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Education

- 2010 University of California, Berkeley
 Ph.D., Economics
- 2003 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 S.B., Mathematics, Economics

Academic Positions

- 2018– Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Houston
- 2018 Visiting Fellow, Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2011–18 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Houston
- 2010–11 Visiting Assistant Professor, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy, University of Rochester
- 2003–05 Research Assistant, The Brookings Institution

Papers

1. “Migrants at Sea: Unintended Consequences of Search and Rescue Operations,” with Claudio Deiana and Giovanni Mastrobuoni, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, forthcoming.
2. “Explaining Recent Trends in US School Segregation,” with Gregorio Caetano, *Journal of Labor Economics*, forthcoming.
3. “The Race Between Deterrence and Displacement: Theory and Evidence from Bank Robberies,” with Giovanni Mastrobuoni, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2021, vol. 103 (3), pp. 547-562.
4. “Gender Segregation Within Neighborhoods,” with Gregorio Caetano, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 2019, vol. 17, pp. 253-263.
5. “Identifying Dynamic Spillovers in Criminal Behavior with a Causal Approach to Model Selection,” with Gregorio Caetano, *Quantitative Economics*, 2018, vol. 9, pp. 343-394.
6. “From Gallons to Miles: A Short Run Disaggregate Analysis of Automobile Travel and Externality Taxes,” with Ashley Langer and Clifford Winston, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2017, vol. 152, pp. 34-46.
7. “School Segregation and the Identification of Tipping Behavior,” with Gregorio Caetano, *Journal of Public Economics*, 2017, vol. 148, pp. 115-135.

8. “Did the Great Recession Keep Bad Drivers Off the Road?,” with Clifford Winston, *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, 2016, vol. 52, pp. 1-26.
9. “A dynamic Duverger’s law,” with Jean Guillaume Forand, *Public Choice*, 2015, vol. 165 (3), pp. 285-306
10. “An Exploratory Study of the Pricing of Legal Services,” with Clifford Winston, *International Review of Law and Economics*, 2014, vol. 38, pp. 169-173.
11. “Long Run Effects of Mergers: The Case of US Western Railroads,” with Clifford Winston and Scott M. Dennis, *Journal of Law and Economics*, 2011, vol. 54, pp. 275-303.
12. “On the Social Desirability of Urban Rail Transit Systems,” with Clifford Winston, *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2007, vol 62 (3), pp. 362-382.
13. “An Exploration of the Offset Hypothesis Using Disaggregate Data: The Case of Airbags and Antilock Brakes,” with Clifford Winston and Fred Mannering, *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*, 2006, vol. 32 (2), pp. 83-99.

Books

1. *First Thing We Do, Let’s Deregulate all the Lawyers*, with Clifford Winston and Robert Crandall, 2011, Brookings Institution Press.

Working Papers

1. “A Unified Empirical Framework to Study Segregation,” with Gregorio Caetano, revise and resubmit, *Econometrica*.
2. “Cultural Remittances and Diasporas”
3. “The Effect of Reductions in Vehicle Miles Traveled on Highway Fatalities and Congestion with Heterogeneous Motorists”, with Clifford Winston, under review for *Revitalizing a Nation: Competition and Innovation in the US Transportation System*, 2022, Brookings Institution Press.
4. “Railroad Competition and Innovation”, with Clifford Winston, Jia Yan and Scott Dennis, under review for *Revitalizing a Nation: Competition and Innovation in the US Transportation System*, 2022, Brookings Institution Press.

Works in Progress

1. “Segregation and Scale,” with Gregorio Caetano.
2. “Overtime (Ab)Use in the Public Sector: Theory and Evidence from New York City, with Giovanni Mastrobuoni.
3. “The Dynamics of Gender Segregation in Occupations”, with Gregorio Caetano and Sebastian Puerta.
4. “Impacts of the Vietnam War Draft on Rural America,” with Will Labadie and Kenneth Whaley.

5. “Observational Bias,” with Gregorio Caetano and Daniel Ringo.

