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## Research Fields

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Development Economics, Urban Economics

## Education

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### **Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia**

PhD in Economics

2026 (*expected*)

*Advisors:* Claudio Ferraz, Victor Couture, and Munir Squires

### **Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)**

MA in Economics

2017

BA in Economics

2014

## Publications

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### **Efficiency and equity of input subsidies: experimental evidence from Tanzania**

with Xavier Giné, Shreena Patel, and Ildrim Valley | *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 2022

## Work in progress

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### **Public housing and intergenerational mobility: evidence from Brazil** (*with Gabriel L. Mariante*)

*Abstract:* Public housing is one of the most widespread urban policies, providing subsidized homes to low-income families in both developed and developing countries. While prior studies find that such programs generate only modest effects for adult beneficiaries, their long-term impacts on children remain poorly understood. We study one of the largest public housing initiatives in the world, implemented in Brazil, to examine effects across generations. Consistent with evidence from other contexts, we find that adult beneficiaries experience modest declines in employment. In contrast, their children see transformative gains. Those exposed to public housing at age 11 are 20 percent more likely to have a formal job at age 25 than those first exposed at age 18 or older. The effects are concentrated among families at the bottom of the income distribution and are explained by improved proximity to high quality schools following relocation. Our findings show that the location of public housing is critical for determining its impacts on both adults and children, and for shaping the overall effect of the policy on intergenerational mobility.

**Accessibility, city size, and economic development** (*with Prottoy Akbar, Victor Couture, Gilles Duranton, and Adam Storeygard*)

**Making job training work for the youth** (*with Xavier Giné, Alejandro de la Fuente, and Meritzell Martinez*)

**Standardization and simplification of credit card statements: evidence from a lab experiment** (*with Edgar G. Cortés, Paúl A. de la Cruz, Xavier Giné, Pedro G. León-Nájera, and José Luis Negrin*)

## Work Experience

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### **Analysis Group**

Summer Associate | Montreal, QC, Canada

2025

- Conducted microeconomic analysis using empirical research tools to support expert reports and testimony in litigation cases.
- Produced error-free, detail-oriented deliverables for fast-paced projects, collaborating closely with case teams in a client-focused environment.

**The World Bank**

Research Assistant | Development Research Group | Washington, DC, USA 2017-2020

- Contributed to 15 research projects across 8 countries, including drafting funding proposals, supervising fieldwork, data analysis and presentation of findings.
- Worked alongside researchers, policymakers, and operational staff, playing managerial and supervised roles based on project needs.

**University of British Columbia**

Research Assistant | Vancouver, BC, Canada 2021-2023

- Fieldwork supervision and big data analysis for project “Accessibility, city size, and economic development”, led by Professor Victor Couture (Toronto).
- Supported fundraising and helped foster connections with policymakers and other relevant stakeholders in Kampala and Ghana.

**Teaching Experience**

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**University of British Columbia**

Teaching Assistant | Vancouver, BC, Canada 2021-present

- Introduction to Microeconomics (2025)
- Economic Analysis of the Law (2024)
- Introduction to Macroeconomics (2021-2024)
- The Process of Economic Development (2023)

**Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)**

Teaching Assistant | Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil 2011, 2026

- Political Economy (2016)
- Introduction to Macroeconomics (2011)

**Research Grants**

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**University of British Columbia (UBC)**

*CAD 1,978, Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Research Award* 2025

**Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA)**

*USD 4,542 with Gabriel L. Mariente* 2024

**International Growth Center (IGC)**

*GBP 19,000 with Prottoy Akbar, Victor Couture, Gilles Duranton, and Adam Storeygard* 2023

**Center for Innovative Data in Economic Research (CIDER)**

*CAD 6,000 with Prottoy Akbar, Victor Couture, Gilles Duranton, and Adam Storeygard* 2023

**Awards and Honors**

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**British Columbia Lottery Corporation**

*Graduate Fellowship in Gambling Research* 2024

**University of British Columbia**

*Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF)* 2020-2023

**Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)**

*CAPES scholarship for graduate students* 2015-2017

*Best summer article written by Economics MA student* 2016

**Other**

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**Software:** Stata, R, Python, SurveyCTO, High-performance computing (HPC), Unix, Slurm  
**Languages:** Portuguese (native), English and Spanish (fluent)  
**Citizenship:** Brazil, Canada (Permanent Resident)