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## EDUCATION

PhD Economics, University of Chicago, August 2004

Laurea (BS) Economics, Università di Venezia, November 1998 (Summa cum Laude)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ramón y Cajal Research Fellow, 2009 - present

Acreditación Profesor Titular de Universidad, ANECA, October 2011

Tenure for Associate Professor, September 2011

IZA Research Fellow, 2009 - present

Assistant Professor Universidad de Alicante, 2008 - 2011

Assistant Professor City College of New York - CUNY doctoral faculty, 2007 - 2008

Assistant Professor Clemson University, 2004 - 2007

Research Assistant for Prof. Erik Hurst University of Chicago, 2002

Research Assistant for Prof. Pierre-André Chiappori University of Chicago, 2001

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer Game Theory (Micro Avanzada II), Universidad de Alicante, Spring 2011 - present

Lecturer Graduate Labor and Development Economics, Universidad de Alicante, Spring 2010 - present

Lecturer Graduate Applied Labor Economics, Università di Venezia, Spring 2009

Lecturer Graduate Microeconomic Theory I, Universidad de Alicante, Fall 2008 - Fall 2009

Lecturer Microeconomics\_Eco 220, CCNY, 2 semesters, Fall 2007 - Spring 2008

Lecturer Graduate Labor Economics\_Eco B4000, CCNY, Spring 2008

Lecturer Labor Economics\_Eco 280, CCNY, Fall 2007

Lecturer Graduate Labor Economics\_Econ 816, Clemson University, Spring 2007

Lecturer Labor Economics\_Econ 301, Clemson University, 6 semesters, Fall 2004 - Spring 2007

Lecturer Economics of the Family\_Econ 435, Clemson University, Fall 2006

Lecturer Advanced Labor Seminar\_Econ 917, Clemson University, Spring 2005

Lecturer Elements of Economic Analysis I, University of Chicago, Spring 2002

Teaching Assistant A Guide to Business Ethics (Prof. R.W. Fogel), University of Chicago, Winter 2002

Teaching Assistant Elements of Economic Analysis I, University of Chicago, Fall 2001 - Winter 2002

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Family Economics, Health Economics, Applied Microeconomics

## PUBLICATIONS

“Sexual orientation and household financial decisions: evidence from couples in the United States” (with B. Negrusa), *Review of Economics of the Household*, 9-4, 2011.

“Sexual orientation and household decision making. Same-sex couples balance of power and labor supply choices”, *Labour Economics*, 18-2, 2011. *Leading article*.

“Anthropometry and socioeconomics among couples: Evidence in the United States” (with C. Quintana-Domeque), *Economics and Human Biology*, 8-3, 2010.

“Physical activity and obesity in Spain: evidence from the Spanish National Health Survey” (with J. Garcia and C. Quintana-Domeque), *The Economics of Sport, Health and Happiness: The Promotion of Well-Being through Sporting Activities*, Placido Rodriguez, Stefan Kesenne and Brad Humphreys (Eds.), in press, 2011

“Endogenous Minimum Participation in International Environmental Treaties” (with C. Carraro and C. Marchiori), *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 42-3, 2009.

“Quality of available mates, education and household labor supply” (with B. Negrusa). *Economic Inquiry*, online April 2008, printed in 48-3, 558-574, 2010.

“Birth control and female empowerment. An equilibrium analysis” (with P.-A. Chiappori). *Journal of Political Economy*, 116-1, 2008.

“Did the legalization of abortion increase women’s household bargaining power? Evidence from labor supply”, *Review of Economics of the Household*, 5-2, 2007.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“Fatter attraction: anthropometric and socioeconomic matching on the marriage market” (with P.-A. Chiappori and C. Quintana-Domeque), IVIE AD 2010-23, IZA 4594, resubmitted revision to the Journal of Political Economy.

“A matter of weight? The Role of Spouses’ Physical Attractiveness on Hours of work” (with C. Quintana-Domeque), FEDEA 2011-05, new version December 2011, under review

“Culture and household decision-making: Native and foreign-born couples’ balance of power and labor supply choices in the US”, IVIE AD 2011-18, under review

“Matching with a handicap: the case of smoking in the marriage market”, (with P.-A. Chiappori and C. Quintana-Domeque), IZA 5392

“Black-white marital matching: Race, anthropometrics, and socioeconomics” (with P.-A. Chiappori and C. Quintana-Domeque), IZA 6196

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Multidimensional Matching in the Marriage Market” (with P.-A. Chiappori and C. Quintana-Domeque)

“Same-sex Couples and their Socioeconomic Behavior”

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **CO-EDITOR**

Review of Economics of the Household, 2010-present

### **REFeree**

American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Canadian Journal of Economics, China Economic Review, Demography, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, International Economic Review, Journal of Economics, Journal of Population Economics, Review of Economics of the Household, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Spanish Economic Review, Revista de Economía Aplicada, Instituto Valenciano de Investigaciones Económicas (IVIE); Grant Evaluator (PSC-CUNY).

