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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 in the world, providing subsidized homes to low-income families in both developed and developing countries. In this paper, we study a large-scale public housing program in Brazil and estimate its effects on both adults and children. We find that adult beneficiaries experience small declines in formal employment. Unlike in other settings, these effects are not driven by spatial isolation, but are instead consistent with modest income effects. In contrast, the impacts on children are large and transformative. Those first exposed to public housing at age 11 are 22 percent more likely to hold a formal job at age 25 than those first exposed at age 18 or older. These gains are concentrated among children from the poorest families and are driven by proximity to high-quality schools.

**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 Meritxell Martínez*)

**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.

## 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” under the supervision of Professor Victor Couture.
- Supported fundraising and helped foster connections with policymakers and other relevant stakeholders in Kampala and Ghana.

## The World Bank

Research Assistant | Washington, DC, USA

2017-2020

- Worked at the Development Research Group under the supervision of Xavier Giné and David McKenzie.
- 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.

## Climate Policy Initiative

Research Assistant | Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

2013

- Provided research support for projects focused on economic and environmental issues in Brazil under the supervision of Dimitri Szerman.
- Managed and processed large administrative datasets from Brazilian government records, including geo-referenced data, ensuring data quality and accuracy for research analysis.

## Teaching Experience

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### University of British Columbia

Teaching Assistant | Vancouver, BC, Canada

2021-present

- *Classes:* 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, 2016

- *Classes:* Political Economy (2016), Introduction to Macroeconomics (2011).

## Research Grants

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- Faculty of Arts Graduate Student Research Award, University of British Columbia 2025
- Development Economics Challenge, CEGA (with Gabriel L. Mariante) 2024
- IGC (with Prottoy Akbar, Victor Couture, Gilles Duranton, and Adam Storeygard) 2023, 2025
- CIDER Small Grants in Innovative Data, University of British Columbia 2023

## Awards and Honors

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- Graduate Fellowship in Gambling Research, British Columbia Lottery Corporation 2024
- Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF), University of British Columbia 2020-2023
- CAPES Scholarship for graduate students 2015-2017

## Other writing

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**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 No. 8925*, 2019.

## Other information

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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)