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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 (courtesy appointment), 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*

### Editorships

2011-present Co-Editor, *Theoretical Economics*  
2009-2011 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

2013 Plenary speaker at 17th Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics

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

- “Time Allocation and Task Juggling,” with Decio Coviello and Andrea Ichino. Forthcoming on *The American Economic Review*.
- “Evidence of Discrimination.” Forthcoming on the *Journal of Legal Studies*.
- “Decentralized Deterrence, with an Application to Labor Tax Auditing.” with Edoardo DiPorto and Nicolas Sahuguet, forthcoming on the *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* (2013) 5(1), pp. 35-62.
- “A Search Theoretic Model of the Retail Market for Illicit Drugs” with Manolis Galenianos and Rosalia Liccardo Pacula *Review of Economic Studies* (2012) 79(3), pp. 1239-1269.
- “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.”
- “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.

### Case Studies

- “The Volcker Rule: Financial Crisis, Bailouts, and the Need for Financial Regulation,” joint with Dylan Minor. Kellogg Case Study 5-412-753.

### Department and University Service

2013-present     Director, Center for Mathematical Studies in Economics and Management Science.  
 2012-2013        Director, Kellogg Public-Private Initiative

2009-2011	Chair, NYU Economics Department
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

### **Professional Service**

2012	Committee of the Econometric Society North American Summer Meetings
2011	Evaluator of “Progetti di Ateneo” research proposals, University of Turin
2010-present	Organizing Committee ME@Ravello Workshop
2009-present	Member of Personnel Committee “CORU,” Bocconi University
2009-present	Organizing Committee Petralia Applied Economics Workshop
2007-2009	Committee of the European Economic Association Summer Meetings

### **Dissertation Committee, Honors Theses, Independent Studies**

*Graduate Dissertation Committee:* Sumantra Sen, Anna Rubinchik, Luis Sanz, Jeong Byun, Nicolas Sahuguet, Sergio Parreiras, Makoto Hanazono, Manuel Willington, 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**

2013	Oxford, Cambridge, Paris School of Economics
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