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Appointments

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Population Wellbeing Initiative, UT-Austin 2022-
Assistant Professor in Economics (*Assegnista di Ricerca*), CSEF and University of Naples Federico II 2022-

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Brown University 2017-2022
Dissertation: “*Essays in Public and Labor Economics*”
Advisors: John N. Friedman and Emily Oster
Committee Member: Neil Thakral
MA in Economics, Brown University 2016-2017
MSc in Economics, Bocconi University (*Summa cum Laude*) 2013-2015
BA in Economics, Bocconi University (*Summa cum Laude*) 2010-2013
Visiting Student, Dartmouth College Fall 2012

Research Fields

Public Economics, Labor Economics, Gender Economics.

Publications

“New Technologies and Evolving Market Structures”, with Monica Langella, chapter forthcoming in the *Handbook of Labour Markets in Transition*, Edward Elgar

Working Papers

“How Should We Design Parental Leave Policies? Evidence from Two Reforms in Italy”

“Firm Heterogeneity and the Incidence of Earned Income Tax Credits: Evidence from Italy”

“Caregiving Responsibilities and Fertility: The New Childbearing Constraints of Ageing Populations” (with Ester Lazzari) (*Resubmitted to the European Journal of Population*)

“Breastfeeding, 1950 to 2015: Trends, Selection and Labor Force Participation” (with Martha Bailey and Emily Oster)

“Welcome to the Neighborhood? Evidence from the Refugee Reception System in Italy” (with Giulia Buccione)

Selected Work in Progress

“Social Insurance Programs and Preferences for Redistribution: A Bayesian Adaptive Choice Experiment” (with Marshall Drake, Neil Thakral, Linh T. Tô)

“Is Family-Friendly Firm-Friendly? The Costs and Benefits of Family-Friendly Workplaces” (with Corinna De Leo and Alessandra Fenizia)

“Mentoring and Schooling Choices: Experimental Evidence from Italy” (with Michele Giannola, Tullio Jappelli, Monica Langella, Lorenzo Pandolfi and Roberto Nisticò)

“Are Female CEOs Set Up to Fail? Testing the Glass Cliff Hypothesis” (with Sergey Egiev)

“The Effect of Physician Migration on Health Outcomes” (with Diego Verdugo)

“Risking It All: Unemployment Insurance and Job Choice” (with Marco Pagano, Marco Stenborg Petterson, and Luca Picariello)

Policy Work

“Come strutturare i congedi parentali? Un’analisi empirica di due riforme in Italia”. XXI Rapporto Annuale, INPS

Presentations and Discussions

Presentations in seminars, workshops, conferences

2024 [including scheduled*]: NBER Public Economics Spring Meeting, Florida State University, 18th CSEF-IGIER Symposium, NBER SI Public Economics*

2023: ASSA 2023 Annual Meeting, SEHO 2023 Conference, 17th CSEF-IGIER Symposium, NTA 116th Annual Conference, LMU Public Economics Seminar

2022: University of Bergen, Bank of Italy, Stockholm University, Tilburg University, Tor Vergata University, CSEF-University of Naples Federico II, University of Texas at Austin, Analysis Group, Edgeworth Economics, University of Gothenburg, University of Stavanger, Lancaster University, RIDGE Workshop on Public Economics, University of Milan JEM Workshop, EALE 2022, EEA 2022, Harvard Policy Impacts Conference, XX Brucchi Luchino Labour Economics Workshop

2021: PAA Conference, VisitINPS seminar, Brown Applied Micro Lunch, Brown Health Breakfast, PhD-Economics Virtual Seminar, AIEL Annual Conference of Labor Economics, VisitINPS Annual Conference

2020: PAA Conference (canceled due to Covid-19), Brown Health Breakfast

2019: Brown Applied Micro Seminar, Brown Health Breakfast

2018: Brown Applied Micro Seminar, Brown Health Breakfast, NBER Health Economics Research Boot Camp

Discussions

2024: "Cohabitation, Childbirth and Child Human Capital" by Gloria Moroni, Cheti Nicoletti, Kjell G. Salvanes, Emma Tominey, 7th Marco Fanno Alumni Workshop

2023: "Racial Discrimination and Lost Innovation: Evidence from US Inventors, 1895–1925" by Davide M. Coluccia, Gaia Dossi, Sebastian Ottinger, 6th Marco Fanno Alumni Workshop; "Family Policies and Child Skill Accumulation" by Emily G. Moschini, Monica Tran-Xuan, NTA 116th Annual Conference

2022: "Shooting Political Polarization" by Francesco Barilari, Junior Economist Meeting, University of Milan

Awards, Prizes and Grants

UniCredit Foundation - Research grant on Education, Co-PI (\$200,000)	2023-2026
EIEF research grant (\$10,000)	2023
VisitINPS Fellowship in Gender Economics (\$6,000)	2023-
Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, National Tax Association	2022
Carlo Dell'Aragia Young Labor Economist Award (\$1,000)	2021
Policy Impacts Early-Career Scholars Grant, Harvard University (\$10,000)	2021-2022
VisitINPS Fellowship in Gender Economics (\$6,000)	2020-2023
Population Studies and Training Center International Fellowship	2020
Brown University Teaching Award	2020
Population Studies and Training Center Affiliate, Brown University	2018-2022
Distinction in Second Year Field Exam, Brown University	2018
Crivelli Europe Scholarship, Unicredit and Universities Foundation (\$50,000)	2016, 2017

Professional Activities

Refereeing Services

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Public Economics, Italian Economic Journal

Teaching Experience

Economic Policy, Undergraduate Level, University of Naples Federico II, Lecturer Spring 2023, Spring 2024
The Economics of Social Policy, Undergraduate Level, Brown University, Teaching Fellow Spring 2022
Introduction to Statistics, MPA, Brown University, Teaching Fellow Summer 2019, 2020
Introduction to Microeconomics, MPA, Brown University, Teaching Fellow Summer 2019, 2020
Empirical Research Methods, Undergraduate Level, Bocconi University, Teaching Fellow Spring 2016

Research Experience and Other Employment

Research Assistant for Professor Emily Oster, Brown University 2017-2020
Research Assistant for Professor Fabiano Schivardi and Guido Tabellini, Bocconi University 2016
Research Assistant for Professor Fabiano Schivardi and Tom Schmitz, Bocconi University 2016
Research Assistant for Professor Fabiano Schivardi, Bocconi University 2015
Research Associate, Action Institute 2013-2014

Skills

Stata, Python, R, SaS, Vim, Latex, Github

Other Information

Languages: English (fluent), Italian (native), French (intermediate)
Citizenship: Italian