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Affiliations

2011-present Professor of Managerial Economics and Decision Sciences, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
2011-present Professor of Economics (by courtesy), Northwestern University
2006-2011 Professor of Economics, and Professor of Law and Society, New York University
2001-2006 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania
1997-2001 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania
1996-1997 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UCLA.
2006-present NBER Research Associate
2001 (Feb-July) Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics, Princeton University

Education

1996 Ph.D in Economics, Northwestern University
1995 PhD in Mathematical Economics (Trieste, Italy)
1991 *Laurea* in Economics, Università Bocconi, Milano (Italy), *Magna cum Laude*

Professional Activities

2011-present Co-Editor, *Theoretical Economics*
2009-present Board of Editors, *American Economic Review*
2009-2011 Associate Editor, *Econometrica*
2009-2011 Associate Editor, *Journal of the European Economic Association*
2001-2006 Editorial Board, *International Economic Review*

Grants

2009-2012 NSF Research Grant SES-0922215 for “A Search-Theoretic Approach to Markets for Illicit Goods.”
2008-2009 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant SES-0750962 (supervising Moussa Blimpo), for “Team Incentives for Education in Developing Countries: A field Experiment in Benin.”
2007-2009 NSF Research Grant SES0617507 for “Racial Profiling: Theoretical, Empirical, and Legal Analysis”
2004-2006 NSF Research Grant SES0422863 for “Disparate Treatment: Theories and Evidence”
2000-2003 NSF Research Grant SES0078870 for “Policy Outcomes and Efficiency in Political Systems”

1999-2000 NSF Research Grant SBR9905564 for “Optimal Mechanisms and Information Acquisition”

Honors and Fellowships

2002-2008 Selected Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University

2007 Recipient of the first Carlo Alberto Medal, awarded to an Italian economist under the age of 40 for his/her outstanding research contributions to the field of economics.

2002-2007 Steven F. Goldstone Endowed Associate Professor in Economics

2002-2004 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow

1999 I. Kravis Award for Distinction in Undergraduate Teaching

1997 Selected as a speaker in the *Review of Economic Studies Tour*

1995-96 Sloan Dissertation Fellowship

1994-95 Università Bocconi Fellowship for Training in a Foreign Country

1994 Distinguished Teaching Assistant Award from the College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University

1992 Passed the Qualifying Examinations at Northwestern “with Distinction”

1991 Gold Medal for Best Student from the *Friends of Università Bocconi*

Publications

- “A Search Theoretic Model of the Retail Market for Illicit Drugs” with Manolis Galenianos and Rosalia Liccardo Pacula, forthcoming on the *Review of Economic Studies*.
- “Information Acquisition and the Exclusion of Evidence in Trials,” with Benjamin Lester and Ludo Visschers. *Journal of Law, Economics and Organization*. (2012) 28 (1), pp. 163-182.
- “Factions and Political Competition,” with José C. R. Pueblita and Dan Silverman. *Journal of Political Economy* 119(2), April 2011, pp. 242-288.
- “A Theory of Optimal Random Crackdowns,” with Jan Eeckhout and Petra Todd. *The American Economic Review* 100(3), June 2010, pp. 1104-35.
- “Electoral Incentives, Political Risk-Taking and Policy Reform,” with Alessandro Lizzeri. Published in *The Political Economy of Democracy*. E. Aragonés, C. Bevia, H. Llavador, N. Schofield, eds. Fundación BBVA, 2009.
- “Racial Profiling? Detecting Bias Using Statistical Evidence.” *Annual Review of Economics* 2009, 1, pp. 229-54.
- “The hit rates test for racial bias in motor-vehicle searches.” *Justice Quarterly*, 25(1) March 2008, pp. 37-53, with Petra Todd.
- “Generalising the Hit Rates Test for Racial Bias in Law Enforcement, with an Application to Vehicle Searches in Wichita.” *The Economic Journal*, 116 (November 2006), pp. F351-F367, with Petra Todd.
- “Campaign Spending Regulation in a Model of Redistributive Politics.” *Economic Theory* 28(1), May 2006, pp. 95 – 124, with Nicolas Sahuguet.
- “A Drawback of Electoral Competition.” *Journal of the European Economic Association* 3(4), December 2005, 1318-1348, with Alessandro Lizzeri.
- “Passenger Profiling, Imperfect Screening, and Airport Security.” *The American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings* (2005), pp. 127-31, with Petra Todd.

