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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018–present	Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Research and Statistics Group. Research Economist.
2024 (Jul–Dec)	New York University. Department of Economics. Visiting Scholar.
2012	European Central Bank. Trainee at the Foreign Reserve Management team, Investment Division, DG Market Operations. Frankfurt, Germany.
2010	European Commission. Intern at the Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) Unit, DG Development. Brussels, Belgium.

EDUCATION

2013–2018	PhD in Economics, Department of Economics, University College London. Advisors: Vincent Sterk (primary) and Marco Bassetto. Thesis: "Essays on the Macroeconomics of Firm Dynamics and Financial Frictions".
2012–2013	MRes in Economics, University College London (United Kingdom). Distinction.
2009–2011	MSc in Economics, Bocconi University, Milan (Italy). Distinction.
2011	MSc Graduate Exchange Program, Universiteit van Amsterdam (Netherlands).
2006–2009	BSc in Economics, Bocconi University, Milan (Italy). Distinction.
2008	BSc Exchange program, University of Essex (UK).

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

"Stock Market Participation, Inequality, and Monetary Policy". 2024. With Vincent Sterk. FRB NY Staff Report 932. Forthcoming at the *Review of Economic Studies*.

"Firms' precautionary savings and employment during a credit crisis". 2024. *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* (vol. 16, no. 1, January 2024, (pp. 356-86)).

"Rational Inattention and Firm Entry". 2023. With Javier Turen. *Journal of Monetary Economics* (vol. 139(C), October 2023, pages 93-109).

"Approximating Grouped Fixed Effects Estimation via Fuzzy Clustering Regression". 2023. With Daniel Lewis, Laura Pilossoph, and Aidan Toner-Rodgers. *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, (vol. 38, issue 7, November/December, pages 987-1111)

RESEARCH WORKING PAPERS

“Latent Heterogeneity in the Marginal Propensity to Consume”. 2022. With Daniel Lewis and Laura Pilossoph. FRB NY Staff Report 902. Revise and Resubmit at the *Review of Economic Studies*.

“The marginal propensity to hire”. 2022. FRB NY Staff Report 875. Revise and Resubmit at the *Review of Economic Studies*.

“Stimulus through Insurance: the Marginal Propensity to Repay Debt”. 2023. With Gizem Kosar, Laura Pilossoph, and David Wiczer. FRB NY Staff Report 1065, IZA Discussion Paper 16211, CESifo Working Paper 10498/2023. Revise and Resubmit at the *Review of Economic Studies*.

“A Measure of Trend Wage Inflation”. With Martin Almuzara and Richard Audoly. 2023. FRB NY Staff Report 1067. Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Applied Econometrics*. [[Econlib coverage](#)] [[New York Fed President speech](#)]

“Nonlinear Firm Dynamics”. 2024. With Silvia Sarpietro. FRB NY Staff Report 1088.

“Subjective Uncertainty and the Marginal Propensity to Consume”. With Gizem Kosar.

LIBERTY STREET ECONOMICS BLOG POSTS

“An Update on the Reservation Wages in the SCE Labor Market Survey” (with Gizem Kosar and Sasha Thomas), Liberty Street Economics, August 2024 [[CNN coverage](#)]

“Will the Moderation in Wage Growth Continue?” (with Martin Almuzara, Richard Audoly, and Augustin Belin), Liberty Street Economics, March 2024

“An Update on the Health of the U.S. Consumer” (with Andrew Haughwout, Donghoon Lee, Daniel Mangrum, Jonathan McCarthy, Joelle Scally, and Wilbert van der Klaauw), Liberty Street Economics, October 2023 [[Bloomberg coverage](#)] [[Market Watch coverage](#)] [[Wall Street Journal coverage](#)]

“How Large are Inflation Revisions? The Difficulty of Monitoring Prices in Real Time” (with Martin Almuzara, Richard Audoly, Richard Crump, and Roshie Xing), Liberty Street Economics, September 2023

“Not just “Stimulus” checks: the Marginal Propensity to Repay Debt” (with Gizem Kosar, Laura Pilossoph, and David Wiczer), Liberty Street Economics, June 2023 [[Marketplace coverage](#)]

“A Turning Point in Wage Growth?” (with Martin Almuzara and Richard Audoly), Liberty Street Economics, February 2023 [[San Francisco Fed President speech](#)]

“What Have Workers Done with the Time Freed up by Commuting Less?” (with David Dam, Laura Pilossoph, and Aidan Toner-Rodgers), Liberty Street Economics, October 2022 [[New York Times coverage](#)] [[Financial Times coverage](#)] [[Bloomberg coverage](#)] [[Market Watch coverage](#)] [[Bloomberg Opinion coverage](#)]

“COVID-19 and Small Businesses: Uneven Patterns by Race and Income” (with Rajashri Chakrabarti, Maxim L Pinkovskiy, Giorgio Topa), Liberty Street Economics, May 2021

