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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Howard University

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

2021 - Present

Northwestern University

Visiting Scholar, School of Education and Social Policy

2023 - Present

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

J-PAL, Invited Researcher for the Latin American and the Caribbean office/JOI

2021 - Present

Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), Graduate Research Fellow

2019 - 2021

University of Chicago, Visiting Researcher, Center for the Econ. of Human Development

2014 - 2015

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016 - 2021

PhD in Agricultural & Applied Economics

University of Sao Paulo

2013 - 2016

M.Sc. in Economics

University of Espirito Santo

2008 - 2011

B.A in Economics

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Barham, B., Foltz, J., Melo, A.P. (2021). The enduring pursuit of public science at US land grant universities. *PLOS ONE*. 16(11).

Barham, B., Melo, A.P., Hertz, T. (2020). Earnings, Wages, and Poverty Outcomes of US Farm and Low-Skill Workers (2020). *Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy*. 42: 307-334.

Book Chapters

Barham, B., Foltz, J., Melo, A.P. (2021). "5. Academic Engagement, Commercialization, and Scholarship: Empirical Evidence from Agricultural and Life Scientists at US Land Grant Universities". *Economics of Research and Innovation in Agriculture*, edited by Petra Moser, Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2021, pp. 179-212.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Working papers:

“Affirmative action, college access and major choice” [R&R, Economics of Education Review]

“Temperature, effort, and achievement”, with Mizuhiro Suzuki

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

“Affirmative action and demand for schooling: evidence from a nation-wide policies”, with Ursula Mello

Registered RCT trials:

AEARCTR-0012396: “Mentorship networks and the early career outcomes of college-educated women,”

with Ursula Mello and Maria Oaquim [Pre-analysis plan: R&R, Journal of Development Economics via Pre-results Review]

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Technical Reports

Melo, A.P; Sundrani, A., Turner, J., and Malamud, O. (2024). How digital platforms provide individualized Learning Experiences in Mathematics across school settings, grades 1-5. Evanston, IL: Center for Education Efficacy, Excellence, and Equity, Northwestern University. <https://e4.northwestern.edu>

GRANTS, HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

Review of Economics and Statistics Fellowship to attend the NBER Summer Institute (2024) [USD 2,000]

Northwestern University (2024): Extension of visiting scholar fellowship, E4, SESP, Northwestern University

Becker and Friedman Institute for Economics (BFI)/BFI Latin American (2024): “Improving inequality in early career outcomes: evidence from a mentorship program targeting first-generation college women in Brazil”, with Ursula Mello and Maria Oaquim [USD 15,000]

J-PAL, Jobs and Opportunity Initiative Brazil (2024): “Mentorship networks and the early career outcomes of college-educated women”, with Ursula Mello and Maria Oaquim [BRL 199,187.00, \approx USD 41,000]

Northwestern University (2023): Visiting scholar fellowship, E4, SESP, Northwestern University

Before 2023: 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)

TEACHING

Howard University

Undergraduate/Graduate - ECON-175/ECOG-204: History of Economic Thought Fall 2022

Undergraduate - ECON-002: Principles of Economics II Spring 2022

Undergraduate - ECON-180: Elementary Statistics for Business and Economics Spring 2022

Undergraduate/Graduate - ECON-175/ECOG-204: History of Economic Thought Fall 2021

University of Wisconsin-Madison (Teaching Assistant)

Graduate - PA 880 - Microeconomic Policy Analysis Fall 2020

Undergraduate - AAE 374 - The Growth and Dev. of Nations in the Global Econ Spring 2020

WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2024

* Planned + Invited

Brazilian Econometric Society Meeting (SBE)*, Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference 2024, Insper⁺, CSWEP CeMENT Workshop, University of Illinois-Chicago⁺

2023

Brazilian Econometric Society Meeting (SBE)⁺, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Meeting (LACEA)⁺, SESP/Northwestern University⁺, Federal University of Paraiba (UFPB)⁺

2022

PUC-Rio⁺ (guest lecturer), APPAM Fall Research Conference, North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), EESP-FGV⁺, NBER SI Development Economics, Universidade Católica de Brasília⁺, Urban Institute⁺, Insper⁺, Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), CSWEP CeMENT Workshop

2021

North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Seminários SBE de Economia Aplicada⁺, PUC-Rio⁺ (guest lecturer), Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Howard University⁺, AEA/ASSA Conference (Poster)

2020

Southern Economics Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, Grupo de Estudos em Políticas Públicas⁺ (GEPP, Brazil), APPAM Virtual Fall Research Conference, Summer Undergraduate Research Group in Economics⁺ (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)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

Referee:

National Science Foundation, Economics of Education Review, Journal of Human Capital

Active Membership:

American Economic Association	since 2020
The Brazilian Black Economists Network (PT: REPP)	since 2020

Professional Service:

Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics (AMIE)	since 2024
AEA Summer and Scholarship Programs - applications reviewer	2024
Mentoring program (Brazilian Network of Black Economists) - founder and co-coordinator	2021-2023
Brazilian Econometric Society Conference - scientific committee	2022

Service (graduate school):

Equity in Hiring Review Committee, AAE UW-Madison	2020-2021
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

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

The World Bank, Poverty & Equity Global Practice

Short-Term Consultant

May - August 2017

Short-Term Consultant

July 2016

Ayrton Senna Institute & Insper, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Research Professional at *eduLab21*

July 2015 - June 2016

MEDIA

[EconomistAs](#) (host: Paula Pereda and Laura Karpuska), [InequalityTalks](#) (host: Clémentine Van Effenterre);
Folha de São Paulo ([Opinion](#), with Michael França); Folha de São Paulo ([interview](#))