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He has performed the following mentoring and other consultancy activities: Advisor for UNICREDIT, project NEXT in collaboration with Microsoft. March 2016; Invited panel member for the VII Workshop “UniCredit - RegiosS. Le regioni italiane: ciclo economico e dati strutturali” (Italian regions: business cycle and structural data). April 2015; Invited speaker at the “Knowledge Transfer Hot Topic: How Can Public Policy Help Portsmouth's Economy Grow?”, Portsmouth, October 2013. Member of the Advisory Board of CUPESSE (Cultural Pathways to Economic Self-Sufficiency and Entrepreneurship) project financed by the EU. 2013 - 2016.

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 His supervision of PhD students includes: Alessia Arcidiacono, Regional resilience. Started on November 2018; Mustafa Ozer, The Causal Effects of Mother's Education on Vaccination Rates: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Turkey. Completion on 9th November, 2016 (subject to minor amendments). Second supervisor; Menelaos Tasiou, Multiple Criteria Evaluation of Economic Units by Composite Indices. Started in September 2016. First supervisor from September 2016 to November 2017).

He received the following Prizes and Academic recognition: November 2014. Regional Studies Association and Routledge Early Career Award 2014; June 2013. “Neil Rackham prize” for best early career researchers for research published in 2012.

He is currently teaching the following units: Regional Economics, Principles of Econometrics, Tourism Economics. His past teaching activities includes the following units: Local economic Development, Public Sector Economics (undergraduate, unit co-ordinator); Quantitative Economics (undergraduate, unit co-ordinator); Environmental Economics and Sustainability Agenda (undergraduate, unit co-ordinator); Finance and Appraisal (postgraduate, unit co-ordinator); Decision-Making and Resources (postgraduate, unit co-ordinator); Applied Economics: Research Review and Design (undergraduate); Applied Economics: Empirical Research (undergraduate); Independent Study Unit’ (undergraduate); European Business Programme (supervisor, undergraduate); Global Environmental Issues and Concerns (undergraduate); Macroeconomics (undergraduate); Microeconomics (undergraduate)