

Curriculum Vitae
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CURRENT POSITION: Economist, Domestic Research, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

EDUCATION

December 1996	Ph.D. Economics	The University of Chicago
December 1996	M.A. Economics	The University of Chicago
November 1990	Laurea (B.A.) Economics	Università di Venezia, Italy
	Summa cum laude	

Doctoral Thesis: “Social Interactions, Local Spillovers and Unemployment”.

Graduate Advisors: José A. Scheinkman, Lars P. Hansen, Gary S. Becker.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2003 – present	Economist, Domestic Research, Federal Reserve Bank of New York
1996 – 2003	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, NYU
2001 – 2003	Associate Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Economics, NYU
Fall 2002	Visiting Adjunct Professor, Department of Economics, Brown University
Fall 2000	Honorary Scholar, Department of Economics, Univ. of Wisconsin at Madison
1995 – 96	Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Chicago

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Courses:

- Econometrics I
- Econometrics II
- Labor Economics
- Topics in Local Interactions: Theory and Applications

Undergraduate Courses:

- Intermediate Microeconomics
- Price Theory
- Statistics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of: Econometric Society; American Economic Association.

REFEREE

- American Economic Review; Econometrics Journal; Economic Journal; Geographical Analysis; International Economic Review; International Journal of Industrial Organization; Journal of Applied Econometrics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control; Journal of Economic Growth; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Population Economics; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Resource and Energy Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Studies; Studies in Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics.
- National Science Foundation.
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2000-2003: National Science Foundation Research Grant SES-0080826 for a project on “The Empirical Analysis of Local Interaction Models”
- 2000-2003: Research Grant awarded by the C.V. Starr Center for Applied Economics, New York University, for a project on “Local Interaction Models”
- 1997-2000: Research Grant awarded by the C.V. Starr Center for Applied Economics, New York University, for a project on “Unemployment, Sorting, and Spillovers”
- 1999: Teaching Award for undergraduate teaching awarded by the Economics Society at New York University
- 1995-96: Margaret Reid Fund Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 1995: Research Grant by the Population Research Center, N.O.R.C. (National Opinion Research Center), Chicago, for a field project in Mauritania (West Africa), on “Self-Employed Women in Mauritania and Informal Credit”
- 1992-95: Century/Phoenix Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 1992-94: "Luigi Einaudi" Fellowship, Ente Einaudi, Rome, Italy
- 1991-92: "Paolo Baffi" Fellowship, I.M.I. - Istituto Mobiliare Italiano, Italy

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Religious Intermarriage and Socialization in the U.S.” with Alberto Bisin (NYU) and Thierry Verdier (DELTA, CEPR), *Journal of Political Economy*, forthcoming.

2. "Empirical Models of Cultural Transmission" with Alberto Bisin (NYU), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Papers and Proceedings, forthcoming.
3. "Identification of Local Interaction Models with Imperfect Location Data" with Timothy G. Conley (GSB, Chicago), *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, forthcoming.
4. "Does Microcredit Reach the Poor and Vulnerable? Evidence From Northern Bangladesh" with Ashok S. Rai (CID, Harvard University) and Sajeda Amin (Population Council), *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 70 (1), February 2003, 59-82.
5. "Socio-Economic Distance and Spatial Patterns in Unemployment" with Timothy G. Conley (GSB, Chicago), *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, Vol. 17 (4), July-August 2002, 303-327.
6. "Social Interactions, Local Spillovers and Unemployment", *Review of Economic Studies*, Vol. 68 (2), April 2001, 261-295.
7. "Taxation and Environmental Innovation" with Carlo Carraro, in: C. Carraro and J.Filar (eds.), *Control and Game-Theoretic Models of the Environment*, (1996); New York: Birkhauser.
8. "Should Environmental Innovation Policy Be Internationally Coordinated?", with Carlo Carraro, in: C. Carraro (ed.), *Trade, Innovation, Environment*, (1994); Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers.
9. "Environmental Policy Instruments with Asymmetric Information" (1991), *Ricerche Economiche*, 45 (4), pp. 623-672 (in Italian with English summary).

WORKING PAPERS

10. "Estimating Dynamic Local Interactions Models", with Timothy G. Conley (GSB, Chicago) – invited paper for a special issue of the *Journal of Econometrics*.
11. "Dynamic Properties of Local Interaction Models", with Timothy G. Conley (GSB, Chicago) – invited paper for a volume on *The Economy as an Evolving Complex System III*, edited by Lawrence Blume and Steven Durlauf.
12. "Cooperation as a Transmitted Cultural Trait" (2003), with Alberto Bisin (NYU) and Thierry Verdier (DELTA, CEPR), second round at *Rationality and Society*.
13. "Cultural Transmission, Socialization, and the Dynamics of *N*-Trait Distributions" (2002), with Alberto Bisin (NYU) and Thierry Verdier (DELTA, CEPR).

