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EDUCATION

Brown University Providence, RI, USA
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics 2018 –present
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Bocconi University Milano, Italy
M.S. Economics 2015 –2018

Bocconi University Milano, Italy
B.S. Economics 2012 –2015
(Visiting student at University of British Columbia, Fall 2014)

TEACHING AND RESEARCH FIELDS

Political Economy, Public Finance, Economic History

PUBLICATIONS

Better to be Direct? Evidence from the Abolition of Direct Elections in Italian Local Governments
Economics & Politics. 2023. Volume 35, Issue 3.

JOB MARKET PAPER

Symbols of Oppression: The Role of Confederate Monuments in the Great Migration

Abstract

Dominant groups around the world have historically asserted their power by constructing in public spaces monuments that glorify their narrative, vis-à-vis their opponents'. How does the presence of divisive symbols affect the location choices of those who oppose them? I investigate this issue focusing on Confederate monuments in the US South, symbols that were erected by southern whites in the early 20th century and opposed by African Americans because of their connection to slavery. I isolate the role of these monuments from that of the underlying shifts in ideology and find that monuments directly impacted African Americans' migration patterns, both at the time of construction and today. Historically, I show that southern counties with monuments experienced a sharp decline in the African American share of the population following the construction. Individual-level data confirm this effect was driven by African Americans' out-migration. I then exploit the presence of a quasi-monopolist producer of Confederate monuments to construct an instrument for the stock of monuments based on transportation costs and the years in which the producer was active. The instrumental-variable analysis confirms that an exogenously higher stock of monuments caused a substantial reduction of the African American share of the population. In the contemporary context, I conduct an online experiment to assess whether monuments continue influencing migration choices. I randomize the presence of Confederate monuments in the visual description of hypothetical destination cities and I ask respondents to consider job offers located there. I find that respondents ask higher reservation wages and are substantially less likely to accept job offers if the city has a monument. The effect for African Americans is twice the size for whites in the South.

OTHER RESEARCH PAPERS

Coordination and Incumbency Advantage in Multi-Party Systems. Evidence from French Elections
with Kevin Dano, Vincenzo Galasso, Caroline Le Penneec and Vincent Pons 2023

R&R Journal of the European Economic Association

Vote Early and Vote Often? Detecting Electoral Fraud from the Timing of 19th Century Elections
with Brian Knight 2023

R&R Journal of Public Economics

Immigrant Enfranchisement and Integration: Evidence from Italy
with Stephanie Kang 2023

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Brown University, Economics Department Providence, RI
Research Assistant for Professor Jesse Bruhn 2022

Brown University, Economics Department Providence, RI
Research Assistant for Professor Brian Knight 2020

Bocconi University Milan, Italy
Research Assistant for Professor Stefano Caselli 2018

Bocconi University Milan, Italy
Research Assistant for Professor Nicola Pavoni 2017

Bocconi University Research Assistant for Professor Vincenzo Galasso	Milan, Italy 2016
BRAC Uganda Research and Evaluation Unit Summer Internship for Professor Vittorio Bassi	Kampala, Uganda 2016
General Consulate of Chile in Milan: ProChile, Commercial Office Summer Internship	Milan, Italy 2015

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant at Brown University

- Honors Tutorial for Economics Majors (*Professor: Neil Thakral*) Fall 2023-Spring 2024
- Honors Tutorial for Economics Majors (*Professor: Emily Oster*) Fall 2022-Spring 2023
- Theory of Behavioral Economics (*Professor: Geoffroy de Clippel*) Fall 2021
- The Economy of China since 1949 (*Professor: Louis Putterman*) Spring 2020
- Race Inequality in the United States (*Professor: Glenn Loury*) Fall 2019

SCHOLARSHIPS, RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Brown University Teaching Award 2023
- Orlando Bravo Center for Economic Research Award (\$1600) Fall 2023
- Orlando Bravo Center for Economic Research Award (\$1400) Fall 2022
- Brown University Economics Department Award (\$1000) Spring 2022
- Orlando Bravo Center for Economic Research Award (\$500) Fall 2021
- Shoukang Lin Graduate Fellowship, Brown University 2022 - 2023
- Graduate Student Scholarship, Brown University 2018 - 2022

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Conferences:** The Political Economy of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era Conference 2023; NEUDC 2023
- **Referee:** American Economic Journal: Economic Policy (x3); European Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Public Economics

COMPUTER SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

- **Software:** Stata, QGIS, R, Prolific, Qualtrics, LaTeX
- **Languages:** Italian (native), English and Spanish