Elena Pellegrini

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Research Fields

Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Search and Matching, Inequality

Academic Positions

University of Amsterdam — Amsterdam, NL
Assistant Professor of Economics — *2026 - Present*

Tinbergen Institute — Amsterdam, NL
Candidate Fellow — *2026 - Present*

Visiting Positions

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis — Minneapolis, MN
Opportunity & Inclusive Growth Institute Visiting Scholar — *Fall 2026*

Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia — Philadelphia, PA
AEA Summer Economic Fellow — *Summer 2024*

Education

Boston College — Boston, MA
Ph.D., *Economics* — *May 2026*
M.A., *Economics* — *May 2022*

Trinity College — Hartford, CT
B.S., *Economics, Mathematics (Summa cum laude, with Honors)* — *May 2020*

Working Papers

Wealth Inequality and Labor Mobility: The Job Trap (JMP)

Love and the (Superstar) City: Housing Costs and the Geography of Marriage, *with Gabrielle Penrose*

Unemployment Insurance and Wage Dynamics in the Post-Pandemic Labor Market, *with Carter Bryson*

Conferences and Seminars

2026: Colby College, BI Norwegian Business School, Norges Bank, CUNEF, Copenhagen Business School, University of Amsterdam, Bank of Italy, Pomona College, U.S. Census Bureau, Boston College, BSE Summer Forum (macroeconomics of labor markets), SED, University of Bristol, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

2025: Fourth DC Search and Matching Workshop (discussant), Search and Matching (SaM) annual conference (Vilnius University), Midwest Macro (Kansas City Fed), CSWEP session at WEAI (San Francisco), Central Bank Research Association annual meeting (Boston Fed and HBS), Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Boston College, Green Line Macro Meeting, Aarhus Workshop on Labor Economics, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, SEA Annual Meeting (invited session)

2024: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Women in Central Banking Workshop (Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas), Macroeconomics Lunch (Boston College)

Honors, Fellowships and Awards

EEA and UniCredit Foundation

Econ JM Best Paper Award — *November 2025*

Boston College — Boston, MA

GSAS Semester Dissertation Fellowship — *Fall 2024*

Summer Dissertation Fellowship — *Summer 2023*

Donald J. White Teaching Excellence Award — *Spring 2023*

Trinity College — Hartford, CT

The Faculty of Economics Award: most promising professional economist — *Spring 2020*

The Ferguson Prize in Economics: best undergraduate thesis — *Spring 2020*

Marjorie V. Butcher Actuarial Studies and Applied Mathematics Prize — *Spring 2020*

Chi Alpha Sigma Honor Society — *Spring 2020*

Pi Mu Epsilon, national mathematics Honor Society — *Spring 2020*

Refereeing

Journal of Human Resources

Personal

Citizenship: Italian

Interests & skills: Tennis (college team), skiing, hiking, cooking

References

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