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December 2011 CITIZENSHIP: Italian MILITARY SERVICE (as a Civil Servant): Jul 99-May 00.

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Economics, Queen's University, since Jul 07.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University College London (UCL), Apr 08. M.Phil., Dec 03.
Fields of specialisation: Macroeconomics, Econometrics. Supervisor: Prof. N. Pavoni.
Thesis Title: "Essays on Macroeconomic Models of Crime and the Labor Market."
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, PENN University, US, Jan 04-Aug 06, Jan-Sep 02.
Supervisor: Prof. A. Merlo.
- Doctorate in Economics, University of Milan Consortium (Bocconi/Catholic/State Uni.), May 04.
- Summer School of Econometrics, CIDE, Bertinoro, Jul 01, Jul 00.
- Master in Economics (MEc), Bocconi University, Milan, Jul 99.
- Laurea (BA) Summa cum laude in Economics, Catholic University, Milan, Oct 98.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

Macroeconomics, Applied General Equilibrium, Labor Economics, Computational Economics, Empirical Microeconomics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching

- Instructor, Queen's
 - Empirical Microeconomics II - ECON 861 (G), W 07-12.
 - Macroeconomic Theory - ECON 815 (G), W 08-12.
 - Macroeconomic Theory I - ECON 222 (UG), W 07-08, F 08-09, W 09-12.
- Teaching Assistant
 - Macroeconomics - MACT (G), 06-07, UCL.
 - Macroeconomics - MC2 (G), 02-03, UCL.
 - Economics of Labour (UG), 01-03, 06-07, UCL.
 - Intermediate Microeconomics, (UG), 99-00, Catholic University, Milan.

Other Academic Activities

Graduate Supervision

- Ph.D. advisor for Mike Barber (in progress). M.A. Essay advisor for Ingrid DeFreitas (Queen's Law), Jean LeMoullec (Statistics Canada), and Dilbar Muradova, Queen's University, 08-11.

Departmental and Administrative Duties

- Course Coordinator, ECON 222, 09-12.
- Co-organiser, ECON 999 PhD Thesis Seminar, Queen's, 11-12.
- SSHRC Scholarships Selection Committee, Queen's, 11-12.
- Co-organiser, Macroeconomics Workshop, Queen's, 07-11.
- Co-organiser, Frontiers in Macroeconomics Workshop, Queen's, Apr 09-11.
- Program Committee Member, Macroeconomics, CEA Annual Meeting, Ottawa, Jun 11.
- Committee Member, Curtis Prize (best Ph.D. thesis), Mar 10.
- Co-organiser and Program Committee Member, Canadian Macro Study Group Meeting, Kingston, Nov 09.
- Macroeconomics Comprehensive Exam Committee (Chair), May 09.
- Internal Examiner for Nicolas Martineau (Nov 11), Rokon Bhuiyan (May 09), Ph.D. candidates in Economics, Queen's.
- Committee Member, Scarthingmoor Prize (best M.A. thesis), Dec 08.
- Reader for five M.A. Essays, Queen's University, 07-11.

Previous Employment

- Research Assistant, Prof. G. Violante and Dr. J. Cummins, "Equipment Embodied Technical Change in the US (1947/2000): Measurement and Applications", Sep 01-Nov 01.
- Tutor, Faculty of Economics, Catholic University, Milan, Jan 00-Jul 00.
- Research Assistant, Prof. L. Filippini and G. Martini, "Vertical Differentiation and Innovation Adoption", Sep 99.
- Examiner, Intermediate Microeconomics, Catholic University, Milan, Mar 99-Jul 01.

Short Visits

- IGIER - Bocconi University (Sep 10), Philadelphia FED (May 10), UBC (Apr 09).

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Queen's University Conference Travel Support, 10, 11.
- Queen's University Research Initiation Grant, 07.
- European Economic Association, Royal Economic Society, UCL Conference Grants: 06, 04, 04-06.
- Royal Economic Society Small Expenses Grant: 04, 05.
- Scholarship for Graduate Students, 03-04, Catholic University.
- Departmental Research Studentship, Department of Economics, 02-03, UCL.

- Young Researchers Grant, 02-03, Catholic University, Milan.
- James Lanner Memorial Scholarship, MPhil, 01-02, UCL.
- CIDE, Summer School of Econometrics, Tuition Waiver/Scholarship, 00, 01.
- Invernizzi Foundation Scholarship, MEc 98-99, Bocconi University.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited seminars

- 2011: Washington University/St. Louis FED, Queen's University.
- 2010: University of Pittsburgh, Philadelphia FED, University of Western Ontario, Universite' de Montreal.
- 2009: University of British Columbia.
- 2008: Ryerson University, Carleton University, Universite' du Quebec a Montreal.
- 2007: University of Oslo, Queen Mary, Universite' de Laval, Queen's University, Universidad Carlos 3 de Madrid, University of Essex, University of Southampton.
- 2003-06: UCL (2), UPENN.

