# ZACHARY PORRECA

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Bocconi University**
Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (Assegno di Ricerca)                           Spring 2023-present
    **Affiliation:** Researcher at CLEAN Research Unit

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

**Centro Ricerche Economiche Nord Sud (CRENoS),**                           Spring 2025-present
    **Affiliated Researcher**

**Social Sciences Research Council (SSRC),**                           Fall 2024-present
    **SSRC-Arnold Ventures Criminal Justice Innovation Fellow**

**Global Labor Organization (GLO), Fellow**                           Spring 2024-present

**Institute for European Policymaking (IEP@BU), Fellow**                           Fall 2023-present

## EDUCATION

**West Virginia University**
Doctor of Philosophy, Economics                           Spring 2023
    **Fields:** (Public and Urban/Regional Economics)
Master of Arts, Economics                           Summer 2022

**Bloomsburg University**
Bachelor of Arts, Economics                           Spring 2020

## PUBLICATIONS

**"Economics of Criminal Governance"**

    with Henry Thompson (in *Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*, 2024)

**"The Right to Counsel: Criminal Prosecution in 19th Century London"**

    with Bryan McCannon (*Economica*, 2024)

**"Bride Kidnapping and Informal Governance Institutions"**

    (*Contemporary Economic Policy*, 2024)

**"Gentrification, Gun Violence, and Drug Markets"**

    (*Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 2023)

**"Synthetic Difference-In-Differences Estimation With Staggered Treatment Timing"**

    (*Economics Letters*, 2022)

**"Assessing Ocean Temperature's Role in Fishery Production"**

    (*Journal of Bioeconomics*, 2021)

## WORKING PAPERS

**"Identifying the General Equilibrium Effects of Narcotics Enforcement"**

(GLO Discussion Paper No. 1455; BAFFI CAREFIN Centre Research Paper No. 227)

**"Murder in the Marketplace"**

(with V. Biagi and A. Cardazzi; GLO Discussion Paper No. 1569)

## OTHER WRITING

**"Se il Fentanyl arriva in Europa"** (*written in Italian*)

(Eco Rivista, 2024)

**"Precision policing: The Kensington Initiative's targeted approach to combating the opioid epidemic"**

(Commentary for the Niskanen Center, 2024)

**"Policy Brief - Inelastic Demand, Rational Consumers, and Drug Policy"**

(IEP@BU Policy Brief, 2024)

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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| **2025** | Alpine Population Conference |
| **2024** | Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Southern Economic Association; IBEO: Urban and Regional Economics; Workshop on the Econ of Crime for Junior Scholars; Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime; Bocconi Summer Crime Workshop; Texas Economics of Crime Workshop; Bocconi Crime Before Christmas Workshop |
| **2023** | Brucchi Luchino Workshop; Southern Economic Association; Bocconi University Summer Crime Workshop; Society of Labor Economists |
| **2022** | Bocconi University Crime Before Christmas Workshop; Southern Economic Association; Ethics, Law, and Social Science of Self-Defense and Firearms Workshop at Saint Anselm College; Slovak Economic Association; Eastern Economic Association; Institute for Humane Studies GradCon; Association of Private Enterprise Education; Texas Economics of Crime Workshop |
| **2021** | 24Hr Conference on Global Organized Crime; North American Association of Fisheries Economists |

## INVITED SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED)

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| **2025** | City, University of London; University of Southampton; University of Pavia; Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia |
| **2024** | Brown University; Applied Young Economists Webinar; Virtual Crime Economics Seminar Series (ViCE); University of Bari Aldo Moro; University of Bolzano; Young Irish Economists Seminar Series (Trinity College); University of Sassari; |
| **2023** | Johannes Kepler University Linz; Masaryk University |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### West Virginia University

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| ECON 201: Introductory Microeconomics | Spring 2023 |
| (Instructor of Record/ Lecturer, 45 hours, Online and asynchronous) | |
| EECON 225- Elementary Business and Economics Statistics | Fall 2022 |
| (Instructor of Record/ Lecturer, 45 hours) | |
| Undergraduate Research Mentor | Summer 2021 |
| Advancing Diversity in Geriatric Research program | |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE- GUEST LECTURES

