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PERSONAL DATA

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026 - PRESENT	UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI <i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i>
FALL 2026	MATERNITY LEAVE
2024 - 2026	UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI <i>Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics</i>
SUMMER 2024	MATERNITY LEAVE
2023 - 2024	AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY <i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i>
FALL 2022	MATERNITY LEAVE
2021 - 2022	SAMFORD UNIVERSITY <i>Assistant Professor of Quantitative Analysis</i>
2020 - 2021	CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA <i>Lecturer in the Department of Economics</i>
2019	GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY <i>Lecturer in the Department of Economics</i>

EDUCATION

2017 - 2021	GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY <i>MA and PhD in Economics</i>
2013 - 2017	CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY <i>BSBA in Economics and Marketing</i>
SPRING 2015	MISIÓN ILAC, Dominican Republic <i>Study and service abroad</i>

RESEARCH

Piano, Ennio E., Bauer, Benjamin W., & Piano, Clara E. (2025). Competition Within the Church: Market Entry and the Rise of Traditional Catholicism in the United States. *Kyklos*.

Piano, Clara E., & Piano, Ennio. E. (2025). Ite Missa Est: The Traditional Latin Mass in England and Wales, 2015–2023. *Journal of Economics, Management and Religion*, 2550006.

Makridis, Christos A., Piano, Clara E., and DeAngelis, Corey. 2025. Remote instruction adversely impacts parental mental health, less among homeschoolers. *Scientific Reports* 15(1): 5351.

- Piano, Clara E.** and Stone, Lyman R. 2024. The Fertility Gap and Economic Freedom. *Contemporary Economic Policy*.
- Piano, Clara E.**, Behr, Rachael, and West, Kacey Reeves. 2024. The Supply and Demand of Marital Contracts: The Case of Same-Sex Marriage. *Public Choice* 198: 237–268.
- Piano, Ennio E. and **Piano, Clara E.** 2023. Bargaining over Beauty: the Economics of Renaissance Art Contracts. *Journal of Law and Economics* 66(2): 225–257.
- Piano, Ennio E. and **Piano, Clara E.** 2023. Contracting Creativity: Patronage and Creative Freedom in the Italian Renaissance Art Market. *European Review of Economic History* 27(3): 311–335.
- Piano, Clara E.** 2022. Autocratic Family Policy. *Constitutional Political Economy* 33: 233–253.
- Piano, Clara E.** 2022. The Family and the State: A Public Choice Perspective. *Austrian Review of Economics* 35: 383–405.
- Jace, Clara E.** and Makridis, Christos A. 2021. Does Marriage Protect Mental Health? Evidence from the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Social Science Quarterly* 102: 2499–2515.
- Jace, Clara E.** and Piano, Ennio E. 2021. *In Persona Christi Capitis*: Agency Problems When God is the Principal. *Journal of Economics, Management, and Religion* 2(1).
- Jace, Clara E.** and Herzberg, Roberta Q. 2021. When Substitutes Become Complements: A Study of Welfare Services in Utah. *Cosmos + Taxis* 9(1+2): 40–58.
- Jace, Clara E.** 2019. An Economic Theory of Economic Analysis: The Case of the School of Salamanca. *Public Choice* 181: 375–397.

Working Papers

- “The Medieval Origins of Spousal Consent” (with Ennio E. Piano)
- “Do Childcare Regulations Widen the Fertility Gap? Evidence from the United States” (with Anna Claire Flowers, Vincent Geloso, and Lyman Stone)
- “Optimism and Fertility” (with Christos A. Makridis)
- “Fertility Rates and Inflation Shocks” (with Ahmed Adesete)
- “Home Economics: The Effect of a Foreign Buyer Tax on Marriages and Births” (with William Moffatt and John Gardner)

Invited Talks

- Taylor University, Public Lecture (Fall 2026)
- KU Leuven, Keynote Address (Fall 2026)
- Portugal, IBF Lecture (Winter 2026)
- UW-Superior, Economics Department Seminar (Fall 2025)
- George Mason University School of Law, *Ribstein Law & Economics Seminar* (Spring 2025)
- Acton University, *Acton Institute* (Summer 2024 and 2025)
- Calihan Lecture, *Acton Institute* (Fall 2024)
- Washington and Lee University School of Law, *Law and Economics Workshop* (Fall 2023)
- Southern Methodist University, *Bridwell Institute* (Spring 2023)
- University of Texas at Austin, *Salem Center for Policy* (Spring 2023)
- Georgia College, *Honors College* (Spring 2022)

The University of New Orleans, *Philosophy Speaker Series* (Fall 2021)

Creighton University, *Menard Family Institute for Economic Inquiry* (Fall 2020)

TEACHING

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI Principles of Micro, Family Economics, & Economics of Religion

AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY Principles of Micro, Principles of Macro, & Business Stats

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY Intro to Data Analytics & Intro to Data Mining

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY Industrial Org., Game Theory, Statistics, & Intermediate Macro

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY International Economic Policy

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2025 - PRESENT	ARCHBRIDGE INSTITUTE <i>Family Policy Scholar</i>
2025 - PRESENT	ACTON INSTITUTE <i>Affiliate Scholar</i>
2025 - PRESENT	CARDUS <i>Senior Fellow</i>
2024 - PRESENT	INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND ECONOMICS <i>Senior Fellow</i>
2025	HERITAGE FOUNDATION <i>Freedom & Opportunity Academic Prize</i>
2024	ACTON INSTITUTE <i>Novak Award</i>
2024	INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR LAW AND ECONOMICS <i>Law and Economics Fellow</i>
2022-2023	THE BRIDWELL INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC FREEDOM <i>Women and Economic Freedom Research Grant</i>
2022	MANUEL H. JOHNSON CENTER FOR POLITICAL ECONOMY <i>Faculty Fellow</i>
2020-2021	THE BRADLEY FOUNDATION <i>Bradley Fellow</i>
2019-2020	INTERCOLLEGIATE STUDIES INSTITUTE <i>Richard M. Weaver Fellow</i>
2018-2021	INSTITUTE FOR HUMANE STUDIES <i>PhD Fellow</i>
2017-2021	MERCATUS CENTER <i>PhD Fellow</i>
2017-2021	E.A. HAYEK PROGRAM <i>Graduate Fellow</i>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2026 - PRESENT	JOURNAL OF MARKETS & MORALITY <i>Managing Editor</i>
2020 - PRESENT	CATHOLIC RESEARCH ECONOMISTS DISCUSSION ORGANIZATION (CREDO) <i>Member (and Service Chair through 2025)</i>
2020 - PRESENT	ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN ECONOMISTS (ACE) <i>Member</i>

Reviewer for the *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, *Journal of Legal Studies*, *Public Choice*, *Applied Economics*, *Eastern Economics Journal*, *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *Journal of Economics, Management, and Religion*, *Marriage & Family Review*, *Review of Austrian Economics*, *Independent Review*, *Journal of Private Enterprise*, *Social Currents*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *European Journal of Population*, *Journal of New Finance*, *Theory and Society*, and *International Journal of Development Issues*.