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POSITIONS

University of Michigan, School of Public Health, Ann Arbor (MI) 2018 -
Assistant Professor, Department of Health Management and Policy

AFFILIATIONS

Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, University of Michigan 2019 -
Global REACH, University of Michigan 2019 -
African Studies Center (ASC), University of Michigan 2018 -
Population Studies Center (PSC), University of Michigan 2018 -

EDUCATION

Duke University, Durham (NC) 2012 - 2018
PhD and MA in Economics
Bocconi University, Milan (Italy) 2009 - 2012
MSc in Economics and Social Sciences
Bocconi University, Milan (Italy) 2006 - 2009
BA in Economics and Social Sciences

RESEARCH

Research Interests: Development Economics, Health Economics, Political Economy

Manuscripts Under Review

- “The Political Economy of Health Epidemics: Evidence from the Ebola Outbreak” *Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Development Economics*
- “The Local Health Impacts of Natural Resources’ Booms in Brazil” *Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Health Economics*
- “Is the Phone Mightier than the Virus? Cell Phone Access and Epidemic Containment Efforts” (with Robert Gonzalez)
- “Profile of a Conspiracy Theorist: The Role of Government Trust and Technology on Misinformation during an Epidemic” (with Robert Gonzalez)
- “Are Behavioral Change Interventions Needed to Make Cash Transfer Programs Work for Children? Experimental Evidence from Myanmar” (with Erica Field)
- “Poverty and Food Insecurity during COVID-19: Telephone survey evidence from mothers in rural and urban Myanmar”. Strategy Support Program, IFPRI Working Paper 03, October 2020 (with Derek Headey, Sophie Goudet, Isabel Lambrecht, Than Zaw Oo, and Russell Toth).
- “How do low-quality medicines reach consumers? A qualitative assessment of the health supply chain and individual perceptions in Myanmar” (with Nicholas Tint Zaw)
- “Direct and opportunity costs related to utilizing maternity waiting homes in rural Zambia” (with Haeun Lee, Jody Lori, Isaac Sakala and Philip Veliz)

- “The effect of savings groups on reproductive health services access and utilization: a scoping review” (with Haeun Lee, Michelle L. Munro-Kramer, Jody Lori, and Philip Veliz)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. **Maffioli EM**, “Collecting Data During an Epidemic: A Novel Mobile Phone Research Method”, *Journal of International Development*, September 2020. doi: 10.1002/jid.3515.
2. **Maffioli EM**, Prudhomme O’Meara W, Turner EL, Mohanan M. “Can individuals’ beliefs help us understand non-adherence to malaria test results? Evidence from rural Kenya”, *Review of Development Economics*, August 2020. DOI: 10.1111/rode.12708.
3. **Maffioli EM**. “Consider inequality: another consequence of the coronavirus epidemic”, *Viewpoints, Journal of Global Health*, June 2020. doi: 10.7189/jogh.10.010359.
4. **Maffioli EM**. “How Is the World Responding to the 2019 Coronavirus Disease Compared to the 2014 West African Ebola Epidemic? The Importance of China as a Player in the Global Economy”, *Perspective Piece, American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, March 2020. doi: 10.4269/ajtmh.20-0135.
5. **Maffioli EM**, Saran I, Mohanan M, Prudhomme O’Meara W. “Does improving appropriate use of malaria medicines change population beliefs in testing and treatment? Evidence from a randomized controlled trial”, *Health Policy and Planning*, March 2020.
6. **Maffioli EM**, Hernandez Rocha TA, Vivas G, Rosales C, Staton C, Nickening Vissoci JR. “Addressing inequalities in medical workforce distribution: Evidence from a quasi-experimental study in Brazil” *BMJ Global Health*, November 2019; 4:e001827. doi: 10.1136/bmjgh-2019-001827.
7. **Maffioli EM**, Mohanan M. “Touching Beliefs: Using Touchscreen Technology to Elicit Subjective Expectations in Survey Research” *PLoS ONE*, November 2018; 13(11): e0207484.
8. Prudhomme O’Meara W, Menya D, Laktabai J, Platt A, Saran I, **Maffioli EM**, et al. “Improving rational use of ACTs through diagnosis-dependent subsidies: Evidence from a cluster-randomized controlled trial in western Kenya”. *PLoS Med*, July 2018; 15(7): e1002607.
9. Saran I, **Maffioli EM**, Menya D, Prudhomme O’Meara W. “Household beliefs about malaria testing and treatment in Western Kenya: the role of health worker adherence to malaria test results”. *Malaria Journal*, August 2017; 16, 349.
10. **Maffioli, EM**. “Is Traditional Male Circumcision Effective as HIV Prevention Strategy? Evidence from Lesotho”. *PLoS ONE*, May 2017; 12 (5): e0177076.
11. Laktabai J, Lesser A, Platt A, **Maffioli EM**, Mohanan M, Menya D, Prudhomme O’Meara W, Turner EL. “An innovative public-private partnership to target subsidized antimalarials: a study protocol for a cluster randomized controlled trial to evaluate a community intervention in Western Kenya”. *BMJ Open*, March 2017; 7(3):e013972.
12. Prudhomme O’Meara W, Mohanan M, Laktabai J, Lesser A, Platt A, **Maffioli EM**, Turner EL, Menya D. “Assessing the independent and combined effects of subsidies for antimalarials and rapid diagnostic testing on fever management decisions in the retail sector: results from a factorial randomised trial in western Kenya”. *BMJ Global Health*, Sept 2016; 1(2):e000101. doi: 10.1136/bmjgh-2016-000101.

