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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Maynooth University, Ireland

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing (TILDA), Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI), Dublin, Ireland

IZA Institute of Labor Economics, Bonn, Germany

Global Labor Organization (GLO)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Population Economics, Labour Economics, Health Economics

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2014-2018

Research Fellow (Economics), TILDA, Trinity College Dublin

2010-2014

Postdoctoral Researcher (Economics), TILDA, Trinity College Dublin

2009-2010

Research Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK

2004-2006

Economic Assistant, DTZ Piedad Consulting, Edinburgh, UK

QUALIFICATIONS

2006-2010

PhD in Economics, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK

2003-2004

MSc in Economic Policy and Management, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK
(distinction)

1998-2003

BA in Economics, University of Ferrara, Italy (110/110 cum laude)

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[1] Mosca, I. O'Sullivan, V. & Wright R.E. (2020) Educational Attainment of the Children of Stay-at-home Mothers: Evidence from the Irish Marriage Bar. *Oxford Economic Papers*

[2] Mosca, I. & Wright R.E. (2020) The Long-term Consequences of the Irish Marriage Bar. *Economic and Social Review* 51(1): 1-34

[3] Mosca, I. & Wright R.E. (2018) The Effect of Retirement on Cognition: Evidence from the Irish Marriage Bar. *Demography* 55(4): 1317-1341

[4] Mosca, I. & Wright R.E. (2016) Height and Cognition at Older Ages: Irish Evidence. *Economics Letters* 149: 98-101

- [5] Mosca, I. & McCrory C. (2016) Personality and Wealth Accumulation Among Older Couples: Do Dispositional Characteristics Pay Dividends? *Journal of Economic Psychology* 56: 1-19
- [6] Mosca, I. & Barrett, A. (2016) The Impact of Adult Child Emigration on the Mental Health of Older Parents. *Journal of Population Economics* 29(3): 687-719
- [7] Mosca, I. & Barrett A. (2016) The Impact of Voluntary and Involuntary Retirement on Mental Health: Evidence from Older Irish Adults. *Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics* 19(1): 33-44
- [8] Hudson, E., Madden, D. & Mosca, I. (2015) A Formal Investigation of Inequalities in Health Behaviours after Age 50 on the Island of Ireland. *Economic and Social Review* 46(2): 233-265
- [9] Barrett, A., Mosca, I. & Whelan, B. (2015) How Well-Informed are Pension Scheme Members on Their Future Pension Benefits? Evidence from Ireland. *Journal of Aging & Social Policy* DOI: 10.1080/08959420.2015.1044817
- [10] Mosca, I. & Kenny, R.A. (2014) Investigating Cross-national Differences in Prevalence of Diagnosed, Measured and Undiagnosed Hypertension: the Case of Ireland and the US. *International Journal of Public Health* 59(5): 759-767
- [11] Mosca, I. (2013) Body Mass Index, Waist Circumference and Employment: Evidence from Older Irish Adults. *Economics and Human Biology* 11(4): 522-533
- [12] Barrett, A. & Mosca, I. (2013) The Psychic Costs of Migration: Evidence from Irish Return Migrants. *Journal of Population Economics* 26(2): 483-506
- [13] Mosca, I., Ní Bhuachalla, B. & Kenny, R.A. (2013) Explaining Significant Differences in Subjective and Objective Measures of Cardiovascular Health: Evidence for the Socioeconomic Gradient in a Population-based Study. *BMC Cardiovascular Disorders* 13(64)
- [14] Barrett, A. & Mosca, I. (2013) Social Isolation, Loneliness and Return Migration: Evidence from Older Irish Adults. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 39(10): 1659-1677
- [15] Barrett A., & Mosca, I. (2013) Increasing the State Pension Age, the Recession and Expected Retirement Ages. *Economic and Social Review* 44(4): 447-472
- [16] Barrett A. & Mosca, I. (2013) Early-life Causes and Later-life Consequences of Migration: Evidence from older Irish Adults. *Journal of Population Ageing* 6(1): 29-45
- [17] Mosca, I. (2009) Impact of Population Ageing on Earnings and Employment in Italy. *Labour* 23(2): 371-395
- [18] Lisenkova, K., Mosca, I. & Wright, R.E. (2008) Ireland and Scotland: Converging or Diverging Demography?. *Scottish Affairs* 64: 18-36

