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## Affiliation

Janice and Julian Bers Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, 2024 - *current*

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2019 - 2024

Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania, 2018 - 2019

## Education

PhD, Economics, Arizona State University, 2018

MA, Economics, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Italy, 2012

MSc, Finance, University of Ancona, Italy, 2010

BSc, Economics and Finance, University of Ancona, Italy, 2008

## Other Affiliations

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research

HCEO, University of Chicago

Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility, University of Chicago

Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania

## Published and Accepted Papers in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“*Home and School in the Development of Children*”, with Morteza Saharkhiz and Matthew Wiswall, NBER Working Paper No. 26037, *Accepted at **International Economic Review***

“*It Takes a Village: The Economics of Parenting with Neighborhood and Peer Effects*”, with Matthias Doepke, Giuseppe Sorrenti, and Fabrizio Zilibotti, *Accepted at **Journal of Political Economy***

“*Estimating the Technology of Children’s Skill Formation*”, with Matthew Wiswall, ***Journal of Political Economy***, 133(3), March 2025

“*Enhancing Human Capital at Scale*”, with Ciro Avitabile and Matteo Bobba, ***Journal of Political Economy***, 133(2), February 2025

“*When the Great Equalizer Shuts Down: Schools, Peers, and Parents in Pandemic Times*”, with Matthias Doepke, Giuseppe Sorrenti, and Fabrizio Zilibotti, ***Journal of Public Economics***, 206, February 2022

## Working Papers

“*On the Spatial Determinants of Educational Access*”, with Margaux Luflade and Paolo Martellini, *Revision Requested at **Journal of Political Economy***

“*Welfare, Workfare and Labor Supply: A Unified Evaluation*”, with Emilio Borghesan and Giuseppe Sorrenti, *Revision Requested at **Journal of Econometrics***

“*Money vs Time: Family Income, Maternal Labor Supply, and Child Development*”, with Giuseppe Sorrenti, *Revision Requested at **Journal of Political Economy***

“*Intra-Household Insurance and the Intergenerational Transmission of Income Risk*”, with Domenico Ferraro, Xincheng Qiu, and Giuseppe Sorrenti

“*A Reappraisal of the Effect of Class Size on Children’s Learning*”, with Karun Adusumilli and Emilio Borghesan

“*Investing in Children’s Skills: An Equilibrium Analysis of Social Interactions and Parental Investments*”

“*Identification of Dynamic Latent Factor Models: The Implications of Re-Normalization in a Model of Child Development*”, with Matthew Wiswall, NBER Working Paper No. 22441

## Academic Visits

Cowles Foundation, Yale University

Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

## Presentations

2023-2024 (scheduled): (**seminars:**) Georgetown; University of Wisconsin–Madison; Washington University in St. Louis; (**conferences:**) AEA Meetings; Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis; Penn Wharton Budget Model; Southern Economic Association 2023; SED 2024

2022-2023: UCLA; Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Yale; (**conferences:**) Rohit and Harvanit Kumar Conference on Early Childhood Development: Economic Theory and Data, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago; ASU PhD Reunion Conference

2021-2022: (**virtual seminars:**) Becker Friedman Institute China; Cornell University; University of Arizona; University of Chicago (Experimental Lunch Seminar); University of Oslo; Wilfrid Laurier University

2020-2021: (**virtual seminars:**) Bocconi (MILLS Seminar); McGill University; University of Ancona; Universidad Católica del Uruguay

2019-2020: (**seminars:**) Penn State University; Temple University (**conferences:**) AEA Meetings; HCEO, University of Chicago; Griffin Applied Economics Incubator, University of Chicago

2018-2019: (**seminars:**) New York University; Queen’s University; University of North Carolina; University of Michigan; Washington University in St. Louis; Western University (**conferences:**) AEA Meetings; HCEO, University of Chicago; Interactions Workshop, Northwestern University; SITE, Stanford University

2017-2018: (**seminars:**) Duke University; IFS; NYFed; University of Chicago; University of Minnesota; University of Pennsylvania; University of Rochester; University of Southern California; Yale University; University of Zurich

2016-2017 (**seminars:**) CEHD, University of Chicago. (**conferences:**) Junior Scholar Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis; YES, Yale University; SOLE 2017; Econometric Society (Glasgow); Empirics and Methods in Economics, Northwestern University; Annual Empirical Microeconomics Workshop, University of Calgary (poster session)

2015: SSSI, HCEO, University of Chicago (poster session)

## Program Committees for Conferences

Annual Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Toronto, Canada, 2025

Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Dynamics (SED), Barcelona, Spain, 2024

Annual Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), Portland, USA, 2024

Annual European Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 2024

Referee Service: American Economic Review; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics; Econometrica; Economic Journal; Journal of Econometrics; International Economic Review; Journal of European Economic Association; Journal of Human Capital; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Political Economy; Quantitative Economics; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; Scandinavian Journal of Economics

## **Ph.D. Thesis Supervision**

2023: Emilio Borghesan. First placement: Department of Economics, University of Michigan (post-doc at the Industrial Relations section at Princeton)

## **Teaching Experience and Awards**

2024: Kravis Award for Undergraduate Teaching, Penn  
2023-2024: Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate Course), Penn  
2021-2023: Labor Economics (PhD Course), Penn  
2019-current: Empirical Methods for Counterfactual Analysis (PhD Course), Penn  
2019-current: Economics of Education (Undergraduate Course), Penn  
2017-2018: Labor Economics (Undergraduate Course), ASU

## **Departmental Service**

2018-current: Ph.D Admission Committee, Penn  
2018-current: Undergraduate Research Advisory Committee, Penn  
2019-current: Empirical-micro seminar organizer, Penn  
2019-current: Empirical-micro lunch workshop organizer, Penn