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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Health Economics, expected 2021
Faculty Advisors: William H. Dow, Lia C.H. Fernald, Paul Gertler, Jonathan Kolstad
Minor Fields: Development and Labor Economics
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Economics (concurrent), 2019
- B.A. Harvard University, Social Studies, *magna cum laude*, 2013
Senior Thesis: “Rights within Reach: Implementing Maternal Health Care Rights for Colombia’s Displaced Women”

RESEARCH AREAS

Economics: Development Economics, Health Economics, Labor Economics

Global Health Policy: Maternal and Child Health, Quality of Care, Health Workforce

WORKING PAPERS

- **Maria Dieci**, Juan J. Llibre-Rodriguez, Daisy Acosta, William H. Dow. “Cuba’s Cardiovascular Risk Factors: International Comparison of Levels and Education Gradients”
- **Maria Dieci**, Zachary Wagner-Rubin, Willa Friedman, Sarah Burgess, Jessica Vandermark, Sandra McCoy, Manisha Shah, William H. Dow. “Measuring Family Planning Provider Bias: A Discrete Choice Experiment Among Burkinabe, Pakistani, and Tanzanian Providers”
- Alexa M. Magyari, **Maria Dieci**, Jung G. Kim. “Changes in the Number and Types of Interventions Used in Childbirth Following the 2003 and 2011 Resident Duty-Hour Reforms”

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- Impact evaluation on the effects of patient and provider incentives on appropriate malaria care in private pharmacies in Kenya leveraging a novel digital point of sale technology (with Paul Gertler and Jonathan Kolstad). Project funded, piloting work to begin in Spring 2020.
- Impact of early life shocks on child health and cognition outcomes in Madagascar, focus on understanding changes in parental health investments
- Mediation Analysis of cluster-randomized, controlled trial of nutritional supplementation and promotion of responsive parenting in Madagascar (with Lia C.H. Fernald, Emanuela Galasso, Italo Lopez Garcia, and Ann M. Weber)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

2015-2016 Senior Research Associate, Innovations for Poverty Action, Zambia
2013-2015 Research Analyst for Prof. Dean Karlan (Yale), Innovations for Poverty Action

TEACHING

2018-2019 Teaching Assistant, Department of Health Policy, UC Berkeley
Health Economics (undergraduate/graduate), Fall 2018
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
Economic Evaluation and Population Health (graduate, online), Spring 2018, Spring 2019)

SERVICE

2017 – 2019 Department of Health Policy, UC Berkeley
Executive Committee (2018-2020)
Graduate Admissions Committee (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

2020 PAA Annual Meeting (cancelled due to COVID-19); Society for Research in Child Development; UC Berkeley Development Economics Lunch Seminar Series
2019 AHRQ Trainee Conference; Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) Evidence to Action Conference; UC Berkeley Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging Workshop; PAA Annual Meeting
2018 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting; American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon) Conference; International Health Economics Association (iHEA) World Congress
2017 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Trainee Conference
2014 Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Co-Investigator on United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Development Impact Ventures (DIV) Stage II Award # 7200AA18FA00009 for project “A Digital Approach for Targeted Malaria Treatment”, with Paul Gertler, Jonathan Kolstad and Jessica Vernon. (2019-2022)
- UC Berkeley School of Public Health Alumni Association Award (2018-2019)
- Agency for Healthcare and Research Quality (AHRQ) T-32 Fellowship (2018-2019)
- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) T-32 Fellowship (2016-2018)

OTHER INFORMATION

Languages English (native), Italian (native), Spanish (professional), French (proficient)
Programming Stata, R, Matlab, Python, Open Data Kit, QGIS, SQL