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Primary Fields: Labor and Development

Secondary Fields: Migration, Political Economy, and Education

Education

2026 - **Ph.D. Economics**, University of California Davis - *Expected Completion: June 2026*

2020 - **M.A. Economics**, Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)

2017 - **B.A. Economics**, University of São Paulo (USP)

Working Papers

- **Sheltering Refugees in Cities: Crime, Public Services, and Voting** (*Job Market Paper*)

This paper studies how the placement of Venezuelan refugee shelters in Boa Vista, Brazil, affected local communities using within-city variation and a differences-in-differences strategy. Despite finding no impacts on crime or public-school congestion, the shelters increased support for far-right candidates and reduced votes for the incumbent. The results suggest that cultural exposure and perceived refugee vulnerability drove the political backlash, and highlight how granular data can reveal important dynamics in attitudes towards migrants.

- **The Impact of Placement Exams on Refugee Children's School Enrollment**
(with Gabriel Koraico - Stanford)
- **Bordering on Effectiveness: The Uneven Impact of Visa Policies**
(with Renan Chicarelli – Duke)

Work in Progress

- **Benefits on the Bench: Workfare, Mental Health, and the Role of the Team**
(with Remy Beauregard - UC Davis)
- **Impact of a Multi-level Intervention on Social Cohesion among Refugee and Host Communities in Uganda**
(with Susan Awor - CEGA fellow)
- **Managing the Refugee Shock: Evidence on Educational Outcomes from Northern Brazil**
(with Gabriel Koraico - Stanford)

Teaching Experience

- **Instructor of Record/Associate Instructor**, Economics of International Immigration, Summer 2024, UC Davis - [Syllabus](#)
- **Teaching Assistant**, 2020–2025, UC Davis - [Evaluations](#)
Courses: Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, International Economic Relations, Principles of Microeconomics, Health Economics, Economics of International Immigration, Public Finance, Analysis of Economic Data, Economic Development, and Economic Development in Weak States.
- **Teaching Assistant**, PUC-Rio, 2019
Courses: Econometrics (MBA)

Presentations

2025-2026 Academic Year

11th Annual All-California Labor Economics Conference (September 2025); Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) (November 2025)*; 2025 APPAM Fall Research Conference (November 2025)*; Southern Economic Association (SEA) 95th Annual Meeting (November 2025)*; ASSA Annual Conference (January 2026)*

(* denotes scheduled)

2024-2025 Academic Year

CEMIR Junior Economist Workshop on Migration Research (October 2024); ASSA Annual Conference (January 2025); The Economics of Migration Junior Seminar (April 2025); 9th Understanding Voluntary and Forced Migration Conference, Lille (May 2025); AEA CSQIEP Economics PhD Student and Early Career Economist Mentoring Conference (July 2025); European Economic Association Meeting (August 2025)

2023-2024 Academic Year

Global Migration Center (UC Davis) (October 2023); Lemman Center at Stanford University (January 2024); Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Immigration Papers Workshop (June 2024)

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- Dean's Summer Graduate Support Award, UC Davis, 2025
- UC Davis Global Leadership Pathway - UC Davis Global Affairs, 2024
- Research Expense Support, Institute for Humane Studies, 2025
- UC Davis Econ. Department Research Award: 2023, 2024, 2025
- UC Davis Econ. Department Travel Award: 2023, 2024, 2025
- UC Davis Econ. Outstanding TA Award: 2021
- UC Davis Teaching Assistantship, 2020-2025
- National Research Council (CNPq) Scholarship for M.A., 2018-2020

Certificates and Summer Schools

- Global Leadership Pathway Certificate - UC Davis Global Affairs
- Exploring DEI to Help Create an Inclusive Workplace Certificate - UC Davis Global Affairs
- Teaching and Learning in Intercultural Settings Certificate - UC Davis Global Affairs
- 2nd Summer School on the "Economics of Migration" 2023 - Mexico City
- RIDGE Summer School (at The 2023 International Economic Association Conference) - Medellin

Additional Employment

- Research Consultant for the Pan-Amazon Project with the World Bank - April to July, 2020

Personal Information

- Citizenship: Brazilian
- Languages: Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (intermediate)
- Programming skills: Stata, R, L^AT_EX

References

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