- “Detecting Bias: Using Statistical Evidence to Establish Intentional Discrimination in Racial Profiling Cases.” *University of Chicago Legal Forum*, (2005), pp. 217-35, with David Castleman.
- “The Effect of Adolescent Experience on Labor Market Outcomes: The Case of Height.” *Journal of Political Economy* 112(5), October 2004, pp. 1019-53, with Andrew Postlewaite and Dan Silverman.
- “Why Did the Elites Extend the Suffrage? Democracy and the Scope of Government, With an Application to Britain’s ‘Age of Reform.’” *Quarterly Journal of Economics* 119(2), May 2004, pp. 707 – 765, with Alessandro Lizzeri.
- “Committee Design with Endogenous Information.” *Review of Economic Studies* 71(1), January 2004, pp. 165-94.
- “Racial Profiling, Fairness, and Effectiveness of Policing.” *American Economic Review* 92(5), December 2002, pp. 1472-97.
- “The Provision of Public Goods under Alternative Electoral Incentives.” *American Economic Review* 91(1), March 2001, pp. 225-39, with Alessandro Lizzeri.
- “Racial Bias in Motor-Vehicle Searches: Theory and Evidence.” *Journal of Political Economy* 109(1), February 2001, pp. 203-29, with John Knowles and Petra Todd.
- “Information Acquisition in Auctions.” *Econometrica* 68(1), January 2000, pp. 135-48.
- “Uniqueness and Existence of Equilibrium in Auctions with a Reserve Price.” *Games and Economic Behavior* 30(1), January 2000, pp. 83-114, with Alessandro Lizzeri.
- “Acyclicity of Optimal Paths.” In *Nonlinear Dynamics in Economics and Social Sciences* F. Gori, L. Geronazzo, M. Galeotti, editors, pp. 283-95. Springer-Verlag, Berlin Heidelberg 1993, with Luigi Montrucchio.

Working Papers

- “The Political Economy of Occupational Licensing Associations.
- Decentralized Deterrence, with an Application to Labor Tax Auditing Mimeo, with Edoardo Di Porto and Nicolas Sahuguet. CEPR discussion paper series. DP 8901
- “Task Juggling,” with Decio Coviello and Andrea Ichino. Mimeo, New York University, May 2010.
- “Don't Spread Yourself Too Thin: The impact of task juggling on workers' speed of job completion,” with Decio Coviello and Andrea Ichino. Mimeo, New York University, May 2010.
- “Generic Uniqueness of the Solutions to a Continuous Linear Programming Problem.” Mimeo, New York University.
- “Information Acquisition and the Excess Refund Puzzle,” Mimeo, University of Pennsylvania, 2005, pp. 1-38,” with Steven Matthews.
- “Games of Redistributive Politics Are Equivalent to All-Pay Auctions With Consolation Prizes.” Mimeo, University of Pennsylvania 2000, pp. 1-9.

Department and University Service

2009-2011	Department Chair
2007-2009	Graduate Admissions Committee, Economics Department
2007-2011	Graduate Admissions Committee, Institute for Law and Society
2004-2006	CUAS Committee
2002-2006	PPE Advisory Committee
2002-2004	Graduate Admissions Committee (many times before 2002, Chair for the three years 2002-2004)
2003-2006	Economics Honors Thesis Committee

2005 Fulbright Faculty Committee
 2000, 2001 Graduate Comprehensive Examinations Committee

Dissertation Committee, Honors Theses, Independent Studies

Graduate Dissertation Committee: Sumantra Sen, Anna Rubinchik, Luis Sanz, Jeong Byun, Nicolas Sahuguet, Sergio Parreiras, Makoto Hanazono, Manuel Wellington, Brandon Weber, Yoichi Hizen, Kwang-Ho Kim, Andrea Mattozzi, Sam-Ho Lee, Tetsuya Maruyama, Jose Carlos Rodriguez-Pueblita.

Undergraduate Honors Theses: Jonah Paransky, Ayelet Wolf, Michael Frankel, Daniel Stahl, Stephanie Au, Jasmin Lau, Katherine Onishi.

Independent Studies: Rahier Rahman.

Conference Presentations

2009-2012 Petralia Applied Economic Workshop (organizer)
 2010 Conference on “Political Economy of Reforms,” Mannheim (Keynote Speaker)
 1997-2005 American Economic Association Meetings (Philadelphia PA 2005, Evanston IL 2003, New Orleans 2001, San Diego CA 1997)
 2005 WISE Workshop (Salerno, Italy)
 2003-2006 Northwestern Workshops on Racial Profiling (Evanston IL 2003, 2004, 2006)
 2004 University of Chicago Legal Forum Symposium (Chicago)
 2003 Conference on Crime and Public Policy (UPenn)
 2002 ESRC Conference on Economic Policy and Political Myopia" (Cambridge, UK)
 2001 Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics Summer Conference
 1997-2001 Wallis Conference on Political Economy (Rochester 2001, Evanston 1997)
 2001 NSF Decentralization Conference (St. Louis, MI 2000, Washington)
 2000 International Congress of the Game Theory Society (Bilbao)
 2000 EU Conference “The Political Economy of Economic Policy.” (Toulouse)
 1999 Society of Economics Dynamics Meetings (Alghero, Italy)

Seminars

2012 MEDS Internal Seminar, HEC Montreal, Inter-American Development Bank (Washington DC)
 2011 University of Chicago Harris School, University of Utah Business School.
 2006 Wisconsin, NYU, Princeton, U of Michigan, Berkeley
 2005 MIT Political Science, Berkeley Haas Business School, Duke, European University Institute (Florence, Italy), Bocconi University (Milan, Italy), IIES (Stockholm, Sweden), Vanderbilt, Northwestern
 2004 University of British Columbia, U. of Washington at Seattle, Washington U. St. Louis
 2003 Columbia, Berkeley, Georgetown, U. of Mannheim, U. of Bonn
 2002 Southern Methodist University, Penn State, Rutgers
 2001 Ohio State University, University of Minnesota, Columbia, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Stanford, Duke, Johns Hopkins
 2000 NYU, Penn Law School, University of Wisconsin
 1999 London School of Economics, University College London, University of Michigan, Yale