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**EMPLOYMENT**

Assistant Professor of International Health Economics Harvard School of Public Health	July 2008 - present
Post-doctoral Fellow, Program on the Global Demography of Aging, Harvard School of Public Health	2006-2008

**UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDIES**

Ph.D. in Economics, Bocconi University, Milan, Italy	2001-2006
Master of Arts in Applied Economics, University of Michigan,	1998-1999
Magister in International Economic Sciences, University of Innsbruck, Austria,	1991-1997

**PUBLICATIONS**

“Elite Institutions and Inequality,” (with Andreas Bergh), forthcoming *European Economic Review*  
“Higher Education Policy, Enrollment and Income Inequality,” (with Andreas Bergh), *Social Science Quarterly*, 89(1), 217-235, March 2008  
“Urbanization and the Wealth of Nations” (with David E. Bloom and David Canning), *Science*, vol. 319, no. 5864, 772 - 775, February 8, 2008  
“Does Age Structure Forecast Economic Growth?” (with David Bloom, David Canning and Jocelyn Finlay), *International Journal of Forecasting*, 23(4), 569-585, December 2007

**PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

“Fertility, Female Labor Force Participation, and the Demographic Dividend,” (with David Bloom, David Canning and Jocelyn Finlay), January 2009  
“The Cost of Low Fertility in Europe,” (with David Bloom, David Canning and Jocelyn Finlay), October 2008  
“Determinants of International Emergency Aid — Humanitarian Need Only?” (with Silvia Redaelli), July 2007  
“Realizing the Demographic Dividend — Is Africa Different?” (with David Bloom, David Canning and Jocelyn Finlay), *African Economic Research Consortium*, March 2007  
“The Political Economy of Tertiary Education”, July 2007

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

“Aging, Social Security and Male Labor Supply,” (with David Bloom, David Canning and Jocelyn Finlay), January 2009  
“Altruism, Bequest and Human Capital — A Positive Theory on PAYGO Social Security Systems,” March 2007

- “College Education and Fertility Outcomes: Solving the Expectation Puzzle,” April 2008
- “HIV and Fertility: Long-term Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa”, (joint with Sebastian Linnemayr), September 2008
- "Maternal Employment and Child Health", (joint with Sumanta Mukherjee), November 2008
- “Population Aging and Economic Growth” (with David Bloom and David Canning), July 2008
- “Sanitation and Child Mortality in Sub-Saharan Africa,” (with Isabel Günther), August 2008
- “Understanding Bequest Motives — An Empirical Analysis of Intergenerational Transfers,” (with Laura Puzzello and Silvia Redaelli), *DNB Working Paper 42*
- “Urban Settlement: Data, Measures, and Trends,” (with David Bloom, David Canning, Tarun Khanna and Patrick Salyer), *PGDA Working Paper 29*, 2007

## ONGOING FIELD WORK

### *Evaluating the Effects of Large Scale Health Interventions in Developing Countries: The Zambian Malaria Initiative*

Joint with Nava Ashraf and David Weil

July 2008 - June 2009

Funded by: NBER Africa Project

This project aims at evaluating the short and long-run economic impacts of a large scale health intervention by analyzing the current anti-malaria campaign in Zambia. The campaign aims at a reduction in the health burden generated by Malaria of at least 75%. We investigate the degree to which these improvements in health have improved other aspects of the real economy. Does better health lead to higher productivity? Does it increase school enrollment?

Role on project: PI.

### *The Accra Time Use and Health Study*

PI: Allan Hill and Ernest Aryeetey

October 2008 - December 2009

Funded by: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

This project aims at a better understanding of the link between health and wealth on the household level. The main idea is to closely follow a sub-sample of 800 households of the women interviewed in the WHSA-II over a period of three months each. To cover all seasons, we will spread out the survey over a period of 15 months. By compiling daily diaries of the health and economic status of each household member we aim at getting a better understanding of the total health burden in everyday life. The collection of daily activity data will allow us to quantify the burden of ill health for the average household in Accra and provide a rich data framework to investigate the determinants and causes of ill health at the household level.

Role on project: Co-investigator

### *The Accra Women's Health Study II.*

PI: John Weeks

September 2008 – April

2009

Funded by: NIH, National Institute for Child Health and Development, reference Number 5R01HD54906-2

This study was designed to measure & describe the magnitude of the burden of communicable & non-communicable disease amongst a representative sample of 3200 adolescent & adult women aged 18 & over living in the Accra Metropolitan Area. The study involved the collection of information on both reproductive & general health from household interview surveys, comprehensive clinical history & physical examinations, laboratory & radiographic analyses. Initially designed as a single round cross-sectional study, the project intends to re-interview the participating women 5 years after the initial interview & thereafter convert the study into a longitudinal study of the changing health of the initial cohort of Accra women.

Role on project: Consultant

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

Referee: Demography, European Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Forecasting.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

- 2009                   ASSA Meeting San Francisco  
3rd Annual Research Conference on Population, Reproductive Health and  
Economic Development, Dublin, Ireland
- 2008                   AIID Workshop "The Economic Consequences of HIV/AIDS", Amsterdam  
SEA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.  
PAA Annual Meeting New Orleans  
UCT Cape Town  
DIW Berlin  
University of Copenhagen  
Baruch College - CUNY
- 2007                   WIDER Urbanization Workshop London  
Hewlett PRB Annual Conference Arusha, Tanzania  
PAA Annual Meeting, New York City

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Fall 2007           PIH274 Applied Quantitative Methods, Harvard School of Public Health,  
Instructor
- Spring 2006       Advanced Macroeconomics, Bocconi University, TA for Prof. Giavazzi
- Spring 2006       Political Economics, Bocconi University, TA for Prof. Tabellini
- Spring 2005       Microeconomics 5014, Bocconi University, TA for Prof. Messner
- Fall 2004           Macroeconomics 5044, Bocconi University, TA for Prof. Soderstrom
- Fall 2004           Macroeconomics 5044, Bocconi University, TA for Prof. Sala
- Spring 2003       Comparative Political Economics, Bocconi University, TA for Prof. Galasso
- Fall 2002           Microeconomics 1.1, Bocconi University, TA for Prof. Messner
- Fall 2002           Microeconomics 1.2, Bocconi University, TA for Prof. Montesano

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2000 - 2001       Ford of Europe, European Research Economist
- Summer  
1999               Ford Motor Company Global Headquarters, Research Assistant

## **HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2001-2006       Ph.D. Fellowship Bocconi University
- 1999               Austrian Government Grant for Foreign Studies
- 1998               Fulbright Scholarship

## **LANGUAGES**

- German           Native
- English           Fluent
- Italian           Fluent
- French           Oral fluency
- Spanish           Basic knowledge