Work in Progress

- “A Comparison Between Government and NGO in Delivering Cash Transfers: Who Does Perform Better?” (with Erica Field, Duke University) - *Data analysis*

- “Low-quality Medicines: Protecting the Supply Chain with a Tech Innovation ” (with Kyaw Swar Mya at University of Public Health, Yangon, Myanmar and Nicholus Tint Zaw, Innovations for Poverty Action) - *Pilot completed*
- “Improving the Efficient Use of National Resources in Mozambique” - *Gathering data*
- “Assessing the Impacts of COVID-19 on Food and Nutrition Security in Myanmar” (with IFPRI) - *Data collection ongoing*
- “Fostering Trust in the Government during COVID-19: A collaboration with the Liberian National Public Health Institute to Deliver a Targeted Information Intervention” (with Robert Gonzalez) - *Field work preparation*
- “Collaboration between Government and Ethnic Armed Organizations in the Provision of Social Welfare Programs in Conflict-Affected Myanmar” (with Nicholus Tint Zaw)- *Field work preparation*
- “Community, Health, Agriculture, Nutrition and Gender Empowerment (CHANGE)”, implemented by Catholic Relief Services in Myanmar - *Field work preparation.*

Other research (Policy Reports)

- *Social Pension Qualitative Assessment*, prepared for HelpAge International, 2020 (with Nicholus Tint Zaw)
- “*Maternal and Child Cash Transfer program (LEGACY) in Myanmar – Endline report*”, prepared for Save the Children and LIFT, 2019 (with Erica Field, Nicholus Tint Zaw, Federica Esu, Alexander Fertig)
- “*Maternal and Child Cash Transfer program (LEGACY) in Myanmar – Midline report*”, International Growth Center, 2018 (with Alexander Fertig)
- “*Feasibility Study: Technical options to implement a universal maternal and child cash transfer program in Myanmar*”, IGC, UNICEF, Save the Children, 2015 (with Jenny Hilton)
- “*Leveraging Technology-Enabled Banking Agent Distribution Networks*”, Fino Fintech Foundation, Interim Baseline Report, CIRM (Center for Insurance and Risk Management), 2014 (with Saurabh Sharma and Rupalee Ruchismita)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Introduction to Economic Evaluation, U of Michigan (Master)	2019-2020-2021
Health Policy Challenges in Developing Countries, U of Michigan (Master)	2019-2020-2021
The Economics of Health Management and Policy, U of Michigan (Exec Master)	2019-2020-2021
Field Experiments, Duke University (PhD)	2016
Economics of Global Health, Duke University (Undergraduate) - TA for Prof. Erica Field	2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HelpAge International	January-March 2020
<i>Consultant</i>	<i>Yangon, Myanmar</i>

- Assessment of National Social Pension Program

Duke University	2013 - 2018
<i>Research Assistant</i>	<i>Durham, NC</i>

- Research Assistant for Prof. Erica Field, in Durham, NC on the project “Impact of Rural Microfinance on Poverty and Well-being”.

