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EDUCATION

Stanford Graduate School of Business *PhD Candidate in Political Economics* 2021 - Present

Fields: Political Economics, Public Economics, Development Economics

Committee: Katherine Casey (principal advisor), Caroline Hoxby, Beatriz Magaloni-Kerpel, Juan Carlos Suárez Serrato, Gregory Martin

McGill University, *B.A. Economics and B.A. Political Science* 2017-2021

First Class Honours in Political Science

First Class Honours in Economics

Minor Concentration in Mathematics

Dean's Honour List

RESEARCH PAPERS

Unlocking Tax Compliance: Enforcement and Religious Normative Appeals (JMP)

Co-authored with Wilson Prichard and Niccolò Meriggi

We implement an RCT involving over 6000 property owners to evaluate different strategies to increase tax compliance amidst a broader property tax reform in Kenema, Sierra Leone. We collaborated with the Kenema City Council to introduce a system of communications and a tax court to increase the transparency and accountability of traditional tax enforcement procedures. We also collaborate with religious leaders to motivate tax compliance and provide a rationale for taxation. The experiment shows that receiving enforcement increased compliance by 53.4 p.p., while the sensitization treatment increases compliance by 4.9 p.p. Using a recentered-IV approach, we find evidence of spatial spillovers. Baseline and midline surveys show substantive increases in pro-tax attitudes among all property owners in the city and no evidence of a backlash effect from enforcement. **Status:** Working paper.

Impact of Militarized Policing in Dominican Republic

I build a novel panel dataset that tracks all mixed, police-military, patrolling interventions in Dominican Republic; and all crime incidents that occurred in a particular locality during the period between January 1st, 2023, and June 30th, 2023. I find that these mixed patrols lead to a decrease of 0.011 units of crime during the week after an intervention. I fail to find evidence of spillover effects resulting from the mixed-patrolling interventions. **Status:** Working paper.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Stanford Graduate School of Business, *Graduate Research Assistant* 2022-2024

Worked under the supervision of Professor Katherine Casey. Responsibilities includes research and infield operational support for different projects in Sierra Leone.

Rotman School of Management at University of Toronto, *Research Assistant* 2018-2021

Worked under the supervision of Professor Laura Doering. Responsibilities include research, data analysis and manipulation using Stata.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stanford Graduate School of Business, Course Assistant Winter 2025
POLECON 231: Strategy Beyond Markets. Assisted with leading class activities, grading assignments, and providing support to MBA students.

AWARDS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

International Growth Centre Full Research Grant, £75,000	2024
Local Government Revenue Initiative Grant, €188,664	2024
Local Government Revenue Initiative Grant, USD \$51,165	2024
International Growth Centre Small Projects Fund, £19,000	2024
Charles William Snyder Memorial Scholarship	2020
McGill University Faculty of Arts' Dean Honour List	2018-2021

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

DevPEC, Conference Co-Organizer April 2024
Co-organized the 2024 edition of the student-led Development and Political Economics Conference (DevPEC). The conference is a collaboration between Stanford University's Economics Department and the University of Berkeley's Economics Department. Co-organized with Silvia Farina, Eva Davoine, and Kyra Frye.

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: English (Bilingual), Spanish (Native), French (Advanced), Portuguese (Intermediate), Sierra Leonean Krio (Beginner).

Programming and Statistical Packages: R, Python, Stata, SPSS, SQL.

Citizenship: Dominican Republic. OPT work authorization for three years.