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Contact Information

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Education

1990 Laurea in Economics, Università Bocconi, Milano
1997 PhD in Economics, Northwestern University (Evanston, Illinois)

Research Interests

Economic History, Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Institutions

Academic Career and Affiliations

Nov. 2009-current Professor of Economics, Università Bocconi
2006-2009 Professor of Economics, Università di Torino
2004-2005 Associate Professor with tenure, Boston University
1997-2004 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Boston University

Sep. 2009-current Fellow, Dondena and IGIER research centers, Università Bocconi
2005-current Research Fellow, Center for Economic Policy and Research (CEPR), London
2005-2009 Fellow, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri
2000-current Fellow, CHILD, Torino

Fellowships and Awards

2002-2004 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow
2000-2001 John M. Olin Junior Faculty Fellow
2000 Nominated one of the 50 best teachers at Boston University
1999 Neu Family Teaching and Research Awards, Department of Economics, Boston University
1993-1995 Scholarship from Ente Einaudi (Roma)
1991-1993 Scholarship “Luciano Jona” from Compagnia di San Paolo (Torino)

Grants

2004-2006 National Science Foundation, 2-year grant SES-0339133 (“Empirical Analysis of Matching Models”) with Daniel A. Akerberg and Aloysius Siow
2003-2006 National Science Foundation, 3-year grant SES-0318364 (“From Farmers to Merchants and Moneylenders: A Human Capital Interpretation of Jewish History”) with Zvi Eckstein
2000-2004 National Science Foundation, 4-year CAREER grant SES-9983749 (“Institutions, Markets, and Households in Historical Perspective”)
2000 Boston University, Industry Studies Program, seed grant
1999-2000 National Science Foundation, 1-year grant SES-9975086 (“Marriage Markets and Intergenerational Transfers in a Pre-modern Economy”)
1998 Economic History Association, Arthur H. Cole grant-in-aid
1998 Boston University, Humanities Foundation, grant to organize a lecture series on “The Role of Culture and Cultural Values in Economic Growth and Development
1998 Boston University, Industry Studies Program, seed grant
1997 ‘Primo Levi’ Foundation for Jewish Studies (Firenze, Italy), grant-in-aid
1996 Economic History Association: Arthur H. Cole grant-in-aid

Professional Activities

Sep. 2009-current 2009, 2010	Trustee, European Historical Economics Society Member of the evaluation panel for the Starting Grant competition of the European Research Council (ERC, Panel SH1, “Economics, Finance and Management”)
Nov. 2008-current 2008	Vice-President and board member, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Moncalieri External reviewer for the senior hiring committee, European University Institute
2007-2008	Member of the editorial panel, <i>Economic Policy</i>
2005-current	Editorial board member, <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>
2000-2008	Committee member (and chair for three times) for the Ranki Prize awarded by the Economic History Association to the best book on European economic history
1995-2003	Assistant editor for the <i>Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History</i> project
2008	Visiting scholar, Washington University, St. Louis (April)
2007-current	Visiting scholar, Bank of Israel and Tel Aviv University
2005	Visiting scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (September)

Program Committee Member

2011	Economic History Association meeting (Cambridge, Massachusetts)
2010	World Congress of the Econometric Society (Shanghai)
2010	European Economic Association meeting (Glasgow)
2009	European Economic Association meeting (Barcelona)
2008	European Economic Association meeting (Milan)
2007	European Economic Association meeting (Budapest)
2005	Society for Economic Dynamics meeting (Budapest)

Books

- ✓ *The Chosen Few: How Religion and Human Capital Shaped Jewish History, ca. 1 CE – 1492* (manuscript in preparation, under contract with Princeton University Press), with Zvi Eckstein.
- ✓ *The Price of Love: Marriage Markets and Intergenerational Transfers in Comparative Perspective* (manuscript in preparation, under contract with Princeton University Press).

Articles in Refereed Journals

- ✓ “From Farmers to Merchants, Conversions and Diaspora: Human Capital and Jewish History.” *Journal of the European Economic Association* 5, no. 5 (September 2007): 885-926 with Zvi Eckstein ([lead article](#)).
- ✓ “Jewish Occupational Selection: Education, Restrictions, or Minorities?” *Journal of Economic History* 65, no. 4 (December 2005): 922-48, with Zvi Eckstein.
- ✓ “Why Dowries?” *American Economic Review* 93, no. 4 (September 2003): 1385-98, with Aloysius Siow.
- ✓ “Endogenous Matching and the Empirical Determinants of Contract Form.” *Journal of Political Economy* 110, no. 3 (June 2002): 564-92, with Daniel A. Akerberg.
- ✓ “The Choice of Agrarian Contracts in Early Renaissance Tuscany: Risk Sharing, Moral Hazard, or Capital Market Imperfections?” *Explorations in Economic History* 37 (July 2000): 241-57, with Daniel A. Akerberg.
- ✓ “A Tale of ‘Benevolent’ Governments: Private Credit Markets, Public Finance, and the Role of Jewish Lenders in Medieval and Renaissance Italy.” *Journal of Economic History* 60 (March 2000): 165-89.
- ✓ “A Loveless Economy? Intergenerational Altruism and the Marriage Market in a Tuscan Town, 1415-1436.” *Journal of Economic History* 59 (March 1999): 104-21.
- ✓ “New Evidence on Jewish Money Lending in Tuscany, 1310-1430: The ‘Friends and Family Connection’ Again.” In *Zakhor. Rivista di storia degli ebrei in Italia* I (1997): 77-93.

