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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024 – IZA Research Affiliate
- 2020– Lecturer in Economics (Assistant Professor), University of Southampton (UK)
(on maternity leave Jan-July 2023)
- 2020 Research Fellow, UCL Institute of Education (UK)
- 2019 Visiting Researcher, CHE Monash University (Australia)
- 2018-2019 Honorary Research Associate, UCL (UK)
- 2018 Visiting Researcher, Institute for Fiscal Studies (UK)
- 2017-2019 British Academy Post-Doctoral Research Associate, University of York (UK)
- 2016 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Economic and Social Research Institute (Ireland)

EDUCATION

- 2012–2016 Ph.D. Economics, University of York (UK)
Thesis: ‘Essays on Health and Family Economics’
Advisors: Prof. Cheti Nicoletti and Prof. Luigi Siciliani
- 2010–2012 M.Sc. Economics, Cum Laude, University of Bologna (IT)
Thesis: ‘The provider-made effect on the birth day of the week: an empirical analysis’
Advisor: Prof. Chiara Monfardini
- 2007–2010 B.A. Economics and Business, University of Padua (IT)
Thesis: ‘The value of statistical life’
Advisor: Prof. Lorenzo Rocco

PUBLICATIONS

Social restrictions and well-being: disentangling the mechanisms (with Almudena Sevilla and Francesca Foliano) *Labour Economics*, 8:102485 (2024) [[Link to the journal](#)]

Do parental time investments react to changes in child’s skills and health? (with Cheti Nicoletti) *European Economic Review*, 127:103491 (2020) [[Link to the journal](#)]

Mother’s health after baby’s birth: does delivery method matter?

Journal of Health Economics, 63: 182-196 (2019) [[Link to the journal](#)] [[Media Coverage: The Conversation, UK](#)]

Winner of Giorgio Rota Best Paper Award for Young Researchers by Centro Einaudi and Fondazione CRT

Do waiting times affect health outcomes? Evidence from Coronary Bypass (with Giuseppe Moscelli and Luigi Siciliani) *Social Science and Medicine*, 161: 151-159 (2016)
[[Link to the journal](#)] [[Media Coverage: National Public Radio \(NPR\), USA](#)]

WORKING PAPERS

Gender stereotypes in the family (with Cheti Nicoletti and Almudena Sevilla) [IZA Working Paper no. 15773] *Submitted*

Abstract: We study whether and why parents have gender-stereotyped beliefs when they assess their children's abilities. Exploiting systematic differences in parental beliefs about a child's skills and blindly graded standardized test scores, we find that parents overestimate boys' skills more so than girls' in mathematics (a male-stereotyped subject), whereas there are no gender differences for reading. Consistent with an information friction hypothesis, we use exogenous variation in parents' interview dates to document that the parental gender bias disappears for parents who are interviewed after receiving information on their child's test scores. We further show that parental gender bias in detriment of girls contributes to explain the widening of the gender gap in mathematical skills later in childhood, supporting the hypothesis that exposure to gender biases negatively influence girls' ability to achieve their full potential.

JEL codes: J13, D13, C23, C26

Keywords: Parental beliefs, Gender bias, Stereotypes, School performance, Standardized scores.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Parents' behavioural response to stress (with Cheti Nicoletti and Emma Tominey)

Bias in Higher Education: exploring the impact of gender (with Jana Sadeh)

Ethnic inequalities in the NHS (with Giuseppe Moscelli and Melisa Sayli)

GRANTS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2019	Royal Economic Society, Small Research Grant (£400)
2019	Research and Impact Support Fund, University of York (£500)
2018	Giorgio Rota Best Paper Award for Young Researchers (€1,500)
2017-2019	British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship (£250,817)
2014	'Homo Sapiens Sapiens' INAIL scholarship (merit prize, €4,000)
2012-2015	ESRC PhD Scholarship: Fees paid plus maintenance grant (£48,000)
2012	University of Bologna Scholarship (merit prize, €2,000)
2010	'Homo Sapiens Sapiens' INAIL scholarship (merit prize, €2,000)
2010	Scholarship for Master Studies, Toniolo Institute (declined)

IMPACT AND MEDIA

2022	Presentation at the RES Mentoring Retreat (April 2022), "My experience as a British Academy Post-doctoral Fellow"
2020	Speech at the British Academy Induction Event (October, 2020), "My experience as a British Academy Post-doctoral Fellow"
2019	The Conversation UK , February 28, 2019. <i>Emergency caesareans increase risk of postnatal depression in new mothers</i> , Coverage of "Mother's health after baby's birth: does delivery method matter?"
2018	Presentation at NHS Improvement on waiting times and patients' health
2016	National Public Radio (NPR) , Hidden Brain, USA. Coverage of "Do waiting times affect health outcomes? Evidence from Coronary Bypass"

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

2015	PhD course on Causal Inference without Experiments (NHH, Norway)
2015	18th IZA European Summer School in Labor Economics (Germany)
2013	PhD course on Perspectives from Behavioral and Experimental Economics on Child Development and Education (Aarhus University, Denmark)
2013	Summer School on Policy Evaluation (CIDE, Italy)
2013	Course on Analysing Patient Data using Hospital Episode Statistics for England (CHE York, UK)
2012	Introduction to Understanding Society using Stata (ISER, UK)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Refereeing	Journal of Health Economics, Empirical Economics, Journal of International Development, Review of Economics of the Household, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, European Journal of Public Health, Bulletin of Economic Research, Economics of Education Review, Health Economics, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, European Economic Review, Labour Economics, Scottish Journal of Political Economy
Reviewer	British Academy's Knowledge Frontiers Grant
Membership	Member of the Society of Economics of the Household (SEHO) Board (2020-), Member of the Royal Economic Society Women's Committee (2022-2025), Economics of Diversity, Gender and Equality Network (2023-)
Volunteer	Royal Economic Society Women Committee (2020-2022)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP ORGANISATION

