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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley
Health Policy (concentration in Health Economics), May 2022
Committee: William Dow (chair), Paul Gertler, Lia Fernald, Jonathan Kolstad

Economics: Health Economics, Development Economics
Global Health Policy: Maternal and Child Health, Quality of Care, Health Workforce
- M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Economics (concurrent), 2019
Minor Fields: Development and Labor Economics
- B.A. Harvard University, Social Studies, *magna cum laude*, 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 - Assistant Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, Emory Rollins School of Public Health, Atlanta, GA
- 2017-2021 Graduate Student Researcher, Division of Health Policy and Management, UC Berkeley
- 2018-2021 Teaching Assistant, Division of Health Policy and Management, UC Berkeley
- 2015-2016 Senior Research Associate, Innovations for Poverty Action, Zambia
- 2013-2015 Research Analyst for Prof. Dean Karlan (Yale), Innovations for Poverty Action

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Dieci, Maria**, Zachary Wagner, Willa Friedman, Sarah Burgess, Jessica Vandermark, Sandra I. McCoy, Manisha Shah, and William H. Dow. "Measuring Family Planning Provider Bias: A Discrete Choice Experiment among Burkinabé, Pakistani, and Tanzanian Providers." *Studies in Family Planning* 52, no. 3 (2021): 299-320. [link](#)
2. **Dieci, Maria**, Juan J. Llibre-Rodriguez, Daisy Acosta, and William H. Dow. "Cuba's cardiovascular risk factors: International comparison of levels and education gradients." *Plos one* 16, no. 3 (2021): e0247831. [link](#)
3. Rosen, Daniel, Jessica Vernon, Rachel Silverman, Elizabeth Juma, **Maria Dieci**, and Prashant Yadav. "Malaria Case Management After the Affordable Medicines Facility for Malaria

(AMFm): Availability, Quality, and Market Share for ACTs in Kenya’s Private Pharmacies,” Center for Global Development Working Paper Series 561 (2020). [link](#)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

1. **Dieci, Maria**, Paul Gertler and Jonathan Kolstad. “Patient vs. provider incentives for malaria care in Kenyan pharmacies: A cluster randomized controlled trial.” [Pre-registration](#). [Draft](#).
2. **Dieci, Maria**, Emanuela Galasso, Lia Fernald, Ann Weber. “Impact of early life shocks on child health and cognition outcomes in Madagascar”

OTHER RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Impact evaluation of pharmacy-based incentives for long acting contraception on women’s access to family planning in Kenya. *Data collection in progress, with Paul Gertler and Carlos Paramo.*
- Process evaluation of group-adaptation of early child development intervention in Madagascar. *Data collection in progress, with Lia C.H. Fernald, Emanuela Galasso, Ann Weber, Caitlin Hemlock, and Lisy Ratsifandrihamanana.*

AWARDS AND HONORS

2022	Richard Scheffler Health Economics Award – Best UC Berkeley PhD Dissertation in the field of Health Economics
2021-2022	Co-PI, Children’s Investment Fund Foundation grant for project “Increasing access to contraceptive choice through targeted incentives: a cluster randomized controlled trial.”, with Paul Gertler. (\$250,000 USD)
2019-2022	Co-PI, United States Agency for International Development, Development Impact Ventures Stage II Award # 7200AA18FA00009 for project “A Digital Approach for Targeted Malaria Treatment”, with Paul Gertler, Jonathan Kolstad and Jessica Vernon. (\$400,000 USD)
2019-2021	Co-PI, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation award for project “A Digital Approach for Targeted Malaria Treatment”, with Paul Gertler, Jonathan Kolstad and Jessica Vernon. (\$320,392 USD)
2019	Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, UC Berkeley
2018-2021	UC Berkeley School of Public Health Alumni Association Award

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021	Center for Global Development and Maisha Meds “New Approaches to Improve Malaria Case Management in the Private Sector” convening, UC Berkeley Development Economics Lunch Seminar Series
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

ACADEMIC SERVICE

MENTORSHIP

Mona Bandov, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UC Berkeley, 2021-2022
Leanne Bardoles, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UC Berkeley, 2021-2022

PEER REVIEW

Studies in Family Planning (2021)

COMMITTEES

Executive Committee, Division of Health Policy and Management, UC Berkeley (2018-2021)
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Division of Health Policy and Management, UC Berkeley (2017-2018)
 Finance & DEI Committees, Berkeley Economists for Equity (2020-2021)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Population Association of America (PAA)
 International Health Economics Association (iHEA)
 American Economic Association (AEA)
 American Society for Health Economists (ASHEcon)

OTHER INFORMATION

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