Entries in Encyclopedias and Handbooks

- ✓ “Religious Norms, Human Capital, and Money Lending in Jewish European History.” In *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Religion*, edited by Rachel McCleary. New York: Oxford University Press, with Zvi Eckstein, 2010.
- ✓ “Path Dependence and Occupations.” In *The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*, edited by Steven N. Durlauf and Lawrence Blume. New York: Palgrave MacMillan, with Zvi Eckstein, 2008.
- ✓ “Ethnic Groups, Jews.” In *History of World Trade After 1450*, edited by John J. McCusker. Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan Reference USA, 2006.
- ✓ “Marriage Payments.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, edited by Joel Mokyr, vol. 3. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- ✓ “Jewish Diaspora.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, edited by Joel Mokyr, vol. 3. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.
- ✓ “Commercial and Trade Diasporas.” In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History*, edited by Joel Mokyr, vol. 2. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003.

Working Papers and Work-in-Progress

- ✓ “Are There Increasing Returns to Scale in Marriage Markets?” Manuscript (May 2009), with Aloysius Siow.
- ✓ “From Farmers to Merchants, Voluntary Conversions and Diaspora: A Human Capital Interpretation of Jewish History.” CEPR Discussion Paper no. 6006 (December 2006), with Zvi Eckstein.
- ✓ “Social Norms, Demographic Shocks, and Dowries in Florence, 1250–1450.” Manuscript (2006).

Book Chapters

- ✓ “The 1427 Florentine *Catasto* as a Source for the Study of Jewish Money Lending.” In *Des personnes aux institutions. Réseaux et culture du crédit du XVI^e au XX^e siècle en Europe*, edited by L. Fontaine, G. Postel-Vinay, J.-L. Rosenthal and P. Servais, pp. 28-47. Louvain-la-Neuve: Bruylant-Academia, 1997.

Articles in Italian

- ✓ “Contrattazione matrimoniale e trasferimenti intergenerazionali in prospettiva comparata.” *Rivista di Politica Economica*, IX-X (September–October 2003): 21–46.
- ✓ “Contratti, mercati, e istituzioni in prospettiva storica.” *Rivista di Storia Economica* (Dec. 2002): 351-78.

Administrative and Committee Work

2010	Scientific committee member, Bocconi Lecture
2009-2010	Co-chair, Junior hiring committee, Bocconi University
2007-2010	Selection committee, Carlo Alberto Medal awarded to the best Italian economist under 40
2007-2009	Chair of the Junior hiring committee, Collegio Carlo Alberto
2007-2009	Scientific coordinator of the Vilfredo Pareto Lectures, Collegio Carlo Alberto
2007-2009	Seminar series coordinator, Collegio Carlo Alberto
2003-2004	Member of the Tenure and Promotion committee, Department of Economics, Boston University
2000-2004	Editor, Department Newsletter, Boston University
2000-2004	Coordinator, Conversations in Economics lecture series, Boston University
1999-2004	Member of the Merit and Salary committee, Department of Economics, Boston University
1998-2004	Seminar series coordinator, Department of Economics, Boston University
1998-2004	Member of the Junior hiring committee, Department of Economics, Boston University

Invited Lectures

June 2010	European Society for Population Economics, Essen (keynote lecture)
June 2010	ESNIE Summer School on “Economics of Institutions,” Cargese (France)
Aug. 2007	Econometric Society European meeting, Budapest
June 2007	Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIAR) conference, Tel Aviv
June 2007	“State of the Art” Lecture at the Canadian Economic Association meeting, Halifax