### Brown University

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| Narcotics Enforcement in the Era of the Opiate Epidemic (Undergraduate level) | Fall 2024 |

### Bocconi University

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| Economics of Crime- Drug Market Disruptions (Masters level) | Spring 2024 |

### University of Sassari

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| Practical Guide to Difference-in-Differences Designs (Masters level) | Spring 2024 |

### Masaryk University

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| Labor Economics- Wage Distribution (Undergraduate level) | Spring 2023 |
| Staggered Difference-in-Differences Designs (Masters level) | Spring 2023 |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE- WORKSHOP

### Center for Free Enterprise Summer Empirical Workshop

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| Text Analysis and Data Basics in R | Summer 2022 |

### University of Sassari and University of Cagliari

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| Text Analysis with Economic Applications Workshop | Spring 2022 |

## HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

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| **Arnold Ventures Grant (2024)** | $24,670; For organizing a small workshop |
| **Institute for Humane Studies Grant (2024)** | Short Term Residency Grant, $3600 |
| **Institute for Humane Studies Grant (2024)** | Hayek Fund, $1000 |
| **ICLE Law & Economics Fellow (2024)** | $2500 |
| **Institute for Humane Studies Grant (2023)** | Hayek Fund, $750 |
| **Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship (2023)** | Summer Research Fellowship, $6000 |
| **Mercatus Center Fellowship (2022)** | Oskar Morgenstern Fellow, $2500 |
| **Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship (2022)** | Publication Accelerator Grant, $5000 |
| **APEE Young Scholars Program (2022)** | |
| **Center for Free Enterprise Grant (2021)** | $800 |
| **Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship (2021)** | Daniel Searle Fellow, $2500 |
| **Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship (2020)** | $8500 |
| **Adam Smith Award in Economics (2020)** | Bloomsburg University award |
| **Margaret Minner Memorial Scholarship (2019)** | |

## INVITED EVENTS AS A PARTICIPANT

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| **Partnering to Transform Corrections Culture in North Dakota** | Summer 2024 |
| **Dondenna- Cornell Gathering** | Summer 2024 |
| **Institute for Humane Studies: Economic and Human Costs of Incarceration Research Discussion** | Spring 2024 |
| **Institute for Humane Studies: Policing Reform Research Discussion** | Fall 2023 |
| **University of Michigan CJARS Training Workshop** | Fall 2023 |
| **International Center for Law and Economics: Big Ideas Workshop on the Economics of Information** | Fall 2023 |
| **Institute for Humane Studies Summer Seminar Series** | Summer 2022 |
| **American Institute for Economic Research** *Harwood Graduate Colloquium* | Spring 2022 |

## VISITING PERIODS

**City University, London** in London, UK (Spring 2025); **Brown University** PPE Center in Providence, Rhode Island, USA (Fall 2024); **University of Sassari** in Sardegna, Italy (Spring 2024); **Masaryk University** in Brno, Czech Republic (Spring 2023)

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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| **Journal Referee** | *Applied Economics*; *Advances in Applied Sociology*; *Contemporary Economic Policy*; *Crime & Delinquency*; *Economic Inquiry*; *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*; *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*; *Management Science*; *Marine Resource Economics*; *Oxford Economic Papers*; *Public Choice*; *Southern Economic Journal* |
| **R Package Contributor** | In bacondecomp package, implementation of fixest::feols processes |
| **R Package Author** | "staggeredSynthDid", Staggered treatment timing for Synthetic DiD; "lpdid", Local Projections DiD Estimator, w/ Alex Cardazzi |
| **Conference Session Organizer** | Southern Economic Association Conference 2024 (4 sessions) |
| **Workshop Organizer** | Workshop on the Impacts of the Opiate Epidemic (Fall 2024) |

## MEMBERSHIPS (PAST AND PRESENT)

American Economic Association, Eastern Economic Association, Association of Private Enterprise Education, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, North American Association of Fisheries Economists, Southern Economics Association, Western Economics Association,

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, Julia, LaTeX, Textual Analysis, Spatial Analysis, Causal Inference, High Performance Computing

## REFERENCES

**Dr. Paolo Pinotti**          Bocconi University          paolo.pinotti@unibocconi.it

**Dr. Bryan McCannon**      Illinois Wesleyan University     bmccanno@iwu.edu

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