WORK IN PROGRESS

14. "Place of Work and Place of Residence: Detecting Informal Hiring Networks via Spatial Clustering", with Patrick Bayer (Yale) and Steve Ross (U. Conn.);
15. "Referrals in the Marriage Market", with Andrew Foster (Brown);

16. “The Empirical Content of Models with Multiple Equilibria”, with Alberto Bisin (NYU) and Andrea Moro (Minnesota);
17. “Wage Variability and Discrimination”, with J.P. Benoit (NYU) and Raquel Fernandez (NYU);
18. “Early Christians in the Roman Empire: Models of ‘Miraculous’ Growth”, with Alberto Bisin (NYU);
19. “The Spatial Distribution of Income and Unemployment in Australia”, with Frank Vella (European University Institute, Florence, Italy);
20. “The Assimilation of American Jews: Marriage, Fertility and Intergenerational Transmission”, with Alberto Bisin (NYU) – invited paper for a volume on *The Economics of Judaism and Jewish Human Capital*, edited by Carmel U. Chiswick and Tikva Lecker.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Conference of Public Economic Theory (Duke University, June 12-15, 2003) – invited paper;

Workshop on “Spatial and Social Interactions in Economics” (UC Santa Barbara, April 2003) – invited paper;

Mini-Conference on Religion, Economics, and Culture (Salt Lake City, November 2002) – invited paper;

European Economic Association Annual Congress (Venice, Italy, August 2002) – Program Committee member and invited paper;

Society for Economic Dynamics 2002 Meeting (New York, June 28-30, 2002);

“Economy as an Evolving Complex System III” Conference (Santa Fe Institute, November 15-18, 2001) – invited paper;

13th annual Midwest Jewish Studies Association (MJSA) Conference (Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies, Chicago, October 28-29, 2001) – invited paper;

Econometric Society European Meeting (Lausanne, Switzerland, August 2001);

Brookings Institution & Institute for Research on Poverty Conference on “Empirical Analysis of Social Interactions” (Washington, D.C., January 14-15, 2000) – invited paper;

NSF-Sponsored Conference on “Empirical Analysis of Social Interactions” (Santa Fe Institute, October 15-17, 1999);

National Bureau of Economic Research 1999 Summer Institute; Income Distribution Workshop (Boston, July 1999) – invited paper;

European Society for Population Economics Annual Conference (Torino, Italy, June 24-26, 1999);

Institute for Research on Poverty Annual Conference; session organized by Steven Durlauf (Madison WI, June 14-17, 1999) – invited paper;

Econometric Society North American Winter Meeting; session on “Lending in Poor Societies” (New York, January 1999);

American Economic Association Annual Meeting; session on “Job Information Flows and Social Interactions” (New York, January 1999) – invited paper;

North-East Universities Development Consortium Conference; Yale University; session on “Credit - Ownership” (New Haven, October 1998);

Population Council Meeting on "Measuring the Impact of Micro-credit Programs on Fertility" (New York, December 1997);

Econometric Society European Meeting; session on "Empirical Models of Social Interaction" (Toulouse, France, August 1997);

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics; 1997 Summer Workshop - "Social Interactions" (Stanford, August 1997);

University of Ancona; Workshop on Economics with Heterogeneous Interacting Agents (Ancona, Italy, May 1997);

Yale University; Applied Microeconomics Workshop (New Haven, April 1997);

National Bureau of Economic Research 1996 Summer Institute; Income Distribution Workshop (Boston, July 1996).

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Boston University; Brown University; CEMFI (Madrid, Spain); CUNY at Hunter College; Duke University; Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis; Federal Reserve Bank of New York; Johns Hopkins University; Laval University (Canada); London School of Economics; Ohio State University; Queen’s University (Canada); Rutgers University; Stanford University; SUNY at Albany; UC Berkeley; UC Irvine; UCLA; Università Bocconi (Milan, Italy); Università Ca’ Foscari (Venice, Italy); Università Tor Vergata (Rome, Italy); Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona, Spain); University College, London; University of Chicago; University of Connecticut; University of Pennsylvania; University of Quebec at Montreal (Canada); University of Southern California; University of Wisconsin at Madison.