Conferences and Workshops

- 2012: American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (scheduled), Royal Economic Society Annual Meeting, Cambridge (scheduled).
- 2011: RCEA workshop, Toronto; Econometric Society/European Economic Association Meetings, Oslo (2); SED Annual Meeting, Ghent; CEA Annual Meeting, Ottawa.
- 2010: RMM, University of Toronto; Society for Computational Economics Annual Meeting, London; SED Annual Meeting, Montreal; Econometric Society North American Meetings, Atlanta.
- 2009: Econometric Society/European Economic Association Meetings, Barcelona; Conference on Heterogeneous-Agent Models in Macroeconomics, Mannheim; Midwest Macro Meetings, Bloomington.
- 2008: Econometric Society/European Economic Association Meetings, Milan; Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver.
- 2007: Canadian Macro Study Group "Jr.", Bank of Canada, Ottawa; SED Annual Meeting, Prague; 2nd RES PhD Presentation Meeting, London.
- 2003-06: Econometric Society/European Economic Association Meetings, Vienna (2); Sixth Villa Mondragone Workshop, Rome; Econometric Society North American Meetings, Minneapolis (2); Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Hamilton; European Economic Association Conference, Amsterdam; Society for Computational Economics Annual Meeting, Washington DC; Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Toronto; ENTER Conference, Tilburg.

Discussant

- CIREQ Macroeconomics Conference, Montreal, Apr 11, "Optimal Unemployment Insurance in a Directed Search Model", by Boostani and Gervais.
- Frontier Research on Markets with Frictions, CIRPEE, Montreal, Oct 09, "Aggregate Labor Market Outcomes: The Role of Choice and Chance", by Krusell, Mukoyama, Rogerson, and Sahin.

- Canadian Macro Study Group Annual Meeting, Toronto, Nov 08, "Establishments Dynamics and Matching Frictions in Classical Competitive Equilibrium", by M. Veracierto.
- Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Hamilton, May 05, "Thinking Economically About Plagiarism", by A. Collins, G. Judge and N. Rickman.
- Canadian Economic Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Jun 04, "The Relationship Between Intertemporal Demand and the Human Capital Production Technology", by L. Paquin and M. G. Rugishi.
- Workshop on Macrodynamics, Catholic University, Milan, Oct 02, "Human Capital Accumulation, Education Policy and Income Dispersion", by G. Gallipoli, C. Meghir and G. Violante.

RESEARCH PAPERS

Submitted

- Accounting for the Racial Property Crime Gap in the US: A Quantitative Equilibrium Analysis, QED Working Paper n. 1233.
- Precautionary Savings and Wealth Inequality: a Global Sensitivity Analysis, QED Working Paper n. 1270.
- Optimal Unemployment Insurance in GE: a Robust Calibration Approach, QED Working Paper n. 1272.
- Equilibrium Heterogeneous Agent Models as Measurement Tools: some Monte Carlo Evidence, QED Working Paper n. 1277.
- Risk Aversion Heterogeneity, Risky Jobs and Wealth Inequality, QED Working Paper n. 1286.

Under Revision

- Hard Drugs Addiction, Drug Violations and Property Crimes in the US.
- The Non-neutrality of Severance Payments with Incomplete Markets (joint with G. Fella, Queen Mary, and G. Violante, NYU).

Work in progress

- Aggregate Outcomes in Equilibrium: How Much Does the Nature of Labor Income Risk Matter?
- The Krusell-Smith Algorithm: Are Self-fulfilling Equilibria Likely?
- Equilibrium Heterogeneous Agent Models: a Monte Carlo Analysis of Simulated Method of Moments Estimators.
- Severance Payments and Aggregate Fluctuations.
- Optimal Corporate Taxation, Aggregate Productivity and the Size Distribution of Firms.
- Optimal Parental Leave Policy.
- Biases of Classical Estimators and Policy Evaluation: some Results from GE Modeling.
- Quantifying the Lucas Critique in a Human Capital Accumulation Model.
- Social Security Reforms: a Sensitivity Analysis in Calibrated GE Models.
- Solving Equilibrium Heterogeneous Agent Models: some Computational Aspects.
- Quantifying Precautionary Savings: Replication and Robustness Checks of Aiyagari (1994).

- Interjurisdictional Sorting and Crime (joint with Arianna Degan, UQAM).
- Ability, Job Separation and Job Finding Probability (joint with Mike Barber, Queen's, and Giovanni Gallipoli, UBC).

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics (3), International Economic Review (3), Journal of Public Economics (5), Review of Economic Dynamics (2).

COMPUTER SKILLS

FORTRAN 95 and MATLAB.

Stata, E-views, Maple, Scientific Workplace.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

English and French.