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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

Employment Preferences of Favela Residents, with Beatriz Marcoje, Ieda Matavelli, and Maria Clara Rodrigues.
AEA Papers and Proceedings, vol. 116, pp. 156-161. American Economic Association, 2026.

Tax Administration versus Tax Rates: Evidence from Corporate Taxation in Indonesia, with M. Chatib Basri, Rema Hanna, and Benjamin Olken. *American Economic Review* 111, no. 12 (2021): 3827-3871.

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. *NBER working paper 34172*.

Wage Gap Disclosure in the Tropics, with Pablo Castro, Ieda Matavelli and Bobak Pakzad-Hurson. *Cowles Discussion Paper 2517*.

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

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*.

OLDER RESEARCH

Charter Schools and Suspensions: Evidence from Massachusetts Chapter 222.

PRESENTATIONS

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| 2026 | Devils and Wolves International Economics Series Seminar, Georgetown University, International Monetary Fund Research Department (Fall), El Colegio de Mexico (Keynote, Fall). |
| 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 *Job Market Seminars:* 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).

Other: 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).

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, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, 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)