2021-	Co-lead of the Royal Economic Society Mentoring Programme for women academics
2020-2022	Co-organiser of the Society of Economics of the Household Annual Meeting
2017-2019	Workshop on Labor and Family Economics (WOLFE) co-organiser
2015	White Rose DTC Economic Pathway Conference co-organiser

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022-	Health Policy and Economics (PG), University of Southampton
2020-2021	Economic Analysis (PG), University of Southampton
2020-	Quantitative Modelling in Economics (1st year UG), University of Southampton
2020-	MSc Dissertation Supervisor, University of Southampton
2020-	UG Dissertation Supervisor, University of Southampton
2020	Supervisor of Summer Volunteer Research Assistants (5), University College London
2019	Applied Econometrics for Research (PhD course), University of York
2019	UG Dissertation Supervisor, University of York
2017-2018	MSc Dissertation Supervisor, University of York
2017	Teaching Assistant for Applied MicroEconometrics (PG course), University of York
2012	Teaching Assistant for Econometrics (PG course in English), University of Bologna
2011	Teaching Assistant for Econometrics (UG course in Italian), University of Bologna

PHD SUPERVISION

2020-	Xiwen Luo (joint with Corrado Giuliatti and Michael Vlassopoulos)
2022-	Yu Zhang (joint with Michael Vlassopoulos)
2023-	Xiangyu Ren (joint with Michael Vlassopoulos and Emmanouil Mentzakis)
2023-	Yilin Huang (joint with Michael Vlassopoulos)

ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

2023-	Chair of the ESPS Athena Swan Committee, University of Southampton
2021-2023	Member of the ESPS Athena Swan Staff Consultation Working Group, University of Southampton
2020-	FSS Mentor for Early Career Researchers, University of Southampton
2020-	Personal Academic Tutor (PAT), University of Southampton
2020	Member of the Web and Social Media Team, Department of Economics, University of Southampton
2020	Member of the Deputy Head of School Research REF working group, University of Southampton
2020-2023	Departmental Seminars co-organiser, University of Southampton
2017-2019	Departmental Seminars co-organiser, University of York

PRESENTATIONS

2024	City, University of London (invited), Family lunch brown seminar (Social Statistics and Demography, University of Southampton, invited), Social Research Institute, UCL (invited)
2023	Workshop on Gender Stereotypes, LSE (London), Paris School of Economics Summer School in Gender Economics (online), Gender Economics Workshop, Bank of Italy (Rome, Italy), Economics of Diversity, Gender and Equality Seminar Series (invited), University of Southampton (showcase of Economics research to the ESPS School)
2022	University of Surrey (invited), London School of Economics, Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (Padova), International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education (IWAE, Catanzaro), International Workshop on Gender and Education (Collegio Carlo Alberto, Torino)
2021	Webinar in Gender and Family Economics (CY Cergy Paris Université, online), Annual Conference of the Society of Economics of the Household (Boston, online)
2020	2nd Padova Applied Economics Workshop (invited, Padova), UCL ParentTime Workshop* (invited, London), Annual Conference of the Society of Economics of the Household* (Venice)
2019	Annual Conference of the European Society of Population Economics (Bath), Annual Conference of the Society of Economics of the Household (Lisbon), Royal Economic Society Annual Conference (Warwick), QSS Seminar (UCL Institute of Education, London), University of Southampton, CHE Monash University (Melbourne)
2018	IFS (London), Centro Einaudi (Torino), Thursday Workshop (York), NHS Improvement (London), International Association for Time Use Research Conference (Budapest), 3rd Workshop on Labour and Family Economics (York)
2017	European Workshop in Health Econometrics (Prague), Annual Conference of the European Society of Population Economics (Glasgow), Lola HESG (Rotterdam)
2016	Growing Up in Ireland Research Conference (Dublin), Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists (Ghent), Workshop on Labour and Family Economics (York), 15th Journées Louis-André' Gerard-Varet, (Aix-en-Provence)

- 2015 Applied Microeconometrics Cluster Seminar (York), Center for Empirical Labor Economics (Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen), Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (Izmir), RES Symposium for Junior Researchers (Manchester), 4th WRDTC Economic Pathway Conference (Leeds), CLS Cohort Studies Research Conference (London)
- 2014 Health Econometrics Workshop (Padova), iHEA/ECHE World Congress (Dublin), Health Econometrics and Data Group Seminar (York), 3rd WRDTC Economic Pathway Conference (Sheffield), Applied Microeconometrics Cluster Seminar (York)
- 2013 Applied Microeconometrics Cluster Seminar (York), 2nd WRDTC Economic Pathway Conference (York), Health Econometrics and Data Group Seminar (York)

* = cancelled due to Covid-19

SKILLS AND FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Languages Italian (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Basic)
 IT Proficient: Stata, L^AT_EX; MS Office; Familiar: R