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CURRENT POSITION

Professor, Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics, The University of Chicago (since July 2019)
Editor, *Journal of Labor Economics* (since January 2019)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics, Stanford University, June 2011
B.A. in Economics and Commerce, University of Torino (Italy), April 2005 (*Summa cum laude*)
Undergraduate studies in Economics, Université Lyon III (France), 2003 (Exchange student)

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Research Fellow, NBER (2013-)
Research Associate, CHILD-Collegio Carlo Alberto (2015-)
Research Affiliate, CEPR (2016-)
Affiliate, BREAD (2017-)

PAST POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, The University of Chicago (2016-2019)
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, The University of Chicago (2012-2016)
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Cowles Foundation, Yale University, 2015-2016
Ruffolo Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School, 2011-2012
Researcher on Innovation Policy, Centro Studi e Documentazione Luigi Einaudi, 2004-2005

PUBLICATIONS IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

“Age of marriage, weather shocks and the direction of marriage payments” (with Lucia Corno and Nicole Hildebrandt), *Econometrica*, forthcoming
“Bride Price and the Returns to Education” (with Nava Ashraf, Natalie Bau and Nathan Nunn), *Journal of Political Economy*
“Inheritance Customs and Agricultural Investment” (with Brian Dillon), *Journal of Development Economics*, forthcoming
“Yours, Mine and Ours: Do Divorce Laws Affect the Intertemporal Behavior of Married Couples?” *The American Economic Review*, 105.8 (2015): 2295-2332 (lead article)
“German-Jewish Émigrés and U.S. Invention” (with Petra Moser and Fabian Waldinger), *The American Economic Review*, 104.10 (2014): 3222-3255
“Compulsory Licensing: Evidence from the Trading-with-the Enemy Act” (with Petra Moser), *The American Economic Review*, 102.1 (2012): 396-427

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- “Traditional Beliefs and Learning about Maternal Risk in Zambia” (with Nava Ashraf, Erica Field, Giuditta Rusconi and Roberta Ziparo) *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings*, 107.5 (2017): 511-515
- “The Economics and Politics of Women’s Rights” (with Matthias Doepke and Michèle Tertilt), *Annual Review of Economics*, 4.1 (2012): 339-372

WORKING PAPERS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “Prenuptial Contracts, Labor Supply and Household Investments” (with Denrick Bayot)
- “Marriage, Labor Supply and the Dynamics of the Social Safety Net” (with Hamish Low, Costas Meghir and Luigi Pistaferri), submitted
- “Selling Daughters: Age of Marriage, Income Shocks and Bride Price Tradition” (with Lucia Corno)
- “Maternal Mortality and the Gender Gap in the Demand for Children in Zambia” (with Nava Ashraf, Erica Field and Roberta Ziparo)
- “The value of health insurance: A field experiment in India” (with Gabriella Conti, Kosuke Imai, Cynthia Kinnan, Anup Malani)
- “Transformative finance for women entrepreneurs in Lusaka, Zambia (piloting stage; with Nava Ashraf, Alexia Delfino and Edward Glaeser)
- “Migration, marriage markets and human capital in India” (with Natalie Bau and Corinne Low)
- “The historical origins of FGC in Sub-Saharan Africa” (with Lucia Corno and Eliana La Ferrara)
- “Scientific productivity and the international mobility of researchers” (with Carlo Schwartz and Fabian Waldinger)

TEACHING

- Instructor, *Development Economics: Microeconomic Issues* (G), The University of Chicago, since 2019
- Instructor, *Labor Economics: Household Decisions and Labor Markets* (G), The University of Chicago, since 2015
- Instructor, *Economics of the family* (G and UG), The University of Chicago, 2014-2015
- Instructor, *Elements of Economic Analysis I* (UG), The University of Chicago, since 2013
- Teaching Assistant, *Intermediate Econometrics* (UG), Stanford University, 2008
- Teaching Assistant, *Macroeconomics* (UG), University of Torino, 2004

GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019: IGC Grant “The Indian Health Insurance Experiment: What is the Long-Term Impact of Expanding RSBY as Envisioned in NHPS” (with Anup Malani and Cynthia Kinnan)
- 2017: Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship; Carlo Alberto Medal, awarded biennially to an outstanding Italian economist under the age of 40
- 2016: IGC Grant “Maternal mortality risk and gender gap in desired fertility” (with Nava Ashraf and Erica Field); Prize in Memory of Maria Concetta Chiuri for “Selling Daughters: Age of Marriage, Income Shocks and the Bride Price Tradition” (coauthored with Lucia Corno); Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
- 2015: IGC Grant “Impact Evaluation of a Public Health Insurance Plan in India” (with Anup Malani, Cynthia Kinnan, Gabriella Conti, and Ramanan Laxmariyan); Andrew J. Walters Research Award; Excellence in Refereeing Award, *American Economic Review*
- 2014: John Templeton Foundation Research Grant “Understanding the Family in Family Planning” (with Nava Ashraf and Erica Field); Social Sciences Divisional Research Grant; BERI grant “Maternal Mortality Risk and the Gender Gap in Desired Fertility” (with Nava Ashraf and Erica Field)

- 2013: Neubauer Family Collegium for Culture and Society grant “Unpacking the Value of Health Insurance in India” (with Anup Malani and Anuj Shah); UniCredit Best Paper Award in Gender Economics
- 2012: Finalist in Social Sciences, Council of Graduate School's Dissertation Award; NBER Household Finance research grant
- 2011: Claire and Ralph Landau Prize for a SIEPR Discussion paper; Invited Speaker, Review of Economic Studies European Tour
- 2010: Leonard W. Ely and Shirley R. Ely Graduate Student Fund Fellowship (stipend and tuition); Michelle R. Clayman Institute for Gender Studies Graduate Dissertation Fellowship
- 2008-09: Stanford University Dept. of Economics Fellowship (stipend and tuition)
- 2006-08: Unicredit Fellowship “Giovanna Crivelli” (stipend and tuition)
- 2005-06: Stanford University Dept. of Economics Fellowship (stipend and tuition)
- 2002-05: *Optime* Prize awarded to outstanding graduates of University of Torino; European Union fellowship for *Socrates* exchange students

