

Resume (This version: August 2026)

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- Positions (present and past):

Full Professor, University of Verona, 2026-present

Associate Professor, with tenure, University of California Riverside, 2020-2026

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Michigan, 2013-2019

Sponsored Affiliate, University of Michigan, 2019-2020

- Education:

Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University, 2008-2013

M.A. in Economics, Harvard University, 2012

M.Sc., Economics, Bocconi University, Laurea Specialistica, summa cum laude, 2006-2008

Exchange Student, University of Pennsylvania and Wharton School, Fall 2005

B.A., Economics, Bocconi University, Laurea Triennale, summa cum laude, 2003-2006

- **Research activity**

- Research interests:

Primary: Political Economy and Public Finance

Secondary: Law and Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics

- Research affiliations:

Research Associate, Office of Tax Policy Research, Ross School of Business, 2013-2019

Faculty Associate, Center for Political Studies, Institute for Social Research, 2014-2020

NBER Faculty Research Fellow, Political Economy (POL) and Public Economics (PE), 2015-2019

- Participation to editorial activity:

Referee Activity: *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Political Science, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Electoral Studies, International Tax and Public Finance, Journal of Applied Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Law and Economics, Journal of Legal Studies, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, National Tax Journal, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Southern Economic Journal, and others*

- Prizes:

Premi Ciutat de Barcelona, 2025
Outstanding Reviewer, Journal of Public Economics
Excellence in Reviewing Award, Journal of the European Economic Association
Various internal funding at the University of Michigan
National Tax Association Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation, first runner-up award
MITRE Faculty Research Award
Harvard University Dissertation Completion Fellowship
Harvard University - IQSS, Research Grant
Bradley Fellowship, Summer Award
Harvard Kennedy School, Ruffolo Doctoral Fellow in Sustainability Science
Bank of Italy Graduate Fellowship
IHS Fellow
NSF-IGERT Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University, Fellow
EIEF Bank of Italy Graduate Fellowship
Harvard University, Summer Support and Summer Graduate Fellowship
"Achille and Giulia Boroli" prize for best economics graduates from Bocconi University

- Conference presentations and conference discussions:

Northwestern University, OSLO MeT, Debate on Taxation, Jointly sponsored by Institute of Humane Studies and University of Michigan-Dearborn, University of South Florida, University of California Riverside, University of Florida, Oxford University, Warwick University, Bocconi University, University of Essex, Queen Mary University, Yale University, Monash University, UNSW, NBER Public Economics, University of Kentucky, Washington Conference in Political Economy, Cornell Conference in Political Economy, Columbia University Workshop in Taxation, International Institute for Public Finance, Workshop on Individual and Small Business Taxation in Warsaw, NBER Summer Institute Public Economics (joint with Labor Economics), NBER Summer Institute Urban Economics, University of Michigan Department of Political Science (Department Seminar), University of Michigan (Macroeconomics Seminar), National Tax Association Conference, CREI-Pompeu Fabra, IIES, University of California San Diego, University of Michigan, Federal Reserve of New York, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Princeton University, NBER Summer Institute (Political Economy), MIT (Political Economy Breakfast), Boston University (Political Economy Research Group), Discussant at California SOCCAM Conference, Discussant at Bank of Italy in Rome "Women and Public Policy," Discussant at National Tax Association, Discussant at Oxford Center of Business and Taxation, Discussant at AEA Conference, San Diego

- Conference organizations:

IIPF Annual Conference (2015), National Tax Association (2015 and 2016)

- Publications:

"Law Economics and Culture: Theory of Mandated Benefits and Evidence from Maternal Leave Policies" (2012), Journal of Law and Economics, vol. 55(2), pages 339-364, with Y. Givati.

"Social Capital and Political Accountability" (2013), American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, vol. 5(2), pages 222-250, with T. Nannicini, A. Stella and G. Tabellini.

"The Global Debt Crisis: Haunting US and European Federalism" (2014), Journal of Economic Literature 52 (4), 1172-1173.

"Ghost-House Busters: The Electoral Response to a Large Anti Tax Evasion Program" (2016), with L. Casaburi. Quarterly Journal of Economics vol. 131(1), pages 273-314.

"Do Fiscal Rules Matter?" (2016), with V. Grembi and T. Nannicini. American Economic Journal: Applied Economics Vol. 8, N. 3, pp. 1-30.