“Who’s Ready to Spend? Constrained Consumption across the Income Distribution” (with David Dam, Laura Pilossoph, Will Schirmer), Liberty Street Economics, May 2021 [[Washington Post coverage](#)]

“Many Small Businesses in the Services Sector Are Unlikely to Reopen” (with David Dam, Sebastian Heise, Will Schirmer), Liberty Street Economics, May 2021 [[Marketplace coverage](#)]

“How Did State Reopenings Affect Small Businesses?” (with Rajashri Chakrabarti, Sebastian Heise, Maxim L Pinkovskiy, Giorgio Topa), Liberty Street Economics, September 2020

“Did State Reopenings Increase Consumer Spending?” (with Rajashri Chakrabarti, Sebastian Heise, Maxim L Pinkovskiy, Giorgio Topa), Liberty Street Economics, September 2020

CONFERENCE & SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

(* scheduled)

2025	Boston College; Bocconi*; UVA*; Clemson*
2024	Rutgers; Esade Macro Meetings; UCL PhD Alumni conference; SED Barcelona; ECB; UT Austin; SEA Washington DC; SAEe; NYU
2023	Barcelona Summer Forum; Universidad Carlos III Madrid; XAmsterdam Macroeconomic Workshop
2022	Bristol University; NBER Summer Institute - Micro Data and Macro Models; University of Bologna
2021	NBER EFG Winter Meeting; Kent Workshop on Firm Dynamics
2020	VMACS junior conference; Virtual Australia Macro Seminar (VAMS); Fed System Conference in Macroeconomics
2019	SED St. Louis; European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society
2018	University of Warwick; University of Amsterdam; HEC Montreal; Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; IIES; CEMFI; Federal Reserve Board; Federal Reserve Bank of New York; SED Mexico City; Midwest Macro Nashville; Fed System Conference in Macro – Minneapolis; SEA Washington DC; Pontificia Universidad Catolica Chile; 17th Workshop on Macroeconomic Dynamics – LUISS Rome
2017	ENTER Jamboree – UCL; Institute for Fiscal Studies.
2016	Royal Economic Society – Sussex; 20th Conference Theories and Methods in Macroeconomics (T2M) – Paris; 21st Spring Meeting of Young Economists – Lisbon; Zurich Initiative for Computational Economics.
2015	UCL; Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona.

DISCUSSIONS

2024	Fed System Conference in Equitable Growth (New York); 3rd Workshop on Firm Heterogeneity and Macroeconomics (Mannheim); XAmsterdam Macroeconomic Workshop
2023	CEBRA Annual Meeting (New York)
2022	Workshop on Direct Stimulus Payments to Individuals in the Covid-19 Pandemic
2019	Salento Macro Meetings; 18th Workshop on Macroeconomic Dynamics – Pavia.
2017	CEBRA annual meeting – Bank of England.
2016	20th Conference Theories and Methods in Macroeconomics (T2M) – Paris; NorMac Ebeltoft; 21st Spring Meeting of Young Economists – Lisbon.

SERVICE

2024 (Jun)	Co-organizer, UCL Alumni conference
2024 (Nov)	Co-organizer, NY Fed Symposium “The U.S. Labor Market in the 21st Century”

REFEREEING

AEJ–Economic Policy; AEJ–Macroeconomics; American Economic Review; BIS working paper; Economic Journal; European Association of Young Economists; European Economic Review; Fondecyt Chile; Journal of Monetary Economics; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Journal of Economic Literature; Journal of Money, Credit and Banking; Journal of Political Economy; JPE Macroeconomics; Quantitative Economics; Review of Economic Dynamics; Review of Economic Studies; Society for Computational Economics

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

February 2024	Guest Lecturer (Real World Macroeconomics, B.A.), Duke University
Fall 2014 – 2017	Macroeconomics (MSc in Economics), UCL, TA for Vincent Sterk.
Spring 2014	Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (BSc in Economics), UCL, TA for Wendy Carlin.
Spring 2014	Economics (BSc in Economics), UCL, Christian Spielmann.
Fall 2013	Macroeconomic Theory and Policy (BSc in Economics), UCL, TA for Liam Graham.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2013–16	Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) studentship, UCL.
2012–13	David Pearce Scholarship, UCL.
2015	Best Teaching Assistant Award, Teaching on a MSc core module, UCL.
2014	Best Teaching Assistant Award, Teaching on a 1st BSc module, UCL.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015–2018	UCL. Department of Economics. Research Assistant for Morten O. Ravn and Vincent Sterk.
2014–2018	UCL. The CORE Project. Economist.
2015	Research Assistant for Samuel Bowles, in relation to the book <i>The Moral Economy: Why Good Incentives Are No Substitute for Good Citizens</i>
2014	UCL. Research assistant for Wendy Carlin, in relation to the book <i>Macroeconomics: Institutions, Instability, and the Financial System</i>

LANGUAGES

Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (basic).