Race Between Deterrence and Displacement: Theory and Evidence from Bank Robberies,” with Giovanni Mastrobuoni, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, forthcoming.
2. “Gender Segregation Within Neighborhoods,” with Gregorio Caetano, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2019, vol. 17, pp.253-263
3. “Identifying Dynamic Spillovers in Criminal Behavior with a Causal Approach to Model Selection,” with Gregorio Caetano, *Quantitative Economics*, 2018, vol. 9, pp. 343-394.
4. “From Gallons to Miles: A Short Run Disaggregate Analysis of Automobile Travel and Externality Taxes,” with Ashley Langer and Clifford Winston, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2017, vol. 152, pp. 34-46.
5. “School Segregation and the Identification of Tipping Behavior,” with Gregorio Caetano, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2017, vol. 148, pp.115-135.
6. “Did the Great Recession Keep Bad Drivers Off the Road?,” with Clifford Winston, *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, 2016, vol. 52, pp. 1-26.
7. “A dynamic Duverger’s law,” with Jean Guillaume Forand, *Public Choice*, 2015, vol. 165 (3), pp. 285-306

8. “An Exploratory Study of the Pricing of Legal Services,” with Clifford Winston, *International Review of Law and Economics*, 2014, vol. 38, pp. 169-173.
9. “Long Run Effects of Mergers: The Case of US Western Railroads,” with Clifford Winston and Scott M. Dennis, *Journal of Law and Economics*, 2011, vol. 54, pp. 275-303.
10. “On the Social Desirability of Urban Rail Transit Systems,” with Clifford Winston, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2007, vol 62 (3), pp. 362-382.
11. “An Exploration of the Offset Hypothesis Using Disaggregate Data: The Case of Airbags and Antilock Brakes,” with Clifford Winston and Fred Mannering, *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, 2006, vol. 32 (2), pp. 83-99.

Books

1. *First Thing We Do, Let's Deregulate all the Lawyers*, with Clifford Winston and Robert Crandall, 2011, Brookings Institution Press.

Working Papers

1. “A Unified Empirical Framework to Study Segregation,” with Gregorio Caetano, revise and resubmit, *Econometrica*.
2. “Explaining Recent Trends in US School Segregation,” with Gregorio Caetano, under review.
3. “Migrants at Sea: Unintended Consequences of Search and Rescue Operations,” with Claudio Deiana and Giovanni Mastrobuoni.

Works in Progress

1. “A Social Theory of Segregation, Polarization and Assimilation,” with Gregorio Caetano.
2. “Diasporas and Values: A Convergence,” with Jean Kabore.
3. “Observational Bias,” with Gregorio Caetano and Daniel Ringo.
4. “Automobile Fatalities in the US: 1960-2015,” with Ashley Langer and Clifford Winston.

Resting Papers

- “(De)Regulation and Market Thickness,” with Jean Guillaume Forand.
- “Duopoly Equilibrium Over Time in the Railroad Industry,” with Clifford Winston and Scott M. Dennis.

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

2020	Visiting Fellowship, Collegio Carlo Alberto
2018	Visiting Fellowship, Collegio Carlo Alberto
2014	American Automobile Association Research Grant (\$15,000)
2012	UH New Faculty Research Grant
2010	Postdoctoral Fellowship, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy
2010	Tobin Project Research Fellowship, Democracy and Markets
2009	Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley Institute of Government Studies
2009	Dissertation Research Award, UC Berkeley Institute of Business and Economic Research
2009	Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2008	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley
2007	Grace Katagiri Prize for best empirical paper by a graduate student, UC Berkeley Dept. of Economics
2003	Outstanding Teaching Assistant, MIT Dept. of Economics

Teaching and Advising

Instructor *Department of Economics, University of Houston*
 Probability and Statistics (PhD), 2011-2019
 Social Economics (PhD), 2015-2016, 2018, 2020
 Social Economics (Undergraduate), 2018
 Graduate Research Seminar (PhD), 2019-2020

Department of Economics, University of Rochester
 Political Economy I (PhD), 2010

TA *Department of Economics, UC Berkeley*
 American Economic History, 2006, 2007
 Intermediate Microeconomics, 2007, 2008
 Advanced Microeconomic Theory, 2008

Department of Economics, MIT
 Probability and Statistics, 2002

PhD Students

2020	Elizabeth Luh* (expected)
2019	Saumya Rana* (Welch Consulting), Dimithu Ratnadiwakara (Assistant Professor, LSU Finance)
2017	Yilin Dong (Assistant Professor, Southwestern University of Economics and Finance)
2014	Bin Gao (Assistant Professor, Sichuan University), Senay Topal

* Primary Adviser

Activities

Presentations

2020	Research Conference on Forced Displacement
2019	Conference on Risky Behaviors, CReAM/RWI Migration Workshop, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Stata Texas Empirical Micro Conference, Southern Economics Association Meetings
2018	Rice, Delaware, U Penn, SOLE Annual Meetings, Collegio Carlo Alberto
2017	American Law and Economics Association Meetings, NBER Summer Institute, Transatlantic Conference on Crime
2016	University of S. Florida, UC Riverside, Claremont Graduate University
2015	Texas Econometrics Camp, NBER Summer Institute
2014	University of Essex, North American Regional Science Association/Urban Economics Association Meetings
2013	Santa Clara University, Clemson, AEI, Simon Fraser, American Law and Economics Association Meetings, Stata Texas Empirical Micro Conference, Transatlantic Conference on Crime, Association for Public Policy and Management Annual Meetings
2012	Texas Econometrics Camp, Public Choice Society World Congress, UC Berkeley, Baylor
2011	Stata Texas Empirical Micro Conference, American Political Science Association Meetings, Rice, University of Waterloo
2010	University of Rochester, University of Houston, University of Miami, Department of Justice, UC Berkeley
2009	UC Berkeley
2008	NBER Graduate Political Economy Conference, Conference on the Study of Democracy

Referee for *AEJ: Economic Policy; International Economic Review; American Economic Review, American Law and Economic Review; Atlantic Economic Review; Economic Inquiry; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade; Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Risk and Uncertainty; Public Choice; Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Urban Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Industrial Organization; Social Choice and Welfare; Sociological Research and Methods; Transportation Research: Part B*

Other Information

Citizenship: US