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- UNICEF, Save the Children, and IGC** May-August 2015
Consultant Yangon, Myanmar
- Consultant for a feasibility study to implement a maternal and child cash transfer program in Myanmar.
- World Bank** February 2012 - June 2012
Research Assistant Milan, Italy
- Research Assistant for Prof. Svensson, Prof. Bjorkman, Dr. de Walque, and Prof. Corno on the project “Short-term financial incentives, sexual behaviour and HIV”.
- World Bank** February 2011 - 2012
Research Manager Maseru, Lesotho
- Research Manager for Prof. Svensson, Prof. Bjorkman, Dr. de Walque, and Prof. Corno on the project “Short-term financial incentives, sexual behaviour and HIV”.
- IGIER** October 2010 - February 2011
Research Assistant Milan, Italy
- Research assistant on several project in development and health economics for Prof. Martina Bjorkman.
- Mimoza Enterprises Finance Pvt. Ltd** Summer 2009
Summer Intern Dehradun, UP, India
- Microfinance

FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE

Maputo, Mozambique	June 2019
Rio de Janeiro and Brasilia, Brazil	July 2017
Yangoon and Pakokku, Myanmar	May 2015, Apr 2016, Sept 2018, May and Dec 2019
Monrovia and Bong County, Liberia	April, July, December 2015, June 2017
Eldoret, Bungoma East, Kenya	July-August, December 2014
Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu, India	July 2013, 2014
Maseru, Lesotho	February 2011-February 2012

PRESENTATIONS

2021 (planned): AEA meetings (January).

2020 (planned): WIDTH seminar, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI (November 19); Webinar organized by IFPRI and LIFT Myanmar (September 15); Barcelona GSE Research Webinar (June 15-16); Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), Oxford UK (March 22-24, *cancelled*); PACDEV, Berkely University (March 14, *virtual*); H2D2 Research Day, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI (March 13, *virtual*); WIDTH seminar, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI (February 20).

2019: Department of Social Welfare, Naypyidaw, Myanmar (December 2); NEUDC, Chicago (October 5-6); International Health Association, Basel, Switzerland (July 13-17); Department of Social Welfare, Naypyidaw, Myanmar (May 30); Global REACH, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI (April 16); WIDTH seminar, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI (March 23); Economic Development Seminar (EDS), Department of Economics, University of Michigan, Ann

Arbor MI (March 22); Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan (March 6); Osaka University, Osaka, Japan (March 4); United2Heal, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI (January 30).

2018: UNICEF initiative, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI (November 6); Results for Development, Washington DC (February 16); IDInsight, San Francisco, CA (February 14); Analysis Group - Economic Consulting and Strategy, Los Angeles, CA (February 13); NERA Economic Consulting, New York City, NY (February 8); School of Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (February 2); Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC (January 25); American Institutes for Research, Washington DC (January 24); IMPAQ International, Washington DC (January 30).

2017: NEUDC, Tufts University, Medford, MA (November 4-5); APPAM Fall Research Conference, Chicago, IL (November 2-4); Annual Congress EEA/ESEM, Lisbon, Portugal (August 21-25); Annual International Conference of the Research Group on Development Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany (June 2017); Development and Political Economics Graduate Student Conference (PACDEV), Stanford University, CA (March 11); Duke University Center for International and Global Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC (April 2017).

2016: CEAR-CSAE Workshop, Eliciting Subjective Beliefs and Risk and Time Preferences in Developing Countries, Georgia State University, Atlanta (October 10-13); Duke Global Health Institute, Scholars' Seminar, Duke University, Durham, NC (February 14).

2015: iHEA, 11th World Congress, Milan, Italy (July 12-15); Department of Social Welfare, Naypyidaw, Myanmar (May 6); PAA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (April 3-May 2); IGC Economics of Ebola Initiative - *invited* (June 12); International Population, Health and Development Lunch, Duke University, Durham, NC (X2).

