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**EDUCATION**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D. in Economics, June 2021  
 Mount Holyoke College, BA in Economics and Mathematics, May 2011

**RESEARCH AREAS**

Development, Trade, Labor

**EMPLOYMENT**

2024- Yale University, Assistant Professor of Economics and Global Affairs  
 2023-2024 Yale University, Cowles Postdoctoral Associate  
 2022-2023 Princeton University, IES Postdoctoral Research Associate  
 2021-2022 Harvard University, EPoD Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
 2015-2021 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Graduate Research Assistant to Benjamin Olken  
 2014-2015 NBER, Research Assistant to Joshua Angrist and Parag Pathak (Full time)  
 IPA, Research Assistant to Michael Kremer (Part time)  
 2011-2014 Cornerstone Research, Analyst (2011-13) and Senior Analyst (2013-14)

**OTHER AFFILIATIONS**

2025- Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development, Affiliate  
 2024- National Bureau of Economic Research, Faculty Research Fellow  
 2024- Cowles Foundation, Research Staff  
 2023- Yale Economic Growth Center, Faculty Affiliate  
 2023- J-PAL Latin America and the Caribbean, Invited Researcher

**TEACHING**

ECON 7703: Empirical Trade and Development: A Practitioner's Guide (PhD)  
 ECON 3380b / GLBL 4102b / EP&E 4314 01: Emerging Markets (Undergraduate)

**PUBLICATIONS**

[Tax Administration versus Tax Rates: Evidence from Corporate Taxation in Indonesia](#), with M. Chatib Basri, Rema Hanna, and Benjamin Olken. *American Economic Review*, 111 (12): 3827-71. (December 2021)

**WORKING PAPERS**

[Trade, Labor Market Concentration, and Wages](#). Revise and Resubmit at the *American Economic Review*.

[Outsourcing, Labor Market Frictions, and Employment](#), with Michael B. Wong.

The Origins of Structural Transformation, with Julieta Caunedo and Kristina Manyшева.

### SELECTED RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Coordination Incentives of Tariff-Rate Quotas with Jorge Florez-Acosta and Diego Jiménez-Hernández.

- Winner of Yale Blue Center Faculty Research Initiative Award.

Wage Transparency Within and Across Firms: Experimental Evidence from Brazil, with Ieda Matavelli and Bobak Pakzad-Hurson.

- Winner of [J-PAL JOI Brasil](#) pilot grant.
- In partnership with *Secretaria de Monitoramento e Avaliação de Políticas Públicas e Assuntos Econômicos, Ministério do Planejamento e Orçamento, Governo Federal do Brasil*.

Employment Preferences of Favela Residents, with Ieda Matavelli, Beatriz Marcoje, and Maria Clara Rodrigues.

- [Data Collection Initiative](#) funded by the [EGC Incubation Fund](#).

### OLDER RESEARCH

[Charter Schools and Suspensions: Evidence from Massachusetts Chapter 222](#).

### PRESENTATIONS

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| 2025 | Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis; World Bank STEG Knowledge For Jobs; Yale Cowles Trade Day; Society of Economic Dynamics (SED, Copenhagen), PEDL Early-Career Researchers Workshop; Latin America and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA, Recife).   |
| 2024 | London School of Economics, Oxford, Nottingham, Arizona State, McGill. NBER Development Fall meeting (Boston), CESifo (Trade, Development and Distortions conference in honor of Penny Goldberg, Munich), Yale Cowles Trade Day, UWisconsin Trade Day, IPA EPSD (Berkeley), Society of Economic Dynamics (SED, Buenos Aires).   |
| 2023 | Princeton University, Boston College, Inter-American Development Bank, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Banco De La República (Colombia), Universidade Federal da Paraíba (PPGE), Universidade Federal de Pernambuco (PIMES). Society of Labor Economists (SOLE, Philadelphia), UCLA Trade Day, NYU Development Trade Day, Columbia Junior Micro-Macro Conference, Yale Cowles Trade Day, Society for Economic Dynamics (SED, Cartagena).  |
| 2022 | <p><i>Job Market Seminars</i>: Berkeley Haas BPP, Brown, Chicago Booth, Columbia (Econ and GSB), Cornell, Duke, Georgetown, Microsoft Research, Northwestern, NYU, Tuck, UBC, University of Michigan, University of Toronto, Wharton BEPP, World Bank, Yale (Econ and SOM).</p> <p><i>Other</i>: NBER SI ITI, NBER SI Development, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, USC, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Johns Hopkins, UWMadison Emerging Scholars, PennState New Faces in International Economics, University of Virginia, University of Hong Kong, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco (PIMES), Development Rookiefest, São Paulo School of Economics (FGV-SP), Insper, PUC Rio, Universidade Federal de Pelotas (PPGOM).</p> |

**EXTERNAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Referee: *American Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Review: Insights, Economic Journal, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Public Economics Plus, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, World Development.*
- Organizer: International Growth Center Firms, Trade, and Development (Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025)  
 Women in International Economics (Fall 2024, Fall 2025)  
 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (Reviewer, Fall 2025)
- Discussant: 2025: Princeton IES Conference, Pretoria-Stellenbosch PhD Workshop in Economics.  
 2023: UPenn Emerging Scholars Conference, DAL-HOU-MEX International Conference.

**RESEARCH GRANTS**

- 2024 JPAL JOI Brasil Pilot Grant  
 Yale Blue Center Faculty Research Initiative Award  
 Yale EGC Incubation Fund

**FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

- 2019 MIT George and Obie Shultz Fund  
 2016 MIT Graduate Fellowship  
 2015 MIT Ida Green Fellowship  
 2011 Phi Beta Kappa (*early induction*), Susan Cane Stone '46 Scholarship  
 2010 Sarah Williston Prize. Scholarships: C. V. Starr, Eulalia Donoso Conde, Nancy Lewin '80  
 2009 Gina Jacobsen Prize in Mathematics, Hubbell Prize for Excellence in French, Datatel Scholarship, Laurel Fellowship for Study Abroad (Sciences Po, Paris), MHC International Internship Program Grant (UNICEF, Thailand)

**LANGUAGES**

Portuguese (native), English (fluent), French (working proficiency), Spanish (working proficiency)