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EDUCATION

Brown University, Providence (US)

Expected 05/2026

PhD, Sociology

Dissertation: "Framing Gender-Based Violence as a Social Problem: Cultural and Institutional Changes in 21st Century Italy"

Committee: Susan Short (Chair), Margot Jackson, Andrew Schrank

Exam Areas: Demography, Gender and Sexuality

Brown University, Providence (US)

09/2019 - 05/2022

MA, Sociology

Thesis: "Italian Nonmarital Fertility Ratio: Components of an Unexpected Rise"

Bocconi University, Milan (Italy)

09/2016 - 10/2018

Msc, Economics of Governments and International Organisations

Thesis: "The Gender Revolution: Equality at Home and Reversal in Fertility Decline"

Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

Bocconi University, Milan (Italy)

09/2013 - 10/2016

Bsc, Economics and Social Sciences

Thesis: "Preferences for the Redistribution of Wealth: Analysis Before and After the Crisis"

Final grade: 110/110 cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

Fanelli, E. (2023). "Italian Nonmarital Fertility Ratio: Components of an Unexpected Rise" *Population Research and Policy Review* 42(5): 1–21

Jackson, M.I., and **Fanelli, E.** (2023). "Who Uses the Social Safety Net? Trends in Public Benefit Use among American Households with Children, 1980-2020." *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 706(1)

Fanelli, E., and Profeta, P. (2021). "Fathers' Involvement in the Family, Fertility and Maternal Employment: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe" *Demography* 58(5): 1931–1954.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Fanelli, E. "Who Stands With *Women*? Framing Gender-Based Violence in Two Decades of Italian Press" (Submitted for Review)

Fanelli, E. "Pro-Women Antiviolence Centers and the Judicial Emergence of Violence: Evidence from Italy"

Short, S.E., Zacher, M., **Fanelli, E.**, Baum, D.S. “The Contribution of Education to the Growing Gender Divide in Feelings towards Feminists”

Billari, F.C., **Fanelli, E.**, Saita, F., and Lusardi, A. “Financialization Divides: Intersectional Inequalities in Financial Literacy and Inclusion” (Submitted for Review)

PRESENTATIONS

Fanelli, E. (2025, April). “*Pro-Women Antiviolence Centers and the Judicial Emergence of Violence: Evidence from Italy*.” Oral presentation at PAA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

Short, S.E., **Fanelli, E.**, Zacher, M. and Baum, D.S. (2025, April). “*The Contribution of Education to the Growing Gender Divide in Feelings towards Feminists*.” Oral presentation by Susan Short at PAA Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

Fanelli, E. (2024, August). “*Framing Gender-Based Violence Over 30 Years of Italian Press*.” Oral presentation at ESA Annual Conference, Porto (PT)

Billari, F.C., **Fanelli, E.**, Lusardi, A. and Saita, F. (2024, April). “*The Financialization Divide: Inequalities and Intersectionality in Financial Literacy and Inclusion*.” Poster presentation at PAA Annual Meeting, Columbus (OH)

Billari, F.C., **Fanelli, E.**, Lusardi, A. and Saita, F. (2023, August). “*The Financialization Divide: Inequalities and Intersectionality in Financial Literacy and Inclusion*.” Roundtables presentation at ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia (PA)

Fanelli, E. (2022, April). “*Italian non-marital fertility ratio: Components of an unexpected rise*.” Oral presentation at PAA Annual Meeting, Atlanta (GA)

Fanelli, E. and Profeta, P. (2019, April). “*Fathers’ Involvement in the Family, Fertility and Maternal Employment: Evidence from Central and Eastern Europe*.” Poster presentation at PAA Annual Meeting (virtual)

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Interdisciplinary Opportunity Award at PSTC, 2024-2025

PSTC International Fellowship, 2022-2023

Brown Doctoral Research Travel Grants (\$1000), summer 2023

Beatrice and Joseph Feinberg Memorial Fund (\$479), summer 2023

Graduate Program in Development Summer Funding (\$2000), summer 2022

Mellon Award for Anthropological Demography (\$1200), summer 2022

Generations and Gender Program (GGP) Master Thesis Awards, 2019

Valeria Solesin Master Thesis Award, 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Brown University, Department of Sociology and PSTC

09/2021 - 05/2022

Providence, US

Research Assistant: "Use of public benefits among American households with children, 1980-2020"

Dondena Research Centre on Social Dynamics and Public Policy

11/2018 - 07/2019

Milan, Italy

Research Assistant: "Gender equality and fertility", "Women's financial literacy"

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (UN)

07/2017 - 10/2017

Santiago de Chile

Intern at the Division of Economic Statistics and National Accounts

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at Brown University, Department of Sociology

Introductory Statistics for Social Research for Margot Jackson

Spring 2021

Introductory Statistics for Social Research for David Lindstrom

Fall 2020

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Institute for Indian Mother and Child (IIMC) Mission

06/2016 - 08/2016

Kolkata, India

Volunteer for the Indian Ngo in the fields of Education and Microfinance

Interviews with beneficiaries and drafting of reports

CERTIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

IT Skills: Stata, SPSS, R, Mallet, Python, Latex, GeoDa, Office Package (ECDL)

Languages: Italian (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), French (intermediate)

Teaching: Teaching Seminar Program Certificate with The Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning