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CURRENT POSITION

University of Houston, Institute for Research on Women, Gender & Sexuality, Jan 2023-present
Research Assistant Professor

World Bank, Gender Impact Evaluation, March 2017-present
Research Consultant

EDUCATION

Bocconi University, Italy, 2013

Ph.D. in Economics

Dissertation titled: “*Gender, Family and Traditional Norms in Developing Countries*”

University of Bologna, Italy, 2005

Masters in Development and International Cooperation

University of Cambridge, UK, March–June 2004

Exchange program Socrates-Erasmus

University of Bologna, Italy, 2004

Masters in Economics (Laurea Specialistica in Economia), *magna cum laude*

VISITING POSITIONS

Paris School of Economics, France, August 2011–January 2012

Visiting CEPR/AMID Early Stage Researcher

PUBLICATIONS

Customary Norms, Inheritance and Human Capital. Evidence from a Reform of the Matrilineal System in Ghana (joint with Eliana La Ferrara), *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, Volume 9, Issue 4, pp. 166–85, 2017.

Women Left Behind? Poverty and Headship in Africa (joint with Dominique van de Walle), *Demography*, Volume 54, Issue 3, pp. 1119–1145, 2017.

Why Are Adult Women Missing? Son Preference and Maternal Survival in India, *Journal of Development Economics*, Volume 134, pp. 467–484, 2018.

Governance and Women’s Economic and Political Participation: Power Inequalities, Formal Constraints and Norms (joint with Markus Goldstein), *World Bank Research Observer*, Volume 34, Issue 1, pp. 34–64, 2019.

Government of Malawi’s Unconditional Cash Transfer Improves Youth Mental Health (joint with Gustavo Angeles, Jacob de Hoop, Kelly Kilburn, Sudhanshu Handa, and Amber Peterman), *Social Science & Medicine*, Volume 225, pp. 108–119, 2019.

Long-term well-being among survivors of the Rwandan and Cambodian genocides (joint with Jose Cuesta), *Journal of Development Studies*, Volume 57, Issue 8, pp. 1413–1427, 2021.

Nutrition, Religion, and Widowhood in Nigeria (joint with Dominique van de Walle), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, Volume 69, Issue 3, pp. 951–1001, 2021.

Government Unconditional Cash transfers and Safe Transitions to Adulthood in Malawi (joint M. Lambon-Quayefio, A. Peterman, S. Handa, A. Molotsky, F. Otchere, P. M. Mvula, M. Tsoka, J. Joost De Hoop, G. Angeles, and K. Kilburn), *World Development*, Volume 175, March 2024, 106483, available online on December 2, 2023.

BOOKS

Development and Nutrition. The Role of Social Norms (joint with Eliana La Ferrara), EGEA publishing (Bocconi University Press), 2015.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Racial Disparities in Severe Maternal Morbidity: Trends and the Role of Comorbidities, 2016-2022

Son Preference, Maternal Health and Women's Survival: A Cross-Cultural Analysis (joint with Neha Agarwal), *submitted*. Policy & media coverage: ***Ideas for India***, July 16th 2020

Explaining the Performance Gender Gap Among Informal Businesses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (joint with Markus Goldstein, David McKenzie, and Julia Vaillant)

Son Preference, Fertility and Family Structure. Evidence from Reproductive Behavior among Nigerian Women, *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* No. 6869, World Bank, 2014. Policy & media coverage: ***The Economist***, Fertility and Son Preference in Nigeria. Bring Back the Girls, July 19th 2014

OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS

RAPID Early Childhood Survey for Harris County, 2023–2025, implemented by the Stanford Center on Early Childhood, Stanford University

- Member of a team at UH's Institute for Research on Women, Gender & Sexuality, acting as Harris County's local partner to provide support for the survey
- Developed a new module of questions on maternal health specifically tailored for inclusion in the RAPID Early Childhood Survey for Harris County
- Engaged in pilot testing and refinement of the questionnaire, working closely with stakeholders to ensure clarity, cultural sensitivity, and its alignment with the objectives of the RAPID Survey and the unique needs of the local population

HONORS AND AWARDS

National Science Foundation, Build and Broaden: Enhancing Social, Behavioral and Economic Science Research and Capacity at Minority-Serving Institutions, with the project titled: "Identifying and Understanding the Social and Policy Determinants of Obstetric-Care Use, Maternal Mortality and Morbidity in Texas and the USA: A National and Targeted Assessment", \$340,000
Role: Co-Investigator; Status: ***Awarded*** (August 2023)

Centre for Economic Policy Research/AMID Marie Curie Fellowship funded under the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme, Early Stage Researcher, Paris School of Economics, Aug 2011-Jan 2012

Ph.D. Full Scholarship, Bocconi University, Italy, 2008–2012

Scholarship awarded to the most proficient student of the Master's course in International Cooperation and Development, University of Bologna, Italy, 2005

Socrates-Erasmus Grant (granted by the University of Bologna), University of Cambridge, UK, 2004

PREVIOUS RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Houston, IRWGS, June-Dec 2022
Researcher

University of Houston, Department of Economics, Jan-May 2022
Adjunct Faculty

UNICEF Office of Research, November 2016-March 2017, Sept 2017-Jan 2018
Research Consultant

UNICEF, Social Protection Unit, MENA Region, April 2017-Jan 2018

Research Consultant

International Labor Office, Rome, March-Oct 2016

Research Consultant, Understanding Children's Work

The World Bank, Washington D.C., United States

Sept 2015-June 2016	Research Consultant, Development Research Group, 2017 World Development Report (extended core team member)
Sept 2013-Sept 2015	Post-doctoral Researcher, Development Research Group
April-June 2013	Consultant, Africa Region, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management
June-Sept 2012	Consultant, Africa Region, Social Protection & Labor
Sept 2005-Sept 2008	Consultant, Social Safety Nets team, Social Protection & Labor

CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

ARPA Connect 2023, November 9th 2023, Houston (invited speaker); Harris County Early Childhood Ecosystem Convening, October 17th 2023, Houston (invited speaker); UNFPA Every Girl Counts Global Technical Meeting: Ending Son Preference and Gender-biased Sex Selection, 14-15 February 2023 (virtual, invited speaker); Department of Economics, University of Manchester, November 18th 2021 (invited speaker); 2021 Annual Conference of the Canadian Economics Association (virtual), June, 3-5, 2021; January 2020 American Economic Association Meetings, San Diego, session 'Cultural Dynamics of Gender Norms' (declined, paper presented by coauthor); University of Victoria, invited seminar, March 29th 2019; Gender and Development conference, SITE Stockholm, December 17-18, 2018 (invited speaker); Famines and Adolescents' Workshop, UNICEF Office of Research, Florence, October 26-27, 2017 (invited speaker, declined); Center for Child Well-Being and Development, Annual Conference 2017, University of Zurich, March 17-18 2017 (invited speaker); 11th Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network, Toronto, Canada, Nov 6-7, 2015 (attendee); Bocconi University, 'Social Norms, Economic Development, and Nutrition' conference presentation of the book 'Development and Nutrition. The Role of Social Norms' (authors: Eliana La Ferrara and Annamaria Milazzo), Fondazione Invernizzi, Milan, April 22nd 2015; IFPRI, Washington D.C., Jan 22nd 2015; Population Association of America 2014 Annual Meeting, Boston, 1-3 May 2014; University of Calgary, Canada, April 23rd 2014; Spring 2014 Seminars, *gui² de* Development Seminar, Georgetown University, April 10th 2014; Canadian Economic Association 2013 Annual Conference, HEC Montréal, May 30-June 2 2013; Fall 2012 Seminars, University of Calgary, Canada, Dec 7th 2012; NEUDC Conference, Dartmouth College, United States, 3-4 Nov 2012; CRED-FUNDP Workshop, Namur, Oct 23rd 2012; First NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development in Africa, Lisbon, 7-8 Sept 2012 (declined); AEL 2012, German Economic Association, Bonn, 22-23 Jun 2012; CEPR/AMID Symposium in Development Economics, Milan, 8-9 Jun 2012; Casual Friday Seminar, Paris School of Economics, Jan 13rd 2012; Lunch Seminar on Applied Economics, Paris School of Economics, Nov 8th 2011; CSAE Conference, St Catherine's College, Oxford, 20-22 Mar 2011.

