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CURRENT POSITION

International Monetary Fund, Economist Program, September 2024 –
Western Hemisphere Department, September 2024 –

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston, MA, USA, May 2023

M.S., Economics, Barcelona School of Economics, Barcelona, Spain, 2016

B.S., Economics, Humboldt University Berlin, Berlin, Germany, 2014

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Firm Dynamics

PUBLICATIONS

“[Nonprofits in Good Times and Bad Times](#),” (with Christine Exley and Stephen Terry)
Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics 1 (1), 42-79

WORKING PAPERS

“Price of Intelligence: How Should Socially-minded Firms Price and Deploy AI?”, May 2025

“Does Monopsony Matter for Innovation?” January 2025, revise & resubmit, *Econometrica*

“Did R&D Misallocation Contribute to Slower Growth?” October 2024, reject & resubmit,
Review of Economic Studies.

“Optimal Gradualism” (with Pascual Restrepo), February 2024.

“Innovation in an Aging Economy,” October 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

2025: Society for Economic Dynamics Conference; Boston University TPRI Workshop; IMF Jobs, Growth, and Structural Reforms Seminar;

2024: International Monetary Fund; Boston Federal Reserve Bank; Global Entrepreneurship and Innovation Research Conference; Econometric Society European Meetings 2024.

2023: Society for Economic Dynamics Conference; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society; American Economic Association Meetings; University of Toronto, Rotman School of Business–EAP; Imperial College London, Economics; Center for Research in International Economics (CREI) and Universitat Pompeu Fabra; Dartmouth College, Tuck School of Business–Finance; Duke University, Fuqua School of Business–Finance.

2022: European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society; 17th Annual Economics Graduate Student Conference of Washington University in St. Louis; Green Line Macro Meeting.

2021: Workshop on Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation - Ph.D. Workshop; ZEW International Conference on “The German Labor Market in a Globalized World: Trade, Technology, and Demographics.”

2020: Green Line Macro Meeting.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Best Second Year Paper Award, Department of Economics, Boston University, 2019–2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Economist Program, International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC, US, Sept. 2024 –
Associate, Economics Practice, Cornerstone Research, Boston, US, Sept. 2023 – June 2024
Senior Associate, Economic Consulting, Deloitte LLP, London, UK, Sept. 2016 – June 2017

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Professor Pascual Restrepo, Department of Economics, Boston University, 2018–2022
Professor Yuhei Miyauchi, Department of Economics, Boston University, 2020–2021
Professor Christine L. Exley, Negotiation, Organizations & Markets Unit, Harvard Business
School, Summer 2020
Professor Stephen J. Terry, Department of Economics, Boston University, Winter 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, EC704: Advanced Macroeconomics, Department of Economics, Boston
University, Spring 2019
Teaching Assistant, EC 102: Macroeconomics, Department of Economics, Boston University,
Winter 2018

REFeree EXPERIENCE

*The Review of Economic Studies, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Econometrica,
Management Science, Review of Economic Dynamics, Journal of Economic Behavior &
Organization*

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Officer for Graduate Economic Association, Boston University, 2019–2020
Co-organizer of Macro (Summer) Reading Group, Boston University, 2019–2022

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and German.
Intermediate Spanish.

COMPUTER SKILLS: MATLAB, STATA, R, Fortran, LaTeX

CITIZENSHIP/VISA STATUS: Germany/G4

REFERENCES

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