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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Urban Economics, Development Economics

Secondary: Political Economy

EDUCATION

PhD in Economics (Expected May 2026)

Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia

MA in Economics

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2017

Master thesis: "The politics of government advertising: evidence from Brazil"

Advised by Professor Claudio Ferraz (PhD UC Berkeley 2006)

BA in Economics

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2014

Senior thesis: "The returns of politics in Brazil" (in Portuguese)

Advised by Professor Claudio Ferraz (PhD UC Berkeley 2006)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia

Classes: The Process of Economic Development (undergraduate level), 2023

Economic Analysis of the Law (undergraduate level), 2024

Introduction to Macroeconomics (undergraduate level), 2021-2023, 2024

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

Classes: Political Economy (undergraduate level), 2016

Introduction to Macroeconomics (undergraduate level), 2011

Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia

Research Assistant under the supervision of Professor Victor Couture, November 2021 – August 2023

Development Research Group, World Bank, Washington, DC

Research Assistant under the supervision of Xavier Giné and David McKenzie, April 2017 – August 2020

Climate Policy Initiative (CPI), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Research Assistant, February - October 2013 and May – June 2018

PUBLICATIONS

Efficiency and Equity of Input Subsidies: Experimental Evidence from Tanzania

with Xavier Giné, Shreena Patel and Ildrim Valley

American Journal of Agricultural Economics 104(5): 1625-1655, 2022

WORKING PAPERS

Beyond the S-curve: Insurance Penetration, Institutional Quality and Financial Market Development

with Xavier Giné, Fiona Stewart and Peter Wrede.

[World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 8925](#), June 2019

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

Public housing and intergenerational mobility: evidence from Brazil

How does the design of public housing determine its short and long-term impacts on low-income households?

with Gabriel Leite Mariante

Effects of homeownership: preliminary evidence from Brazil

How do the impacts of public housing are due to new homeownership vs switching neighborhoods?

Accessibility, city size, and economic development

How does accessibility vary with economic development? Are developing cities inefficiently large?

with Prottoy Akbar, Victor Couture, Gilles Duranton, and Adam Storeygard

Standardization and simplification of credit card statements: evidence from a lab experiment

Does displaying information in a simpler and standardized way help customers understand their credit card statements better?

with Xavier Giné, Edgar Cortés, Paúl de la Cruz, Pedro León and José Luis Negrin

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Development Economics Challenge

USD 4,542 for project “Designing public housing: evidence from cities in Brazil” with Gabriel Mariante

Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), 2024

Graduate Fellowship in Gambling Research

CAD 35,000 for project “Impacts of at-scale public housing: evidence from public lotteries in Brazil”

BC Lottery Corporation, 2024

Call for small research grants

GBP 19,000 for project “Measuring urban accessibility: evidence from Kampala” with Prottoy Akbar, Victor Couture, Gilles Duranton, and Adam Storeygard

International Growth Centre (IGC), 2023

Center for Innovative Data in Economic Research (CIDER)

CAD 6,000 for project “Spatial Sorting of Informal Firms: Evidence from Brazilian cities”

Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia, 2023

Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF)

Vancouver School of Economics, University of British Columbia, 2020-2023

CAPES Scholarship for Graduate Students

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2015

HONORS

Best summer article written by Economics MA student

Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2016

Article: "Government advertising and distributive politics in Brazil" (in Portuguese)

Advised by Professor Claudio Ferraz (PhD UC Berkeley 2006)

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Exchange undergraduate student

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), 2012

PRESENTATIONS IN SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

2019

Advances with Field Experiments (AFE), University of Chicago

OTHER SKILLS

Field Work

Manage Successful Impact Evaluations, Field Coordinator Workshop

Development Impact Evaluation (DIME), World Bank, 2019

Languages

Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (fluent)

Programming Languages and Software Skills

Stata (advanced), R (advanced), LaTeX (advanced)

Matlab (intermediate), Julia (intermediate), Python (beginner)

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