

# Ana Paula Melo

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### Howard University

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

Fall 2021 - Current

### Northwestern University

Visiting Scholar, School of Education and Social Policy

Fall 2023 - Current

## OTHER AFFILIATIONS

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**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

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### University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016 - 2021

PhD in Agricultural & Applied Economics

### University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil

2013 - 2016

M.Sc. in Economics

### University of Espirito Santo, Vitoria, Brazil

2008 - 2011

B.A in Economics

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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The enduring pursuit of public science at US land grant universities (2021)

with Bradford L. Barham and Jeremy Foltz. *PLOS ONE*. 16(11).

Earnings, Wages, and Poverty Outcomes of US Farm and Low-Skill Workers (2020)

with Bradford L. Barham and Thomas Hertz. *Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy*. 42: 307-334.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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Academic engagement, commercialization, and scholarship: empirical evidence from agricultural and life scientists at US land grant universities (2021)

with Bradford L. Barham and Jeremy Foltz, NBER Chapters, in: *Economics of Research and Innovation in Agriculture*, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.

## ADVANCED WORK IN PROGRESS

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### *Working papers:*

“Affirmative action, college access and major choice” [R&R]

“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

## WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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### **2024**

\* Planned + Invited

NBER SI\*, Women in Empirical Microeconomics Conference 2024\*, CSWEP CeMENT Workshop\*, University of Illinois-Chicago\*<sup>+</sup>

### **2023**

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

### **2022**

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

### **2021**

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

### **2020**

Southern Economics Association (SEA) Annual Meeting, 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)

## GRANTS, HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

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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

*Graduate School:*

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)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

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*Referee:*

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

*Active Membership:*

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

*Professional Service:*

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| 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):*

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| 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 |

## TEACHING

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### Howard University

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| <i>Undergraduate/Graduate</i> - ECON-175/ECOG-204: History of Economic Thought    | Fall 2022   |
| <i>Undergraduate</i> - ECON-002: Principles of Economics II                       | Spring 2022 |
| <i>Undergraduate</i> - ECON-180: Elementary Statistics for Business and Economics | Spring 2022 |
| <i>Undergraduate/Graduate</i> - ECON-175/ECOG-204: History of Economic Thought    | Fall 2021   |

### University of Wisconsin-Madison (Teaching Assistant)

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| <i>Graduate</i> - PA 880 - Microeconomic Policy Analysis                           | Fall 2020   |
| <i>Undergraduate</i> - AAE 374 - The Growth and Dev. of Nations in the Global Econ | Spring 2020 |

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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### The World Bank, Poverty & Equity Global Practice

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| Consultant (Short-Term Consultant) | May - August 2017 |
| Consultant (Short-Term Consultant) | July 2016         |

### Ayrton Senna Institute & Insper, Sao Paulo, Brazil

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| Research Professional at <i>eduLab21</i> | July 2015 - June 2016 |
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## MEDIA

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