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# **EDUCATION**

University of Wisconsin-Madison

PhD Candidate in Agricultural & Applied Economics

Expected May 2021

University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil

M.Sc. in Economics

March, 2016

Thesis: Gender, Skills and Educational Outcomes

Center for the Economics of Human Development (CEHD), University of Chicago

Non-degree visiting student

Fall, Winter 2014-2015

University of Espirito Santo, Vitoria, Brazil

**B.A in Economics** 

August, 2011

### RESEARCH

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Research Assistant to Bradford Barham and Jeremy Foltz

2016 - 2020

The World Bank, Poverty & Equity Global Practice

Consultant (Short-Term Consultant)
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May - August 2017

July 2016

Ayrton Senna Institute & Insper, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Research Professional at eduLab21

July 2015 - June 2016

# TEACHING ASSISTANCE

### University of Wisconsin-Madison

Graduate - PA 880 - Microeconomic Policy Analysis

Fall 2020

Undergraduate - AAE 374 - The Growth and Dev. of Nations in the Global Econ [Eval. 4.8/5]

Spring 2020

University of Sao Paulo

Graduate - Optimization Methods Undergraduate - Macroeconomics II Summer 2014

Fall 2013

# **PUBLISHED PAPERS**

Earnings, Wages, and Poverty Outcomes of US Farm and Low-Skill Workers (Feb, 2020) with Bradford L. Barham and Thomas Hertz. *Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy*. 42: 307-334.

# WORKING PAPERS

Affirmative action, college access and major choice: redistribution and opportunity for social mobility **Job Market Paper** 

Academic engagement, commercialization, and scholarship: empirical evidence from agricultural and life scientists at US land grant universities (Forthcoming) with Bradford L. Barham and Jeremy Foltz. NBER Working Paper #26688, 2020

The enduring pursuit of public science at US land grant universities with Bradford Barham and Jeremy Foltz

Temperature, effort, and achievement: evidence from a large-scale standardized exam in Brazil with Mizuhiro Suzuki

Temperature and bureaucracy: empirical analysis on auditing reports in Brazil with Mizuhiro Suzuki

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Affirmative action and pre-college human capital: evidence from a nation-wide policy in Brazil

Health investments and income shocks: evidence from the United States with Pukitta Chunsuttiwat

Award: 2018 Barbara Forrest Research Paper Prize (Honorable Mention)

# FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (Honorable Mention), AAE Dept., UW-Madison	2020
Research Scholar, The Sadie Collective	2020
Student Research Grant Competition Award, UW-Madison	2020
Scott Kloeck-Jenson International Pre-Dissertation Travel Grant	2019
Department Research Grant, AAE, UW-Madison	2019
Department Travel Grant, AAE, UW-Madison	2019
Barbara Forrest Research Paper Prize (Honorable Mention)	2018
São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP) Thesis Fellowship	2013-2015
FAPESP/BEPE Research Internship Abroad Fellowship	2014-2015
Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES), M.Sc. Fellowship	2013

# Affiliations, Service and Membership

Equity in Hiring Review Committee, AAE UW-Madison	Current
Graduate Research Fellow, Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)	2019-Current
Member of The Brazilian Black Economists Network (PT: REPP)	since 2020
Vice-president Taylor-Hibbard Club, AAE graduate student group	2019-2020
AAE Graduate Committee Student Representative	2018-2019
President Taylor-Hibbard Club, AAE graduate student group	2017-2018

# CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

\* Planned + Invited

Howard University\*+, AEA/ASSA Conference (Poster)

#### 2020

Southern Economics Association (SEA) Annual Meeting (Nov.), Grupo de Estudos em Políticas Públicas<sup>+</sup> (GEPP, Brazil), APPAM Virtual Fall Research Conference, Summer Undergraduate Research Group in Economics<sup>+</sup> (SURGE), Development Economics Workshop - UW-Madison, The Sadie Collective Conference (Poster)

#### 2019

NBER Conference - Economics of Research and Innovation in Agriculture, H2D2 Research Day - University of Michigan (Poster)

### **WORKSHOPS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS**

Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality, University of Chicago

Quant. Methods for Education and Psychology, Univ. of Sao Paulo & Univ. Sao Francisco

Advanced Course on Policy Evaluation, Itau Social Foundation

August, 2017

Feb, 2015

Summer 2014

### LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

SPEAKS: Portuguese (Native), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate), Spanish (Intermediate) PROGRAMMING: Stata, R, Latex

# REFERENCES

Laura Schechter - lschechter@wisc.edu

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