HONORS AND AWARDS

2017: Conference Travel Award, Graduate School, Duke University

2015-2018: Duke Global Health Scholarship

2014-2017: Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University

2014-2018: Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, Duke University

2011-2012: "Premio all Studio", BCC Treviglio, Italy

GRANTS

Active

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Fostering trust in state authorities during COVID-19 pandemic in Liberia

Source: International Growth Center

Dates: August 2020-March 2021

Amount: 17,000£

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Title: Comparative configurational analysis of SARS-CoV-2 response strategies

Source: US Army Corp of Engineers

Dates: July 2020-September 2020

Amount: 125,000\$

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Fostering trust in state authorities during COVID-19 pandemic in Liberia

Source: Walter J. McNerney Award, University of Michigan

Dates: June 2020-September 2020

Amount: 5,000\$

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Fostering trust in state authorities during COVID-19 pandemic in Liberia

Source: African Social Research Initiative (ASRI), University of Michigan

Dates: June 2020-September 2020

Amount: 7,000\$

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: The role of government and ethnic organizations in the provision of social welfare programs in Kayah State of Myanmar.

Source: International Growth Center

Dates: March 2020-February 2021

Amount: 19,954£

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Improving the efficient use of national resources: a Cost-Effectiveness analysis exercise to guide the Ministry of Health's decisions

Source: International Growth Center

Dates: March-December 2020

Amount: 13,090£

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: The role of government and ethnic organizations in the provision of social welfare programs in Kayah State of Myanmar.

Source: Elizabeth Caroline Crosby, ADVANCE Program, University of Michigan

Dates: January 2020-2021

Amount: 4,200\$

Completed

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Improving the efficiency and effectiveness of Mozambique's primary health care

Source: Center for African Studies, University of Michigan

Dates: July 2019

Amount: 2,000\$

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Low-quality medicines in Myanmar

Source: University of Michigan Office of Global Health

Dates: June - September 2019

Amount: 7,500\$

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: The local health impacts of natural resources' booms in Brazil

Source: Travel Fund, Duke University

Dates: Summer 2017

Amount: 2,500\$

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: The local health impacts of natural resources' booms in Brazil

Source: Duke Brazil Initiative Research Grants

Dates: Summer 2017

Amount: 2,500\$

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: The political economy of health epidemics: Evidence from the Ebola outbreak (Liberia)

Source: Duke Policy Bridge, Sanford School of Public Policy

Dates: 2017

Amount: 3,400\$

Role: Member

Title: Global Challenges in Development Economics, Working Groups on Global Issues

Source: Duke University Center for International and Global Studies (DUCIGS)

Dates: 2016-2017

Amount: 1,000\$

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: The political economy of health epidemics: Evidence from the Ebola outbreak (Liberia)

Source: Global Health Doctoral Dissertation Grant

Dates: March 2016 - March 2017

Amount: 12,000\$

Role: Principal Investigator (with Erica Field)

Title: The health effects and effective delivery of maternal cash transfers in Myanmar

Source: International Growth Center

Dates: 2016-2018

Amount: 145,000£

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: The political economy of health epidemics: Evidence from the Ebola outbreak (Liberia)

Source: Governance Initiative, J-PAL

Dates: 2015

Amount: 5,350\$

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: The political economy of health epidemics: Evidence from the Ebola outbreak (Liberia)

Source: International Growth Center

Dates: 2015-2018

Amount: 63,000£

Role: Principal Investigator

Title: The political economy of health epidemics: Evidence from the Ebola outbreak (Liberia)

Source: Travel Fund, Duke University

Dates: 2015

Amount: 5,000\$

REFEREE

American Economic Review; World Development; Journal of Development Economics; Lancet Infectious Diseases; WHO Bulletin; BMC Health Services Research; BMJ Open; International Journal of Equity in Health; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Risk Management and Healthcare Policy; AIDS Research and Therapy; Policy and Society; Sustainability.

STUDENT ADVISING

Haeun Lee, School of Nursing, University of Michigan (committee member, PhD in progress)

Anna Levashkevich, Economics-Global Health and International Studies (honor thesis supervisor, BA)

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

STATA, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Matlab, R, Survey CTO, CPro.

LANGUAGES

Italian (mother tongue), English (fluent)