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## Education

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- 2018 BOSTON COLLEGE, CHESTNUT HILL, MA  
Ph.D. Candidate in Economics  
Committee: Claudia Olivetti, Robert Margo, and S Anukriti
- 2010 MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MI  
B.S. in Mathematics (*Dean's List, Honors*)  
B.S. in Economics (*Dean's List, Honors*)

## Fields

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Labor, Health, and Public Economics

## Job Market Paper

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“The Long-term Impact of Public Health Measures Targeting Children”

This paper estimates the long-run impact of childhood exposure to public health initiatives on adult human capital. From 1908 to 1933, local governments in the United States instituted county-level health departments (CHDs) that provided sanitation and health services geared toward children. To estimate the long-term benefits, I exploit variation in the timing, location, and age of CHD exposure. Children treated under the age of five show later-life earnings improvements of three to four percent. I investigate the mechanisms underlying this effect and demonstrate that higher earnings emerge from better adult health, measured by cognition, body mass index, and the probability of living to age 80.

## Working Papers

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“Explaining Declines in U.S. Rural Mortality, 1910-1933: The Role of County Health Departments”  
(Revise and Resubmit, *Explorations in Economic History*)

“The Political Economy of Local Public Health”

## Research in Progress

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“Public Health Spillovers: City Infrastructure Investments and the Nearest Neighbor Effect”

“Revisiting the Rural Mortality Decline in the United States, 1890-1930”

“The Household Bargaining Effects of Divorce Legalization: Evidence from Chile”

“Divorce Laws and Women’s Bargaining Power: A Combined Reduced Form-Structural Approach”  
(with Jacob Penglase)

## Teaching Experience

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INSTRUCTOR	BOSTON COLLEGE, CHESTNUT HILL, MA Statistics Fall 2015 – Evaluations: 4.48 and 4.79* Statistics Spring 2015 – Evaluation: 4.58
TEACHING ASSISTANT	BOSTON COLLEGE, CHESTNUT HILL, MA Statistics Stata Lab Fall 2016 – Evaluations: 4.54 and 4.24 Statistics Stata Lab Spring 2016 – Evaluations: 4.58 and 4.57 Statistics Stata Lab Fall 2014 – Evaluations: 4.50 and 4.53
TEACHING ASSISTANT	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MI Head Macroeconomics Teaching Assistant (2010) Microeconomics Teaching Assistant (2009)

\* Note: All teaching evaluations are out of 5.00.

## Awards and Honors

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- Graduate Student Workshop, Western Economic Association International (2017)
- Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Teaching Fellow (2016)
- Boston College GIS Contest: 1st Prize Winner (2016)
- Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award, Teaching Assistant (2015)

## Conferences

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PAPERS AND POSTERS PRESENTED: Boston College Human and Economic Development Workshop (scheduled), Harvard Economic History Lunch (2017), Western Economic Association International (2017), NBER Summer Institute (DAE) (2016), Economic History Association Annual Meeting (2016), Midwest Economic Association Annual Conference (2010)

## Research and Professional Experience

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RESEARCH ASSISTANT	BOSTON COLLEGE (2012-2017) Claudia Olivetti, Scott Fulford, Can Erbil, Mathis Wagner, Joseph Quinn
ANALYST	ANALYSIS GROUP, BOSTON, MA (2012-2013)
ANALYST	KEYSTONE STRATEGY, NEW YORK CITY, NY (2012)
RESEARCH ASSISTANT	CENTER FOR RETIREMENT RESEARCH (2011)
RESEARCH ASSISTANT	MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (2008-2009)

## Skills

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Stata, SAS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ArcGis, SQL Server, Matlab

## References

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