### **DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

PhD External Examiner for Eva Garcia Moran (Universidad Carlos III, Madrid), December 2011

Department Seminar Coordinator, September 2008 - present

Local and Scientific Committee of the ASSET Meetings 2010

Faculty Recruiting Committee, 2005-2007; 2009-2011

Labor Graduate Comprehensive Exam Committee, Spring 2005-2007

Founding Committee for the Center for Economic Research on the Family (CERF), Clemson University, September 2008 - 2009

## **DOCTORAL STUDENTS SUPERVISED**

Clemson University: Brighita Negrusa, 2005-2007 (as main advisor); Anca Tifrea, 2005-2006;  
Universidad de Alicante: Serafima Chirkova, 2010-present; Maria-José Aragon, 2010-present

## **MASTER STUDENTS SUPERVISED**

Estefania Beloqui, 2009; Serafima Chirkova, 2009-2010; Maria-José Aragon, 2009-2010.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

X Brucchi Luchino Labour Economics Workshop, Rome, December 2011;  
Universidad de Alicante, Alicante, December 2011;  
Columbia University, New York, October 2011;  
University of Aarhus, Aarhus, June 2011;  
Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, May 2011;  
Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía, Madrid, 2010;  
Association of Southern European Economic Theorists Meetings, Alicante, 2010;  
European Economic Association Conference, Glasgow, 2010;  
Society of Labor Economists Meetings, London, June 2010;  
III Gender Workshop (Cosme), Madrid, 2010;  
Tilburg University, Tilburg, 2010;  
Università di Padova, Padua, 2010;  
Università di Firenze, Florence, 2010;  
Clemson University, Clemson, 2010;  
Simposio de la Asociación Española de Economía, Valencia, 2009;  
European Economic Association Conference, Barcelona, 2009;  
II Gender Workshop, Granada, June 2009;  
III Workshop on Household Behavior, IFS, London, June 2009;  
IZA-SOLE Transatlantic Meeting of Labor Economists, Munich, May 2009;  
Society of Labor Economists Meetings, Boston, May 2009;  
Stockholm School of Economics, May 2009;  
University of Verona (Italy), February 2009;  
European Economic Association Conference 2008;  
Midwest Economic Association Conference 2008;  
Cardiff Business School, 2008;  
Ecole Polytechnique, 2008;  
EDHEC, 2008;  
CEPS/INSTEAD, 2008;  
University of Alicante, 2008;  
CUNY Graduate Center 2007;  
Southern Economic Association Conference 2006;  
Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society 2006 (invited session);  
Women's Studies Forum (Clemson University) 2006;  
World Congress of the Econometric Society 2005;  
Clemson University 2005;  
Midwest Economic Association Conference 2004;  
HEC Montréal, 2004;  
Université de Laval, 2004;  
Université de Sherbrooke, 2004;  
University of Connecticut, 2004;  
University of Warwick, 2004;  
Humboldt University, 2004;  
Clemson University, 2004;  
European Economic Association Conference 2002;  
University of Chicago Workshops 2003-2004.

## **ACADEMIC VISITS**

Columbia University: January 2010; September 2010-October 2010; September 2011-October 2011

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

Acreditación Profesor Titular de Universidad, ANECA, October 2011

Becker Friedman Institute for Research in Economics, Family Inequality Working Group, University of Chicago, May 2011-present

IZA Research Fellow, 2009-present

Ramón y Cajal Fellowship 2009-present; Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation, 2nd Ranked, 2009 Contest

IVIE Research Grant (Instituto Valenciano de Investigaciones Economicas), 2009

CUNY Grant (PSC-CUNY untenured faculty research grant), 2008

Margaret Reid Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2003-2004

University of Chicago Scholarship, 1999-2003

Bank of Italy (Ente Einaudi) Research Fellowship, 2001-2002

CARIVE (Venice Savings Bank) Foundation Research Fellowship, 1999-2001

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

Audio interview for VOX: “Attracting a spouse: The trade-off between earnings and physical appearance”, posted on April 29, 2011, interview transcripts also available.

<http://www.voxeu.org/index.php?q=node/6444>

## **LANGUAGES**

English, French and Italian: fluent (written and oral).

Spanish: proficient (written and oral).