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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, May 2023  
Dissertation Title: *Essays on Innovation and Economic Growth*  
Dissertation Committee: Stephen Terry, Pascual Restrepo, Tarek Hassan  
Chair: David Lagakos

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

“Did R&D Misallocation Contribute to Slower Growth?,” June 2024.  
“Optimal Gradualism” (with Pascual Restrepo), February 2024.  
“Does Monopsony Matter for Innovation?,” November 2023  
“Innovation in an Aging Economy,” October 2023.

## PRESENTATIONS

**2024:** 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, 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 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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### Professor Pascual Restrepo

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