REPORTS

- [1] Ward, M., Mosca, I. & Gibney S. (2018) Volunteering and Social Participation. In Wellbeing and Health in Ireland's over 50s 2009-2016, eds. N. Turner, O. Donoghue, RA Kenny. Dublin: Trinity College Dublin

- [2] Mosca, I. & Nivakoski, S. (2016) *Income Adequacy and Quality of Life in Older Age: Evidence from the First Three Waves of The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing*. Dublin: Trinity College Dublin
- [3] Mosca, I. & Barrett, A. (2014) *A New Look at the Recession and Ireland's Older People: The Emigration of Adult Children and the Mental Health of their Parents*. Dublin: Trinity College Dublin
- [4] Hudson, E., Mosca, I. & O'Sullivan, V. (2014) *The Economic Well-Being of Over 50s and their Children*. In *The Over 50s in a Changing Ireland: Economic Circumstances, Health and Well-Being*, eds. A. Nolan, C. O'Regan, C. Dooley et al. Dublin: Trinity College Dublin
- [5] Mosca, I. & Barrett, A. (2011) *Retirement and Labour Market Participation*. In *Fifty Plus in Ireland 2011: First Results from The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing*. eds. A. Barrett, G. Savva, V. Timonen and R.A. Kenny. Dublin: Trinity College Dublin

WORK IN PROGRESS

- [1] Mosca, I. & Wright R.E. (2021), *Economics of Marriage Bars*. Discussion Paper no. 933, Global Labour Organisation (under review for *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*, ed. K. Zimmermann. Springer Nature)
- [2] Eibich, P., Lorenti A. & Mosca, I. (2021) *Does Retirement Affect Voluntary Work Provision? Evidence from England, Ireland and the U.S.* (revise & resubmit)
- [3] Mosca, I. and Wright, R.E. (2021) *The Relationship between Personality and Employment: Evidence from the Irish Marriage Bar* (under review)
- [4] Mosca, I. & Nolan, A. (2021) *The Long-Term Effects of In-Utero Exposure to Rubella*

TEACHING

2019-2021

Health Economics, Public Economics, Introduction to Microeconomics, Introduction to Macroeconomics, Economics Thesis, Maynooth University

2016-2018

Fundamentals of Economics, Trinity Access Programme, Trinity College Dublin

2016-2017

Guest Lecturer, Master in Social Policy & Master in Economics, University College Dublin

2006-2010

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

2018-2021

Queen's Management School, Queen's University, Belfast; 37th Eurasia Business and Economics Society Conference, Berlin, Germany; Irish Economic Association Annual Conference, Cork, Ireland; Royal Economic Society Annual Conference, University of Sussex, UK; Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany;

2017

Workshop on "Social and Spatial Interactions in the Accumulation of Civic and Human Capital", University of Palermo, Italy (invited speaker); TIES-GRASPA Conference on

Climate and Environment, University of Bergamo, Italy (invited speaker); Scottish Economic Society Annual Conference, Perth, UK; Department of Economics at University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK and University of Bologna, Italy

2016

Population Association of America (PAA) Conference, Washington, US; European Society of Population Economics (ESPE) Annual Conference, Berlin, Germany; Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Oslo, Norway; Munich Center for the Economics of Aging, Germany; University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK; University of Lancaster, UK; University College Dublin, Ireland; National University of Ireland Galway

2015

Economics and Psychology Conference, ESRI, Dublin, Ireland; Irish Economy Conference: Learning from Crisis, Dublin, Ireland

