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EDUCATION

Cornell University Ithaca, NY 2012 – 2017 (Expected)
Economics PhD candidate
• Committee: Robert Frank (co-chaire), Michael Macy (co-chaire), Ori Heffetz.
• Fields of interest: Behavioral Economics, Labor Economics, Social Networks.

Imperial College London London, UK 2007 – 2011
MSci Mathematics, First Class Honours
• MSci Project: *An evolutionary model of the economy.*

French International School Washington, DC 2007
French Baccalaurat Mention Bien, Price of Excellence in Mathematics

French International School Washington, DC 2006
High School Diploma

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

- “Remittances and Relative Concerns in Rural China” A. Akay, O. Bargain, C. Giulletti, J. Robalino and K. Zimmermann, Revise and resubmit *China Economic Review*.
- “Remittances and Well-Being among Rural-to-Urban Migrants in China” A. Akay, C. Giulletti, J. Robalino and K.F. Zimmermann, *Review of Economics of the Household* Vol 12 (3) pp. 517-546, 2013.
- “Entangled economy: An ecosystems approach to modeling systemic level dynamics” J. Robalino and H.J. Jensen, *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications* Vol 392, Issue 4, p. 773-784, 2012.
- “Unemployment Insurance and Labor Supply Incentives” D. Robalino, E. Zylberstajn and J. Robalino, IZA Discussion Paper 5476, 2011.
- “The Economics of Happiness” C. Giulletti, J. Robalino, *Economic Review* (UK magazine), Nov 2012, Volume: 30 Issue: 2 pp.2-4.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Smoking Peer Effects Among Adolescents: Are Popular Kids More Influential? *Job market paper*
I analyze adolescent peer effects on cigarette consumption while considering the ‘popularity’ of peers (i.e., network centrality). I find that most of the aggregate peer effect comes from the smoking propensity of the 20% most popular kids, suggesting a mediation from social status. Indeed, the smoking propensity of the bottom 80% seems to have a negative influence on the probability of smoking in the long run.

Positional Concerns, Consumption Preferences, Labor Supply Choices and Mental Well-being among College Students
I analyze the role of positional concerns in shaping consumption preferences, labor market choices and mental well-being of college students. The first part of the project analyses student survey data using random allocation to college dorms as an exogenous peer group formation. The second part of the project consists of a lab experiment

to measure labor and consumption preferences using a Discrete Choice survey upon a randomized priming exercise designed to make salient the socio economic status of peers.

Social Influence on Controversial Policies

An online experiment using Facebook to analyze social influence regarding controversial policies (e.g., same-sex marriage, abortion) from distinct sources: global influence (i.e., polls nationwide), local influence (friends), experts' influence (e.g., opinion of academics), and identity influence (people with similar demographic backgrounds).

WORK EXPERIENCE

GRA for Professor Claire Lim Ithaca, NY Summer 2015
Assisted with a project analyzing the relationship between CEO compensation and company performance in the electricity market.

GRA for Professor Gary Fields Ithaca, NY Summer 2013; Summer 2014
Assisted with several projects including: A labor market model with dual informal sector, heterogeneity in workers ability and human capital accumulation; Developing a welfare function to help policy makers rank economic performance.

Teaching Assistant Ithaca, NY 2013 – present
Labor economics, Professor Fields; Introduction to Macroeconomics, Professor Basu; Development economics, Professor Fields.

IZA “The Institute for the Study of Labor” Bonn, Germany 2011 – 2012
Worked on two main projects: Assisted with the maintenance and publication of the RUMiCI household survey data. Worked as an RA for the migration team.

Ecuadorian Ministry of Economy Quito, Ecuador August 2009
Worked on a project to estimate the changes in aggregate and sector productivity in Ecuador and their determinants. The analysis was based on National Accounts data and pooled Industry Surveys. Contributed to briefs for senior policymakers.

Kiva Microfunds San Francisco, CA September 2008
Named as one of the top ideas in 2006 by the New York Times Magazine, Kiva is the worlds first online lending marketplace for the working poor. Analyzed the impact of alternative information requirements on borrowers engagement and re-
tainment. Member of the team organizing the annual training for Kiva Fellows.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Fully proficient in

- MatLab
- C
- R
- STATA
- Microsoft Office

LANGUAGES

Fluent in

- English
- French
- Spanish

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND HOBBIES

Lived in Ecuador, United States, UK and Germany. Traveled through Europe, South America, USA, Canada, Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, and Thailand.
Guitar (compose, record); Sailing (Member of sailing racing team in 2003; cruised Seychelles in 2007; Sicily islands in 2011; BVIs in 2013); and Running.