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

- 2020: AEA meetings, Georgetown, UCLA-CIFAR conference on Culture and Preference Formation, UCSD Development retreat, Princeton, UNC, Penn, Cornell, Michigan, Pitt, Marseille, PSE, CEPR Labor (keynote)
- 2019: USC, World Bank, UC Irvine, Stanford, WEAI meetings, Washington, Univerisdad del Pacifico (Lima), Universidad de Los Andes (Santiago), Dublin, Stockholm, Rochester, UIUC, HKS
- 2018: Rice, Minnesota, LSE, HCEO Conference on Family Economics, NBER SI, UIUC, WashU Olin, Mannheim, Geneva, Toulouse, IFPRI, Penn State, Collegio Carlo Alberto, MSU, SITE Stockholm conference (keynote)
- 2017: Stockholm, Bocconi, Sciences Po, McGill, Columbia, STLAR conference at St. Louis Fed, NBER SI Children, Wisconsin
- 2016: MIT/Harvard, NY Fed, IADB, Stanford SITE, NBER SI EFACR, Bank of Italy, NBER WWL (discussant), Northwestern, UCL, Penn, LSE, Sussex, Warwick, Oxford, Berkeley, Yale (x2), Berkeley Haas, Tufts, AEA meetings
- 2015: Zurich, Michigan H2D2 (keynote), Brown, Stavanger-Bergen Labor Workshop at Berkeley, Yale, Yale Political Economy and Development Conference (discussant), UChicago, BC, NYU, NBER Summer Institute CH, SED meetings, “Families and the Macroeconomy” conference in Mannheim, Barcelona GSE-CEAR-MOVE workshop on “Family Economics”, “Handbook of Macroeconomics” conference (discussant), Harvard, Brown, UIC, Houston, ASU, DePaul, AEA meetings (discussant)
- 2014: Sciences-PO, SED Meetings, Yale Cowles Summer Conference, “Demographic Economics” Conference at Ulowa, UChicago, CIREQ Montreal (discussant), Chicago-Area Workshop on “Family Economics”, Maryland, IFPRI, Toronto, AEA meetings
- 2013: Collegio Carlo Alberto, “New Directions in Applied Microeconomics” conference at Caltech, Bologna, Sant'Anna Pisa, UCL, EIEF, EEA meetings, SED meetings, Chicago Fed, UVA, Ohio State, Yale, UChicago Harris
- 2012: CEAR conference on “Households and Risk”, UBC, FINET conference on Family Inequality, Minneapolis Fed, “Development^xChange” conference at Gates Foundation, Yale Cowles Summer Conference, Collegio Carlo Alberto Conference on “Legal, Illegal and Criminal Migration”, WashU/St. Louis Fed, EIEF, CSEF, UCLA, Harvard Kennedy School
- 2011: Torino/Collegio Carlo Alberto, ASU, Michigan, Princeton, Munich Conference on “Cultural Change and Economic Growth”, CEMFI, Stockholm School of Economics, LBS, Cornell, Booth, NYU, Wisconsin-Madison, Columbia GSB, UChicago, Harvard, Harvard Kennedy School, Yale

- 2010: Cambridge, LSE, UCL, St. Louis Fed, Minneapolis Fed, SFSU, SITE, NBER Summer Institute EFACR, SED Meetings, Midwest Macro Meetings
- 2009-08: San Francisco Fed Microeconomics Conference, Mondragone- La Pietra- Collegio Carlo Alberto Doctoral Conference; BREAD-University of Verona Summer School on Development Economics

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2019-20: Program committee member of the Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society
- 2017-19: Associate Editor, JEEA and JOLE
- 2017-: PhD admission committee, Department of Economics, The University of Chicago
- 2016-17: Co-organizer of the Becker Applied Economics Workshop, The University of Chicago
Co-organizer of the EIEF Junior Conference in Applied Microeconomics
- 2013-: Co-organizer of the Family Economics Workshop, The University of Chicago
- 2016: Program committee member of the Winter Meetings of the Econometric Society,
- 2014-16: International Innovation Corps, The University of Chicago, Faculty Advisory Committee Member
- 2012-: Junior faculty recruiting committee, Department of Economics, The University of Chicago
- 2014-15: Society of Economic Dynamics Meetings, Program committee member
- 2014: Social Science Divisional Research Committee member, The University of Chicago

ADVISING (as dissertation committee member, with placement)

- 2020: Noemi Nocera (Analysis Group)
- 2018: Jorge Garcia (Clemson), Simone Lenzu (2018, NYU Stern Finance), Jorge Rodriguez (Universidad de Los Andes, Chile), David Malison (Uber), Nina Ngoc Nguyen (Charles River Associates), Jaeyoon Lee (Fudan University), Mohsen Mirtahter (AQR)
- 2015: Denrick Bayot (Cornerstone), Jesse Naidoo (Harris School postdoc, then Pretoria), Stefano Mosso (AQR)

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

Journal of Economic Growth, Econometrica, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Economic Journal, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Legal Studies, American Economic Review, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, RAND, Review of Economic Studies, AEJ: Applied, Journal of Health Economics, AEJ-Macro, AEJ-Public Policy, AEJ-Micro, World Bank Review, Economic Letters, International Economic Review, Journal of Economic Growth