2014

PAA Conference, Boston, US; European Conference on Health Economics, Dublin, Ireland

2013

PAA Conference, New Orleans, US; Centre for Longitudinal Study in Ireland Conference, ESRI Dublin, Ireland

RESEARCH VISITS

February 2018

Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany

May 2017

Department of Economics, University of Bologna, Italy

February 2017 (and January 2016)

Department of Economics, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK

September 2016

Munich Center for the Economics of Aging, Germany and Norwegian Institute of Public Health, Oslo, Norway

February-April 2009

University of Zurich, Switzerland

AWARDS

2017

Excellence in Mental Health Policy and Economics Research Award. Awarded by Editorial Board of *The Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*

Certificate of Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing – *Economics and Human Biology*

2014-2016

Health Research Board (HRB) Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement Award

2012

RAND Scholarship to Attend RAND Summer Institute on the Demography, Economics, Psychology, and Epidemiology of Aging, Santa Monica, California

2006-2010

ESRC (Economic and Social Research Council) PhD Scholarship

2009

ESRC Overseas Institutional Visits Scheme Scholarship

2003-2004

University of Bergamo, Italy and Royal Bank of Scotland MSc Scholarships

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

Demography, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Economic Psychology, Journal of Economic Surveys, The Journal of the Economics of Ageing, Social Science and Medicine, Health Economics, Economics and Human Biology, The European Journal of Health Economics, BMJ Open, Journal of Consumer Affairs, IZA Journal of European Labor Studies, Labour, International Review of Economics and Finance, Research on Aging, International Journal of Social Welfare

TRAINING COURSES ATTENDED (SELECTED)

2012-present

- [1] Speaking with Impact & Communicating with Confidence, Understanding ModernGov, Manchester, UK
- [2] Grant Writing and Interview Skills for Female Academics, Trinity College Dublin
- [3] Online Communication & Reflection: How to Design and Create Online Reflective Activities using Journals, Blogs, Discussion Boards and Wikis in Blackboard, Trinity College Dublin
- [4] Policy Evaluation Methods, CEMMAP, University College London (UCL), UK
- [5] Panel/Longitudinal Data Analysis, CEMMAP, UCL, UK
- [6] Statistical Graphics with STATA, Trinity College Dublin
- [7] Econometrics of Cross Section/Panel Data, CEMMAP, UCL, UK
- [8] Methods for the Analysis of Panel Data in Health, University of York, UK

OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

2014-2018

Coordinator of TILDA Economics Domain

2013-2018

Chair of TILDA/ESRI Socio-Economic Working Group

2010-2018

Developer of TILDA Survey Questionnaire in Relation to Economic and Family Status Modules

MEDIA COVERAGE (SELECTED)

- [1] “Is Retirement Detrimental to Later-life Cognition?” , N-IUSSP, 03/12/2018
- [2] “Income Adequacy and Quality of Life in Older Age”, Interview Given Live on Newstalk Breakfast, 20/06/2017
- [3] “Ignorance Still Prevails for Pension Scheme Members”, The Irish Times, 27/07/2015
- [4] “Waves of Emigration Leave a Legacy of Love and Loss Behind”, The Irish Times, 09/11/2014
- [5] “Mothers of Emigrants More Prone to Depression, Study Finds”, The Irish Times, 04/11/2014

[6] “Skype Has Not Eased Loss for Parents of Emigrant Children”, The Irish Times, 04/11/2014

[7] “Employers’ Bias Leaves Obese Women with Slimmer Job Chances”, The Sunday Times, 08/04/2012

GRANT APPLICATIONS

2015

Contributed to HRB Knowledge Exchange and Dissemination Scheme to ‘Promote Positive Mental Health Messages for the Older Population’ (€60,000)

2013

Co-applicant of Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland Grant to ‘Examine Inequalities in Health and Health Behaviours’ (€15,000)

2011

Contributed to HRB Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement Award 2011/07 to ‘Examine Inequalities in Mental Health with TILDA’ (€794,680)