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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

# **Bocconi University**

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow

Spring 2023-present

**Affiliation:** Researcher at CLEAN Research Unit

#### OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Social Sciences Research Council (SSRC),

from Fall 2024

SSRC-Arnold Ventures Criminal Justice Innovation Fellow

Global Labor Organization (GLO), Fellow

Spring 2024-present

Institute for European Policymaking (IEP@BU), Fellow

Fall 2023-present

## **EDUCATION**

# West Virginia University

Doctor of Philosophy, Economics

Spring 2023

Fields: (Public and Urban/Regional Economics)

Master of Arts, Economics

Summer 2022

# Bloomsburg University

Bachelor of Arts, Economics

Spring 2020

## **PUBLICATIONS**

## "Bride Kidnapping and Informal Governance Institutions"

(accepted at Contemporary Economic Policy, 2024)

# "Economics of Criminal Governance"

with Henry Thompson (in Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics, 2024)

## "Gentrification, Gun Violence, and Drug Markets"

(Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, 2023)

# "Synthetic Difference-In-Differences Estimation With Staggered Treatment Timing"

(Economics Letters, 2022)

# "Assessing Ocean Temperature's Role in Fishery Production"

(Journal of Bioeconomics, 2021)

#### WORKING PAPERS

## "Identifying the General Equilibrium Effects of Narcotics Enforcement"

(GLO Discussion Paper No. 1455; BAFFI CAREFIN Centre Research Paper No. 227)

# "The Right to Counsel: Criminal Prosecution in 19th Century London"

with Bryan McCannon (Revisions Requested at *Economica*)

#### OTHER WRITING

"Policy Brief - Inelastic Demand, Rational Consumers, and Drug Policy"

(IEP@BU Policy Brief)

#### CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

2024	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Southern Economic Association;
	Workshop on the Econ of Crime for Junior Scholars; IBEO: Urban and Regional Economics;
	Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime; Texas Economics of Crime Workshop;
	Bocconi Summer Crime Workshop
2023	Brucchi Luchino Workshop; Southern Economic Association;
	Bocconi University Summer Crime Workshop; Society of Labor Economists
2022	Bocconi University Crime Before Christmas Workshop; Southern Economic Association;

2022 Bocconi University Crime Before Christmas Workshop; Southern Economic Association; Ethics, Law, and Social Science of Self-Defense and Firearms Workshop at Saint Anselm College; Slovak Economic Association; Eastern Economic Association; Institute for Humane Studies GradCon; Association of Private Enterprise Education; Texas Economics of Crime Workshop

2021 24Hr Conference on Global Organized Crime; North American Association of Fisheries Economists

# INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

2025	City, Uni	versity of	London;	University	of S	Southampton

2024 Brown University; Virtual Crime Economics Seminar Series; University of Bari Aldo Moro; University of Bolzano; Young Irish Economists Seminar Series (Trinity College); University of Sassari; Applied Young Economists Webinar

2023 Johannes Kepler University Linz; Masaryk University

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# West Virginia University

ECON 201: Introductory Microeconomics (Instructor of Record/ Lecturer)	Spring 2023
(Online and asynchronous, 45 hours)	
ECON 225- Elementary Business and Economics Statistics	Fall 2022
(Instructor of Record/ Lecturer, 45 hours)	
ECON 711- Advanced Microeconomic Theory II (Teaching Assistant)	Spring 2022
ECON 701- Advanced Microeconomic Theory I (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2021
Undergraduate Research Mentor	Summer 2021
Advancing Diversity in Geriatric Research program	
ARE 187- Energy Economics (Teaching Assistant)	Fall 2020

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE- GUEST LECTURES

# **Brown University**

Crime, Punishment, and Politics- Narcotics Enforcement (Undergraduate level) Fall 2024

# **Bocconi University**

Economics of Crime- Drug Market Disruptions (Masters level) Spring 2024

## University of Sassari

Practical Guide to Difference-in-Differences Designs (	Masters level) Spri	ng 2024
Masaryk University		
Labor Economics- Wage Distribution (Undergraduate Staggered Difference-in-Differences Designs (Masters 2)		ng 2023 ng 2023
TEACHING EXPERIENCE- WORKSHOP		
Center for Free Enterprise Summer Empirical Wo	rkshop	
Text Analysis and Data Basics in R	Sum	mer 2022
University of Sassari and University of Cagliari		
Text Analysis with Economic Applications Workshop	Sp	ring 2022
HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS	•	G
Arnold Ventures Grant (2024)	\$24,670; For organizing a small	l worksho
Institute for Humane Studies Grant (2024) Short Term Reside		\$3600
Institute for Humane Studies Grant (2024) Hayek Fund, \$1000		
ICLE Law & Economics Fellow (2024) \$2500		
Institute for Humane Studies Grant (2023) Hayek Fund, \$750		
Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship (2023) Summer Research Fellowship, \$600		
Mercatus Center Fellowship (2022) Oskar Morgenstern		
Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship (2022) Publication Accelerator		, \$5000
APEE Young Scholars Program (2022)		
Center for Free Enterprise Grant (2021)	\$800	
Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship (2021) Daniel Searle Fellow, \$2500		
Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship (2020) \$8500		
Adam Smith Award in Economics (2020) Bloomsburg University award		
Margaret Minner Memorial Scholarship (2019)		
INVITED EVENTS AS A PARTICIPANT		
Partnering to Transform Corrections Culture in N	orth Dakota Sur	nmer 202

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Partnering to Transform Corrections Culture in North Dakota	Summer 2024	
Dondenna- Cornell Gathering	Summer 2024	
Institute for Humane Studies: Economic and Human Costs of Incarcer Discussion	Spring 2024	
Institute for Humane Studies: Policing Reform Research Discussion	Fall 2023	
University of Michigan CJARS Training Workshop	Fall 2023	
International Center for Law and Economics: Big Ideas Workshop on the Economics of Information $$\operatorname{Fall}\ 2023$$		
Institute for Humane Studies Summer Seminar Series	Summer 2022	
American Institute for Economic Research  Harwood Graduate Colloquium	Spring 2022	

# VISITING PERIODS

Brown University PPE Center in Providence, Rhode Island, USA (Fall 2024); University of Sassari in Sardegna, Italy (Spring 2024); Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic (Spring 2023)

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Journal Referee Applied Economics; Advances in Applied Sociology; Contemporary Economic Policy; Crime & Delinquency

Economic Inquiry; Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy; Management Science; Marine Resource Economics; Public Choice;

Southern Economic Journal

R Package Contributor In bacondecomp package, implementation of fixest::feols processes R Package Author

"staggeredSynthDid", Staggered treatment timing for Synthetic DiD

"lpdid", Local Projections DiD Estimator, w/ Alex Cardazzi

Southern Economic Association Conference 2024 (4 sessions) Conference Session Organizer Workshop Organizer Workshop on the Impacts of the Opiate Epidemic (Fall 2024)

# MEMBERSHIPS (PAST AND PRESENT)

American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, North American Association of Fisheries Economists, Southern Economics Association, Western Economics Association,

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, Julia, IATEX, Textual Analysis, Spatial Analysis, Causal Inference, High Performance Computing

## REFERENCES

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