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

University of Houston, Department of Economics, United States, academic year 2021/22, Spring

Adjunct Faculty – The Economics of Gender (Undergraduate)

University of Calgary, Department of Economics, Canada, academic year 2018/19, Fall

Instructor – Principles of Microeconomics (Undergraduate)

Bocconi University, Department of Economics, Italy, academic year 2011/12

Teaching Assistant – Development Economics (Master), Prof. Eliana La Ferrara, Christopher Woodruff

Bocconi University, Department of Economics, Italy, academic year 2010/11

Teaching Assistant – Development Economics (Master), Prof. Eliana La Ferrara, Katja Kaufmann;

Teaching Assistant – Development Policy (Undergraduate), Prof. Andreas Madestam, Tommy Murphy

University of Bologna, Department of Economics, Italy, academic years 2003/04–2004/05–2005/06

Teaching Assistant – Macroeconomics (Undergraduate), Prof. Giovanni Maria Mazzanti, Lorena Vincenzi

POLICY-RELATED WORKING PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Profiting from Parity: Unlocking the Potential of Women's Businesses in Africa (contributed to the report with empirical analyses on the role of social norms in determining business performance), World Bank book publication, 2019
- Non-Contributory Social Protection and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa Region, Report being finalized for the UNICEF MENA Regional Office
- World Development Report 2017: Governance and the Law (extended core team member in charge of the contributions related to gender issues to the entire report), World Bank, 2017. Policy & media coverage (related to gender): *World Bank blog series 'Let's talk development'*, Gender-based violence, power and norms, May 25th 2016
- Social Safety Nets in World Bank Lending and Analytical Work, 2002–07, (joint with Margaret Grosh), Chapter 5 in "Social Protection and Labor at the World Bank, 2000–08", pp. 135–173, World Bank book publication, 2009
- How to Make Public Works Work: A Review of the Experiences (joint with Carlo del Ninno and Kalanidhi Subbarao), *World Bank Social Protection Discussion Paper* No. 0905, 2009
- For Protection and Promotion: The Design and Implementation of Effective Safety Nets World Bank book publication, by Margaret Grosh, Carlo del Ninno, Azedine Ouerghi, Emil Tesliuc (with the assistance of Annamaria Milazzo and Christine Weigand), 2008
- Highly Labor-Intensive Public Works in Madagascar: Issues and Policy Options (joint with Nirina Haja Andrianjaka), *World Bank Social Protection Discussion Paper* No. 0836, 2008

REFEREE SERVICE

American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics (3), American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Asian Population Studies, Demography, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change (3), Journal of African Economies, Journal of Development Economics (3), Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization (3), Journal of Health Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Oxford Economic Papers, Population Research and Policy Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics (4), Review of Economic Studies, Social Forces, World Bank Economic Review (3), World Development (2)

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

Italian scientific qualifications (Abilitazione Scientifica Nazionale):

- Associate Professor of Economics (until January 2031)
- Associate Professor of Economic Policy (until January 2031)
- Associate Professor of Applied Economics (until January 2031)

Languages: Italian (native); English (fluent); French & Spanish (good reading skills, basic writing & verbal skills)

Civil status: Married, two children (2017 and 2019)

Autorizzo il trattamento dei dati personali contenuti nel mio curriculum vitae in base all'art. 13 del D. Lgs. 196/2003 e all'art. 13 GDPR 679/16.

January 4th, 2024