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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley	Expected 2027
Ph.D. in Business and Public Policy, Haas School of Business	
Bocconi University	2019
M.Sc. in Economic and Social Sciences, <i>summa cum laude</i>	
Bocconi University	2016
B.Sc. in Economics and Social Sciences, <i>summa cum laude</i>	
University of British Columbia	2015
Visiting Student	

FIELDS

Labor Economics, Spatial Economics; Industrial Organization

JOB MARKET PAPER

“The Labor Market Effects of Place-Based Policies” (with Federico Cingano)

WORKING PAPERS

“The Cost of Buying American,” with Matilde Bombardini, Andres Gonzalez-Lira, and Bingjing Li.
Revise & Resubmit, American Economic Review.

“It is Never too Late: Educational Television and Human Capital Accumulation,” with Filippo Palomba.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Monopsony Power Across Firms,” with Sydnee Caldwell, Ingrid Haegele, and Joerg Heining

“Product and Labor Market Power: Evidence from Firm-to-Firm Networks,” with Eugenia Menaguale

“The Labor Market Effects of Competition: Evidence from the Hudson’s Bay Company,” with Lukas Leucht and Davis Kedrosky

“Learning, Teaching, and the Diffusion of Ideas,” with Jinci Liu and Dominik Wehr

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Microeconomics (EWMBA 201A), UC Berkeley Haas (Evening/Weekend MBA)	Fall 2024, 2025
<i>Cheit Award for Excellence in Teaching; Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award</i>	
Berkeley Business Academy for Youth, guest lecture, UC Berkeley Haas	Fall 2024
Microeconomics; Markets, Organizations and Incentives, Bocconi University	2019–2020
Macroeconomics; Macroeconomics I – Global Scenarios, Bocconi University	2019–2020

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher, UC Berkeley	2021–2024
Visiting Researcher, Structural Economic Analysis Directorate, Bank of Italy	2022, 2025

Pre-doctoral Researcher, Bocconi University	2019–2020
Economics Intern, Competition and Markets Authority	2018
Summer Intern, European Commission (DG Competition)	2017

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

Fisher Center Research Grant	2026
University of California President’s Lindau Nobel Meetings Fellow	2025
Opportunity Lab Place-Based Policy Initiative	2024, 2025
Spiller PhD Fellowship	2025
Simpson ABD Fellowship in Global, International and Area Studies	2025
UC Berkeley IRLE, Social Sciences Research Pathways	2025
UCB Student Opportunity Fund	2025
Visiting Scholar Program, Italian Social Security Institute (INPS)	2024
Berkeley Economists for Equity Research Grant	2023
Williamson PhD Fellowship Fund	2023
Price Theory Summer Camp, Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago	2023
Bank of Italy Research Fellowship	2022
University of California, Berkeley Scholarship	2020–2025
Marco Fanno Scholarship, UniCredit Foundation	2020–2022
Outstanding distinction, <i>Donato Menichella</i> Scholarship, Bank of Italy	2020
IGIER Visiting Student, Bocconi University	2017–2018

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

2026	North American Urban Economics Association*, All California Labor Economics Conference*, Innsbruck Faculty Research Seminar, O-Lab Applied Microeconomics Conference on Economic Opportunity, Berkeley Labor Symposium, Berkeley Labor Lunch, Berkeley Trade Lunch, Oliver Williamson Seminar
2025	Berkeley Labor Lunch, Berkeley Trade Lunch, OEW Student Seminar, AIEL Workshop “Advances in Research on Labour Market Policies,” Lindau Nobel Laureates Meeting, OpportunityLab Research Workshop
2024	OEW Student Seminar, Bocconi CLEAN Workshop
2023	IO Workshop, Economic History Workshop, OEW Student Seminar, Bocconi CLEAN Workshop
2022	OEW Student Seminar, Bocconi CLEAN Workshop
	<i>*scheduled</i>

SERVICE

Mentor: *Social Science Research Pathways, Mentoring Women in Economics, Lead The Future, Berkeley Undergraduate Research Assistant Program*

OTHER

Programming: Stata, R, Python, $\LaTeX$

Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent), French (beginner)

Last updated: September 9, 2026