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Education:

The University of British Columbia, Ph.D., Economics. Expected 2024

- Fields: Development Economics, Political Economy
- Committee: Claudio Ferraz (chair), Siwan Anderson, Munir Squires, Cesi Cruz

Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), M.A., Economics. 2017

Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), B.A., Economics. 2014

Working Papers:

“Political Competition When Gangs Rule: Electoral Effects of Territorial Control” (Job market paper)

“When Democracies Refuse to Die: Evaluating a Training Program for New Politicians” (with Ernesto Dal Bó, Claudio Ferraz, and Frederico Finan)

Works in Progress:

“The Expansion of Drug Syndicates and Homicides in Brazil” (with Mariana Carvalho and Vinicius Peçanha)

“‘Coronavirus is Finished’: Beliefs and Behaviours in the Tanzanian Misinformation Bubble” (with Gabriel Brown and Munir Squires)

Published Research:

“Property-level Assessment of Changes in Forest Clearing Patterns: The Need for Tailoring Policy in the Amazon” (with Juliano Assunção, Clarissa Gandour, and Romero Rocha). Land Use Policy, 66 (2017), 2017, pp. 18-27.

Invited Seminars and Presentations:

2023 AEA CSQIEP Queer Economics Ph.D. Student Mentoring Conference, 2021 Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, 2021 Southern Economic Association (SEA), 2015 Economics of Low-Carbon Markets Workshop

Honors, Fellowships, and Awards:

The University of British Columbia:

- President's Academic Excellence Initiative Ph.D. Award, 2020-2023
- Academic Achievement Award (Faculty of Arts Graduate Award), 2017-2022
- International Tuition Award, 2017-2022

Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro

- CAPES Fellowship for M.A. Students, 2015-2016

Research Grants

- Centre for Innovative Data in Economics Research (CIDER), “Mapping Criminal Organizations in Brazil” (November 2020-November 2021, \$11,000)
- Centre for Innovative Data in Economics Research (CIDER), “Beliefs and behavior in a COVID-19 information vacuum: Experimental evidence from Tanzania” (November 2020-November 2021, \$13,800)

Research Assistance:

- Research Assistant to Professor Claudio Ferraz (UBC), 2019-2020
- Research Assistant to Professor Munir Squires (UBC), 2020
- Research Assistant at Climate Policy Initiative/PUC-Rio, 2011-2014

Teaching:

The University of British Columbia:

- Political Economy and Institutions (Ph.D. and M.A. course). Teaching assistant, 2021S.
- The Process of Economic Development (B.A. course). Teaching assistant, 2019S, 2020W, 2021W, 2023W.
- Behavioural Development Economics (B.A. course). Teaching assistant, 2020S, 2022S.
- Introduction to Game Theory and Applications (B.A. course). Teaching assistant, 2017W, 2019W.
- Honors Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis I (B.A. course). Teaching assistant, 2018W.
- Honors Intermediate Macroeconomics I (B.A. course). Teaching assistant, 2018W.

Skills:

Software: Stata, ArcGIS, Latex, R, Matlab

Language: Portuguese (native), English (fluent), Spanish (advanced working proficiency), French (basic working proficiency)

References:

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