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Employment

University of California, Davis (UC Davis) Assistant Professor, Department of Economics	2017- present
World Bank Headquarters Consultant, Latin America and Caribbean Region	2009-2010
Consultant, South Asia Region	2010-2011

Education

Harvard University PhD in Business Economics	2017
Thesis: Governance and Organization Limitations on the Delivery of Education	
Advisers: Lawrence Katz, Roland Fryer, Edward Glaeser and Gautam Rao	
Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) M.A. Economics	2009
IBMEC-RJ B.A. Economics	2007

Published Papers

- Corrupting Learning: Evidence from Missing Federal Education Funds in Brazil** (with Claudio Ferraz and Frederico Finan), *Journal of Public Economics*, October 2012, Vol.96, Issues 9-10: 712-726. [\[link\]](#)
- The Performance of Brazil in the WTO's Dispute Resolution System** (with Emanuel Ornelas) *Economia* 9(2), 265-284, May/August 2008 (In portuguese) [\[link\]](#)

Working Papers

Political Turnover, Bureaucratic Turnover and the Quality of Public services (with Mitra Akhtari and Laura Trucco) [\[link\]](#) *Revise and Resubmit, American Economic Review*

Recognizing Performance: How Awards Affect Winners' and Peers' Performance in Brazil [\[link\]](#) formerly distributed as Success Spills Over: How Awards Affect Winners' and Peers' Performance in Brazil

Selected Work in Progress

The Effect of Research Information on Policy Making: Evidence from Brazil (with Jonas Hjort, Gautam Rao, Juan Santini)

Abstract This study is currently in the field and will estimate the extent to which effective policymaking in local government in Brazil is constrained by a lack of access to policy research. Leveraging a unique collaboration with a national confederation of Brazilian municipalities, we will provide relevant findings from existing policy research about how to increase local raised revenues to mayors and their secretaries. Using randomization at the municipality level, we will estimate the effect of such research information on policymakers' beliefs, and on their actual behavior – from low-stakes expressions of support to actual implemented policies. We will relate heterogeneity in responses to government capacity and electoral incentives. Overall, we hope to learn how the policy impact of research can be enhanced, and more generally to better understand how information on effectiveness fits in policymakers' objective function.

Political Turnover and Bureaucratic Disruption: Evidence from Administrative, Employer-employee Matched Data in Brazil (with Mitra Akhtari and Laura Trucco)

Abstract: We study how political turnover, in particular a change in the political party of the mayor in Brazil, affects the turnover and profile of public employees in local governments. We find that when a new party takes office, there is inflation in the size of the bureaucracy: the share of new employees is 11 percentage points higher in municipalities with a new party in office compared to municipalities with no change in the ruling party. The hiring of new employees takes place within the first few months after the new party takes office and is not compensated for with a concurrent or eventual increase in the share of employees that leave the municipal government. We also document the source and destination employment of all those who enter and leave the municipal government and their portfolios in terms of education, prior wages and alignment between prior and current occupation to better understand selection into public office upon a change in the political party of the government.

Seminar Presentations

2019: USC Center for Economic and Social Research (scheduled)

2018: Inter-American Development Bank Research Department Seminar (scheduled); Warwick, Economics Department (scheduled); LSE, Government Department(scheduled); FGV-EESP, Economics department (Brazil)(scheduled); UBC, Economics Department; MIT, Sloan School of Business; UC-Davis Institute for Social Science

2017: UC Davis, joint ARE and Economics department; George Washington University; UCSB, Economics Department; UIUC Economics Department; UC Davis, Economics Department; Bocconi University, Economics Department (Italy); EIEF (Italy); IESE (Spain); FGV-Rio, Economics Department (Brazil); Insper, Economics Department (Brazil)

2011-2016: Harvard Labor and Public Finance Seminar.

Conference Presentations

2017: National Tax Association - 110th Annual Conference on Taxation in Philadelphia; Stockholm School of Economics (SSE)- Public Sector Efficiency in Developing or Transition Countries conference; Harvard-Stanford-MIT-WB Empirical Management conference

2011-2016: The Northeast University Development Consortium (NEUDC)

Honors, Grants & Fellowships and Scientific Committees

Brazilian Econometric Society - <i>Encontro Brasileiro de Econometria</i> (Scientific Committee)	12/2018
CASBS - Stanford Fellowship for Organizations and Their Effectiveness Summer Institute	07/2018
Pacific Conference for Development Economics - UC Davis (Scientific Committee)	March 2018
Lemann Fellow	2016-present
Lemann Brazil Research Fund (US\$102,700)	2018-2019
Harvard dissertation completion fellowship	2016-2017
Lemann Brazil Research Fund (US\$124,590)	2016-2017
Weiss Family Program Fund (US\$75,000)	2015-2016
LEAP - Lab for Economic Applications and Policy Research grant (US\$ 3,000)	2015-2016
Harvard Business school PhD Fellowship	2011-2016

Refereeing

2018 Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Economic Journal, (2×) Journal of Public Economics, , Journal of Human Resources, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Development Economics.

2017 (2×) Journal of Public Economics, (3×) Review of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Development.

2014-2016 American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, (2×) Review of Economics and Statistics; The American Economic Review, *EconomiA* (Brazil), Journal of Public Economics.

Teaching

Main instructor

Analysis of Economic Data (Undergrad), UC davis 2018-present

Development as Good Governments (Graduate), UC davis 2018-present

Teaching Assistant

Public Economics in International Perspective (Graduate)), Harvard Kennedy School of Government (Professor Monica Singhal, 2015); Microeconomics I (Graduate), PUC-Rio (Professor Leonardo Rezende, 2007)

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