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Academic Positions Assistant professor Dept. of Economics, City University of London, Nov. 2023 –

Affiliate researcher Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy,

Chapman University (Orange, CA), Aug. 2022 –

Research associate Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy,

Chapman University (Orange, CA), Aug. 2019 – Jul. 2022

BeLab affiliate Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics,

University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA), Aug. 2019 -

Education and Professional Training

PPE Fellowship (postdoctoral training), Philosophy, Politics & Economics Program; Center for Social Norms & Behavioral Dynamics, *University of Pennsylvania*

academic years 2013-14 to 2018-19

academic years 2015-14 to 2016-19

PhD in Economics, Royal Holloway, University of London MSc in Experimental Economics, University of East Anglia

Laurea (integrated honors degree) in Economics and Finance, Bocconi University

Research

Behavioral Economics; Game Theory; Philosophy & Economics

Skills

Microeconomic modeling; Experimental design & analysis; Network analysis; Coding—econometric and data visualization tools, machine and deep learning [Stata, R, SQL, Python (Pandas, Seaborn, Matplotlib, Plotly, NLTK, Scikit-Learn, Tanana Lawrence and AWS Smarth.

Tensorflow); beginner in AWS Spark]

Publications (Peer-Reviewed)

"The Doors of Perception: Theory and Evidence of Frame-Dependent Rationalizability" (with Gary Charness), *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, 2023. 15 (2), 309–344.

"A Notion of Prominence for Games with Natural-Language Labels" (with Sudeep Bhatia), *Quantitative Economics*, 2021. 12 (1), 283–312.

"Game-Theoretic Accounts of Social Norms" (with Cristina Bicchieri) in *Handbook of Experimental Game Theory*, ed. C. Monica Capra, Rachel Croson, Mary Rigdon and Tanya Rosenblat. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020. 241–255.

"Opportunistic Conformism" (with Gary Charness and Michael Naef), *Journal of Economic Theory*, 2019. 180 (C), 100–134.

"I Cannot Cheat on You After We Talk" (with Cristina Bicchieri) in *The Prisoner's Dilemma*, ed. Martin Peterson. Cambridge University Press, 2015. 101–114.

"Social Norms" (with Cristina Bicchieri and Ryan Muldoon) in *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, ed. Edward N. Zalta, 2023 [2011].

Under Revision "Strategic Problems with Risky Prospects: Modeling and Testing the Impact of Feedback in Complex Interactions" (with Cristina Bicchieri, Alexander Funcke,

Einav Hart), R&R Games and Economic Behavior.

In Progress

Big Data, Machine Learning, and Informal Norms, Current Opinion in Psychology

Labeling Effects: Salience vs. Awareness (with Gary Charness)

Rules and Categories: Theory and Experiment (with Bart Wilson)

On Normative Expectations (with Cristina Bicchieri)

Campaign Promises in US Elections (with Alexander Funcke)

A Dynamic Model of Belief-Dependent Conformity

Research Visits 12/2019: Behavioral Ethics Lab, University of Pennsylvania

6/2016: Economics Department, University of California, Santa Cruz

6/2015-7/2015: Economics Department, University of California, Santa Barbara

Recent Presentations 2023: Department of Economics, City University of London

2022: University of Queensland; Newcastle University; Birkbeck College

2021: LACEA Meeting of the Econometric Society (scheduled)

2020: Economic Sciences Department, Claremont Graduate University

2019: Department of Economics and Finance, Università Cattolica Milano;

North American ESA Meetings, Loyola Marymount University

2018: Workshop on Cooperation and Norms, Yale University;

North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, University of

California, Davis

2017: Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association

2016: Public Choice Society Meetings; Penn Laboratory for Experimental

Evolutionary Psychology

2015: BeLab, University of Pennsylvania

2014: Economic Science Institute, Chapman University; ESA World Meetings

Thesis Supervision Majors in PPE, UPenn: Rebecca Richardson (2018); Mitchell McVeigh (2017);

Young Chan Cho (2017); Shashank Sirivolu (2016)

Dual-major in PPE and Finance at the Wharton School, UPenn: Kai-Syuen Loh

(2015)

Teaching (Instructor of Record)

2024: Intermediate Econometrics (BSc Economics), City University of London

2020-2022: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (BA Economics), Chapman U

2014-2019: Network Analysis (BA PPE), UPenn

2018-2019: Research in PPE (BA PPE), UPenn

2013-2017: Public Choice and Public Policy (BA PPE), *UPenn*

2012-13: Industrial Organization (BSc Economics & Finance), LMBS

T.A. Roles

2011-12: MNCs & Global Business (MSc International Management and Finance), *Queen Mary, University of London*

2011-12: Economics for Business (BSc Business Management), *Queen Mary, University of London*

Professional Certificates and Service

Certificates: • Human Subjects IRB Training, 2015, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program) under requirements set by the University of Pennsylvania; • Advance HE Associate Fellowship, 2010; • Graduate Certificate in Teaching theory and practice ('inSTIL'), 2010, Educational Development Centre, Royal Holloway College

Referee Work: American Political Science Review; Behavioural Public Policy; Cognition; Economic Journal; Games and Economic Behavior; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Journal of Economic Psychology; Journal of Experimental Social Psychology; Philosophical Studies; Quantitative Economics; Theory and Decision; World Development

University Service: Organizer of the UPenn PPE weekly seminar speaker series, 2015-2019; Member of the PPE Capstones Evaluation Committee, 2015-2019; Maintainer of the PPE RePEc (IDEAS) archive, 2014-2019

Conference Work: Assistant for the 2015 Penn-UNICEF Summer Program on Advances in Social Norms and Social Change; Royal Economic Society assistant for the 2011 Annual Conference

Grants, Honors and Awards

2013-2016: Goldstone Research Fund grants

2009: Teaching prize (for tutoring / T.A. work), Royal Holloway College

2007-2010: Departmental Assistantship (Economics)

2006-2007: Formazione Superiore scholarship, Puglia Regional Council &

European Commission