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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Bocconi University

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (Assegno di Ricerca)

Spring 2023-present

Affiliation: Researcher at CLEAN Research Unit

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Centro Ricerche Economiche Nord Sud (CRENoS),

Associated Researcher

Spring 2025-present

International Center for Law & Economics (ICLE),

Affiliated Researcher

Fall 2024-present

Social Sciences Research Council (SSRC),

SSRC-Arnold Ventures Criminal Justice Innovation Fellow

Fall 2024-present

Global Labor Organization (GLO), Fellow

Spring 2024-present

Centre on Economics, Finance and Regulation (BAFFI), Fellow

Fall 2023-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

“Identifying the General Equilibrium Effects of Narcotics Enforcement”

(*Journal of Urban Economics*, 2026)

“Economics of Criminal Governance”

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

“The Right to Counsel: Criminal Prosecution in 19th Century London”

with Bryan McCannon (*Economica*, 2024)

“Bride Kidnapping and Informal Governance Institutions”

(*Contemporary Economic Policy*, 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

“Murder in the Marketplace”

(with V. Biagi and A. Cardazzi; BAFFI CAREFIN Centre Research Paper No. 239)

Revisions requested at Public Choice

“The Departed: Italian Migration and the American Mafia”

(with M. Anelli and P. Pinotti; CESifo Working Paper No. 12364, CEPR Discussion Paper No. DP20972; Rockwool Foundation Berlin Discussion Paper No. 165/25)

OTHER WRITING

“Se il Fentanyl arriva in Europa” (*written in Italian*)

(Eco Rivista, 2024)

“Precision policing: The Kensington Initiative’s targeted approach to combating the opioid epidemic”

(Commentary for the Niskanen Center, 2024)

“Policy Brief - Inelastic Demand, Rational Consumers, and Drug Policy”

(IEP@BU Policy Brief, 2024)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

- 2026** American Economic Association/ Allied Social Science Association; Texas Economics of Crime Workshop
- 2025** Alpine Population Conference; Workshop on the Economics of Crime for Junior Scholars; IBEO: Urban and Regional Economics; Dondena-Cornell Gathering
- 2024** Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Southern Economic Association; IBEO: Urban and Regional Economics; Workshop on the Econ of Crime for Junior Scholars; Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime; Bocconi Summer Crime Workshop; Texas Economics of Crime Workshop; Bocconi Crime Before Christmas 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; 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)

- 2026** University of Kentucky; Konkuk University
2025 City, University of London; University of Southampton; Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia; DataLab of the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office; Virtual Crime Economics Seminar Series (ViCE); University of Pavia
2024 Brown University; Applied Young Economists Webinar; Virtual Crime Economics Seminar Series (ViCE); University of Bari Aldo Moro; University of Bolzano; Young Irish Economists Seminar Series (Trinity College); University of Sassari;
2023 Johannes Kepler University Linz; Masaryk University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

West Virginia University

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| ECON 201: Introductory Microeconomics (Instructor of Record/ Lecturer, 45 hours, Online and asynchronous) | Spring 2023 |
| ECON 225- Elementary Business and Economics Statistics (Instructor of Record/ Lecturer, 45 hours) | Fall 2022 |
| Undergraduate Research Mentor Advancing Diversity in Geriatric Research program | Summer 2021 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE- GUEST LECTURES

Brown University

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| Narcotics Enforcement in the Era of the Opiate Epidemic (Undergraduate level) | Fall 2024 |
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Bocconi University

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

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| Practical Guide to Difference-in-Differences Designs (Masters level) | Spring 2024 |
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Masaryk University

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| Labor Economics- Wage Distribution (Undergraduate level) | Spring 2023 |
| Staggered Difference-in-Differences Designs (Masters level) | Spring 2023 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE- WORKSHOP

Center for Free Enterprise Summer Empirical Workshop

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| Text Analysis and Data Basics in R | Summer 2022 |
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University of Sassari and University of Cagliari

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| Text Analysis with Economic Applications Workshop | Spring 2022 |
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HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS (AS PI OR CO-PI)

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| Arnold Ventures Planning Grant (2026) | \$99,575 |
| Cosmos x IHS AI-Accelerated Scholarship Grant (2025) | \$4,000 |
| Arnold Ventures Planning Grant (2025) | \$98,038 |
| Arnold Ventures Grant (2024) | \$24,670; For organizing a small workshop |
| Institute for Humane Studies Grant (2024) | Short Term Residency Grant, \$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, \$6000 |
| Mercatus Center Fellowship (2022) | Oskar Morgenstern Fellow, \$2500 |
| Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship (2022) | Publication Accelerator Grant, \$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

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| Arnold Ventures Bridge Event: Fentanyl Epidemic | Fall 2025 |
| Arnold Ventures Bridge Event: Capacity Crisis in Corrections | Spring 2025 |
| Partnering to Transform Corrections Culture in North Dakota | Summer 2024 |
| Dondenna- Cornell Gathering | Summer 2024 |
| Institute for Humane Studies: Economic and Human Costs of Incarceration Research 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 | Fall 2023 |
| Institute for Humane Studies Summer Seminar Series | Summer 2022 |
| American Institute for Economic Research <i>Harwood Graduate Colloquium</i> | Spring 2022 |

VISITING PERIODS

City University, London in London, UK (Spring 2025); **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

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| Journal Referee | <i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; Applied Economics; Advances in Applied Sociology; Contemporary Economic Policy; Crime & Delinquency; Economic Inquiry; Explorations in Economic History; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Quantitative Criminology; Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy; Journal of Place Management and Development; Management Science; Marine Resource Economics; Oxford Economic Papers; Public Choice; Southern Economic Journal; Urban Studies</i> |
| 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 |
| Conference Session Organizer | Southern Economic Association Conference 2024 (4 sessions) |
| 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, L^AT_EX, Textual Analysis, Spatial Analysis, Causal Inference, High Performance Computing

REFERENCES

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LANGUAGES

English (native); Italian (intermediate; *Certificazione PLIDA CEFR B1*)