Oct. 2006 Annual meeting of the Società Italiana degli Economisti, Verona

Presentations at Conferences

Aug. 2010 World Congress of the Econometric Society, Shanghai
June 2010 “Economics of the Family” workshop, London School of Economics
Jan. 2009 American Economic Association (ASSA) meeting, San Francisco
Jan. 2008 American Economic Association (ASSA) meeting, New Orleans
Jan. 2007 American Economic Association (ASSA) meeting, Chicago
Sep. 2006 Workshop on “The Economics of Diversity, Migration, and Culture,” Bologna
July 2006 Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) summer workshop on “Risk, Contracts, and Organizations: Evidence from History and the Present”
Apr. 2006 Workshop on “Social Economics: Market Behavior in a Social Context,” Italian Academy for Advanced Studies at Columbia University
Sep. 2005 Economic History Association (EHA) meetings, Toronto
June 2005 Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) meetings, Budapest
July 2004 Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) meetings, Firenze
Oct. 2003 Society for the Scientific Study of the Religion meetings, Norfolk
June 2003 North American summer meetings of the Econometrics Society, Evanston
June 2003 European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) meetings, New York
Jan. 2003 American Economic Association (ASSA) meetings, Washington
Oct. 2002 Economic History Association (EHA) meetings, St. Louis
Aug. 2002 European Economic Association (EEA) meetings, Venezia
June 2001 European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) meetings, Athens
Aug. 2000 World Congress of the Econometric Society, Seattle
Jan. 2000 American Economic Association (ASSA) meetings, Boston
Oct. 1999 European Historical Economics Society meetings, Lisbon
Oct. 1999 Economic History Association (EHA) meetings, Baltimore
Sep. 1999 Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, Washington
June 1999 Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) meetings, Alghero
Jan. 1998 American Historical Association (AHA) meetings, Seattle
Oct. 1997 Social Science History conference (SSHC), Washington
Sep. 1997 Economic History Association (EHA) meetings, New Brunswick
July 1997 Third World Cliometrics conference, Munich
Nov. 1996 Conference *Des personnes aux institutions. Réseaux et culture du crédit du XVIe au XXe siècle en Europe*, Mons (Belgium)

Invited Seminars

2009-2010 ACLE University of Amsterdam, Tinbergen Institute, Warwick
2008-2009 Bocconi, Carlos III Madrid, Harvard, IMT Lucca, Kennedy School of Government, London School of Economics (2 seminars), University of Milan-Bicocca, Stockholm School of Economics, Toulouse, Tufts
2007-2008 Ente Einaudi, Essex, Paris School of Economics, Stanford, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Università Cattolica (Milan), University of Zurich
2006-2007 Boston University, Brown, European University Institute (Firenze), Georgetown, Northwestern, Oxford, University College London (UCL)
2005-2006 Boston University, CEMFI (Madrid), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Pompeu Fabra, Southern California, Università di Milano, Utrecht University
2004-2005 Columbia, Harvard, McGills, Queen’s University, Toronto, Università di Bologna, Università di Roma (Tor Vergata)
2003-2004 Boston College, Carnegie Mellon, George Mason, Harvard, Houston, Michigan, Princeton, Rice, Stern NYU, Texas A&M, University College London (UCL), Università di Venezia
2002-2003 Boston University, Brown, Clark, Columbia, Harvard, Rochester, Tufts, Università di Milano-Bicocca, Università di Torino, Vanderbilt

2001-2002	Banca d'Italia (Roma), Cambridge, European University Institute (Firenze), Michigan, Toulouse, University College London (UCL), Università di Modena e Reggio Emilia, Università di Padova, Università di Siena, Università di Venezia, Warwick
2000-2001	Boston University, California Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ente Einaudi (Roma), Harvard, Princeton, Rochester, Southern California, Stanford, Tel Aviv, UC Davis, UCLA, Università di Torino, Yale
1999-2000	Boston University, Brown, Colorado at Boulder, Duke, Harvard, Illinois at Urbana, MIT (2 seminars), Northwestern, Università di Bologna, Università di Brescia
1998-1999	HIID, Maryland, Observatoire Français des Conjonctures Économiques (Paris), Università Bocconi, Toronto, Yale
1997-1998	Boston University, Brown (Population Center), Harvard, Iowa, UCLA, Western Ontario

Refereeing Activity

Journals

American Economic Review
Economic Journal
European Review of Economic History
Explorations in Economic History
Human Nature
International Economic Review
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization
Journal of Economic History
Journal of the European Economic Association
Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization
Journal of Political Economy
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Rationality and Society
Research in Economics
Review of Economic Studies
Review of Economics and Statistics
Review of Economics of the Household
Structural Change and Economic Dynamics

Austrian Science Foundation
European Research Council
Hong Kong Research Council
Israel Science Foundation
National Science Foundation (U.S.A.)
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
2005 CIVR Evaluation, Ministero dell'Istruzione, dell'Università e della Ricerca (Italy)

Language Knowledge

Classical Greek, French, Italian, Latin

PhD Dissertation

Dissertation title: *Institutions, Information, and Markets in Fifteenth-Century Tuscany*

Dissertation committee:

Professor Joel Mokyr
Department of Economics
Northwestern University

Professor Edward Muir
Department of History
Northwestern University

Professor William Rogerson
Department of Economics
Northwestern University