"What Happens When a Woman Wins an Election? Evidence from Close Races in Brazil," (2016) with F. Brollo. Journal of Development Economics, vol. 122, issue C, 28-45.

"Shaming Tax Delinquents," (2018) with R. Perez-Truglia. Journal of Public Economics, vol 167, pages 120-137.

"Old and Young Politicians," (2019) with A. Alesina and T. Cassidy. Economica, vol 86(344), pages 689-727.

"Income Tax, Fiscal Capacity, and Migration: Evidence from U.S. States" (2024) with M. Dincecco and T. Cassidy. American Economic Journal: Economic Policy. vol. 16, no. 1, February 2024 (pp. 359–93).

"Social Capital, Government Expenditures, and Growth," (2024) with G. Ponzetto. Journal of the European Economic Association . Volume 23, Issue 2, April 2025, Pages 632–681.

"Women in the Labor Market and Experienced Political Institutions," (2025). Economics&Politics, Volume37, Issue2, July 2025, Pages 582-594.

"Cooperative federalism: the consequences of the audit information exchange agreements," (forthcoming), International Tax and Public Finance.

"The consequences of state policy ideology for education and inequality," forthcoming, Labour Economics.

- **Teaching activity**

- Courses:

- Gender Economics, University of California Riverside*

- Law and Economics, University of California Riverside*

- Public Economics (undergraduate), University of California Riverside*

- Public Economics (graduate), University of California Riverside*

- Government Expenditures (graduate), University of Michigan*

- Public Finance (undergraduate), University of Michigan*

- Analysis of Public Policies 495 (undergraduate), University of Michigan*

- Government Revenues (graduate), University of Michigan*

- ECON 985, Senior Thesis Tutorial "Applied Microeconomics", Harvard*

- ECON 2725, Grad. Corporate Finance, TF for Prof. E. Benmelech, Harvard (Spring 2011)*

- Advising:

Undergraduate Student Supervision: Amy Wang (Harvard University), Luci Yang (Harvard University), Malcolm Wiley-Floyd (Harvard University), Benjamin Jaffe (Harvard University), Brendan Quinn (Harvard University), Aaron Rosenberg (Harvard University), Marina Mainescu (Harvard University), Sylvester Burley (Harvard University), Xinzhu Chen (University of Michigan), Alex Wolfe (University of Michigan), Niaoniao You (University of Michigan), Chiara Ferrero (University of Michigan), Jennifer Mayo (University of Michigan), Mason Tsang (University of California Riverside).

PhD Student Supervision: Dan Jaqua (University of Michigan), Enda Hargaden (University of Michigan), Ibrahim Gunay (University of Michigan), Jacob Bastian (University of Michigan), Travis Cassidy (University of Michigan), Da Gong (University of California Riverside), David Ford (University of California Riverside), Radhika Bansal (University of California Riverside).

- **Media coverage:**

Business Spectator (Australian), Die Presse (Austrian), Fox News, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (German), L'Espresso (Italian), Il Sole 24 Ore (Italian), Corriere della Sera (Italian), Le Monde (French), Veja (Brazilian), Boston Globe, New York Times, Washington Post, Minnesota Public Radio, NPR Morning Show, U.S. News and World Report, WSB-TV Atlanta

- **Editorials and Op-eds (some of which are in Italian):**

"The blind spot in global antitrust." Press-Enterprise and San Diego Union Tribune. November 29 2025.

"Who should pay for society's shocks?" Press-Enterprise and SCNG. October 25 2025.

"When crime spikes, trust fades – and democracy suffers." Press-Enterprise and SCNG. October 15 2025.

"When is it Right to Bomb a Hospital?" Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. April 2 2025.

"A Better Way to Deal with Asylum Seekers" Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, July 6th 2024

"Shaming Those Who Skip Out on Taxes," New York Times, April 15th 2015, with R. Perez-Truglia

"E se sugli immigrati irregolari avrebbero ragione gli USA?" La Voce, 24 Aprile 2025

"Diritti dei consumatori disabili: la legge antidiscriminazione non basta," La Voce, 15 Maggio 2024

"Il privilegio di abitare nella casa di proprietà," La Voce, 27 Luglio 2022

"Meno vita sociale, meno nascite," La Voce, 1 Febbraio 2022

"Should we publicly shame delinquent taxpayers?" VoxEU, March 2015, with R. Perez-Truglia

"Does a politician's age matter for policy?" VoxEU, March 2015, with A. Alesina and T. Cassidy