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## **CURRENT POSITION**

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, The University of Chicago

Ruffolo Research Fellow, Sustainability Science Program, Harvard Kennedy School

## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics, Stanford University, 2011

Dissertation committee: Luigi Pistaferri (primary advisor), Michèle Tertilt (co-primary advisor),  
Caroline Hoxby, Petra Moser, Monika Piazzesi

B.A. in Economics and Commerce, University of Torino (Italy), 2005 (*Summa cum laude*)

Undergraduate studies in Economics, Université Lyon III (France), 2003 (Exchange student)

## **PAST POSITIONS**

Ruffolo Post-Doctoral Fellow, Sustainability Science Program, Harvard Kennedy School, 2011-2012

Research Assistant for Prof. G. De Giorgi, P. Moser, L. Pistaferri, M. Tertilt, Stanford University,  
Department of Economics, 2006-2011

Researcher on Innovation Policy, Centro Studi e Documentazione L. Einaudi (Torino), 2004-2005

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Teaching Assistant in Undergraduate Econometrics, Stanford University, 2008

Teaching Assistant in Undergraduate Macroeconomics, University of Torino, 2004

## **WORKING PAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS**

“Compulsory Licensing: Evidence from the Trading-with-the Enemy Act” (with Petra Moser),

*The American Economic Review*, February 2012

“The Economics and Politics of Women’s Rights” (with Matthias Doepke and Michèle Tertilt),  
*Annual Review of Economics*, September 2012

“Yours, Mine and Ours: Do Divorce Laws Affect the Intertemporal Behavior of Married Couples?”  
February 2012, submitted

“German-Jewish Émigrés and U.S. Invention” (with Petra Moser and Fabian Waldinger), March  
2012, under revision

### **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

“Prenuptial Agreements and Household Welfare: Theory and Evidence from Italy” (with Denrick  
Bayot)

“Marriage, Social Insurance and Labor Supply” (with Hamish Low, Costas Meghir and Luigi  
Pistaferri)

“Maternal Mortality and the Gender Gap in the Demand for Children in Zambia” (with Nava  
Ashraf and Erica Field)

“Land Tenure Security and Agricultural Investment: Evidence from Zambia” (with Brian Dillon)

### **SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2012: NBER Household Finance research grant
- 2011: Claire and Ralph Landau Prize for a SIEPR Discussion paper;  
Invited Speaker, Review of Economic Studies European Tour
- 2009-10: 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)
- 2005: *Optime* Prize awarded to outstanding graduates of University of Torino
- 2002-03: European Union fellowship for *Socrates* exchange students

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED SEMINARS**

- 2012: UBC (scheduled), Development<sup>X</sup>Change conference at Gates Foundation, Cowles  
Summer Conference, Collegio Carlo Alberto Conference on Legal, Illegal and Criminal  
Migration, WUSTL / St. Louis Fed, EIEF, CSEF, UCLA.
- 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, Chicago, 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: San Francisco Fed Microeconomics Conference, Mondragone-La Pietra-Collegio Carlo Alberto Doctoral Conference.  
2008: CEPR-BREAD-University of Verona Summer School on Development Economics.

### **REFEREEING**

*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.*