Resting Papers

“(De)Regulation and Market Thickness,” with Jean Guillaume Forand.

Grants, Fellowships and Awards

- 2021 NSF Grant #2126633 SCC-PG Pilot for Equitable Electric Mobility (\$149,999)
- 2020 Visiting Fellowship, Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2018 Visiting Fellowship, Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2014 American Automobile Association Research Grant (\$15,000)
- 2012 UH New Faculty Research Grant
- 2010 Postdoctoral Fellowship, W. Allen Wallis Institute of Political Economy
- 2010 Tobin Project Research Fellowship, Democracy and Markets
- 2009 Mike Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley Institute of Government Studies
- 2009 Dissertation Research Award, UC Berkeley Institute of Business and Economic Research
- 2009 Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2008 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley
- 2007 Grace Katagiri Prize for best empirical paper by a graduate student, UC Berkeley Dept. of Economics
- 2003 Outstanding Teaching Assistant, MIT Dept. of Economics

Teaching and Advising

Instructor *Department of Economics, University of Houston*
Probability and Statistics (PhD), 2011-2021
Graduate Research Seminar (PhD), 2019-2022
Social Economics (PhD), 2015-2016, 2018, 2020
Social Economics (Undergraduate), 2018, 2021

Department of Economics, University of Rochester
Political Economy I (PhD), 2010

PhD Students

- 2021 William Labadie* (Visiting Assistant Professor, Earlham College)
- 2020 Elizabeth Luh* (PostDoc, U Michigan CJARS)
- 2019 Saumya Rana* (Welch Consulting), Dimithu Ratnadiwakara (Assistant Professor, LSU Finance)

- 2017 Yilin Dong (Assistant Professor, Southwestern University of Economics and Finance)
- 2014 Bin Gao (Assistant Professor, Sichuan University), Senay Topal
- * Primary Adviser

Service

- 2019-2022 UH Economics Department Executive Committee
- 2021 UH Economics Department PhD Admissions Committee

Activities

Presentations

- 2022 American Economics Associate Meetings (x2)
- 2021 Southern Economics Association Meetings, Urban Economics Association Meetings
- 2020 Research Conference on Forced Displacement, Urban Economics Association Meetings, EBRD/Kings College Conference on Migration, Southern Economics Association Meetings
- 2019 Conference on Risky Behaviors, CReAM/RWI Migration Workshop, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Stata Texas Empirical Micro Conference, Southern Economics Association Meetings
- 2018 Rice, Delaware, U Penn, SOLE Annual Meetings, Collegio Carlo Alberto
- 2017 American Law and Economics Association Meetings, NBER Summer Institute, Transatlantic Conference on Crime
- 2016 University of S. Florida, UC Riverside, Claremont Graduate University
- 2015 Texas Econometrics Camp, NBER Summer Institute
- 2014 University of Essex, North American Regional Science Association/Urban Economics Association Meetings
- 2013 Santa Clara University, Clemson, AEI, Simon Fraser, American Law and Economics Association Meetings, Stata Texas Empirical Micro Conference, Transatlantic Conference on Crime, Association for Public Policy and Management Annual Meetings
- 2012 Texas Econometrics Camp, Public Choice Society World Congress, UC Berkeley, Baylor
- 2011 Stata Texas Empirical Micro Conference, American Political Science Association Meetings, Rice, University of Waterloo
- 2010 University of Rochester, University of Houston, University of Miami, Department of Justice, UC Berkeley
- 2009 UC Berkeley
- 2008 NBER Graduate Political Economy Conference, Conference on the Study of Democracy

Referee for *AEJ: Economic Policy; International Economic Review; American Economic Review; American Law and Economic Review; Atlantic Economic Review; Economic Inquiry; Economics of Education Review; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade; Journal of Legal Studies; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Risk and Uncertainty; Public Choice; Scottish Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Urban Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Industrial Organization; Social Choice and Welfare; Sociological Research and Methods; Transportation Research: Part B*

Other Information

Citizenship: US