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Education

- 2021– NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
PhD Candidate in Economics, 4th Year
Fields of interest: Development Economics, Economic History, Innovation
- 2020–2021 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Master of Art in Economics
- 2015–2017 NOVA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS, UNIVERSIDADE NOVA DE LISBOA
Master of Science in Economics
- 2012–2015 UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI PADOVA
Bachelor of Science in Economics and Management
- 2014–2015 UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III DE MADRID
Exchange Program: *Erasmus+*

Research and Teaching Experience

- 2024– **Research Assistant** for Prof. Dean Karlan, Kellogg School of Management
- 2023–2024 **Teaching Assistant**, Northwestern University
- *Economic Development in Africa* (Winter 2024)
 - *Economics of State and Local Governments* (Fall 2023)
- 2022–2023 **Research Assistant** for Profs. Christopher Udry (Department of Economics) and Erika Deserranno (Kellogg School of Management), Northwestern University
- 2018–2020 **Research Assistant**, Development Impact Evaluation (DIME), World Bank, Washington D.C.
Agricultural Adaptations and Natural Resource Management portfolio, run by Florence Kondylis, and Mozambique team, led by Paul J. Christian
- 2016–2018 **Teaching Assistant**, Nova School of Business and Economics
- *Intermediate Macroeconomics*, Undergraduate (Spring 2017 and Fall 2017)
 - *Development Economics*, Undergraduate (Fall 2016)
- Oct–Dec 2017 **Short Term Consultant**, Development Research Group, Finance and Private Sector Development, World Bank.
Project: “Testing Classic Theories of Migration in the Lab”.
Principal Investigators (PIs): Prof. Cátia Batista and David McKenzie.
- Jul–Sep 2017 **Fund Internship Program**, International Monetary Fund, Statistics Department, Government Finance Division, Washington D.C.

- Summer 2016 **Field Research Intern**, NOVAFRICA, Cabo Delgado, Mozambique.
Project: “On the Mechanics of the Natural Resource Curse: Information and Local Elite Behavior in Mozambique”.
PIs: Prof. Alex Armand, Prof. Alexander Coutts, Prof. Pedro C. Vicente, and Inês Vilela.
- Spring 2015 **Intern**, Veneto Agricoltura, Regional Agency for Agriculture, Forestry and Agro-Food – Economy, Market and Competitiveness Department, Legnaro, Italy.

Publications

- “Teacher-Led Innovations to Improve Education Outcomes: Experimental Evidence from Brazil” (2024), with Caio Piza, Astrid Zwager, Rafael Dantas, and André Loureiro, *Journal of Public Economics*, 234, 105123 [10.1016/j.jpubeco.2024.105123]. Replication package in GitHub: [brazil-pip-education](#) and [World Bank’s Reproducible Research Repository](#). Featured in *Development Impact*.
- “Do Private Consultants Promote Savings and Investments in Rural Mozambique?” (2022), with Paul Christian, Steven Glover, Florence Kondylis, Valerie Mueller, and Astrid Zwager, *Agricultural Economics*, 53(1), 22-36 [doi:10.1111/agec.12672]. Replication package in GitHub: [moz-proirri-savings](#).
- “Psychological Factors Influencing Pro-Environmental Behavior in Developing Countries: Evidence from Colombian and Nicaraguan Students” (2020), with Manuel F. Díaz, Andrés Charry, Stefania Sellitti, Karen Enciso, and Stefan Burkart, *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11, 580730 [doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2020.580730].

Working Papers

- “Brigandage and the Political Legacy of Monarchical Legitimacy in Southern Italy”, with Cristoforo Pizzimenti. [Latest draft](#). Submitted.

Selected Work in Progress

Preliminary draft available upon request

“Price Regulation of Agricultural Technology”, with Felipe Berrutti. Awarded the *Susan Schmidt Bies Prize* for best third-year PhD student research papers on topics relevant to analysis of economic policy.

Preliminary slides available upon request

“Local Manufacturing of Productive Inputs and Technology Adoption: Evidence from Nigeria”, with Ricardo Guzman.

Data collection completed, analysis stage

“Low Productivity Traps: Experimental Evidence from Agricultural Extension and Subsidies in Mozambique”, with Paul Christian, Florence Kondylis, John Loeser, and Astrid Zwager.

Policy Briefs and Reports

“Perceptions on Climate Change in Colombia and Nicaragua: Evidence from Higher Education Students”, with Stefan Burkart, Manuel F. Díaz, Karen Enciso, and Stefania Sellitti. June 2019. CIAT Policy Briefs in English (No. 44 & No. 45) and Spanish (No. 44 & No. 45). [Poster](#) in Spanish.

“São Paulo Development and Access to Markets Project – Impact Evaluation Report” with Isabela Furtado, Caio Piza, and Astrid Zwager. November 2018. [Blogpost](#) on *Let’s Talk Development*.

Presentations

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| 2023 | Economic History Lunch, Development Economics Lunch, Graduate Student Seminar: Economics 501 (all Northwestern) |
| 2022 | Graduate Student Seminar (Northwestern), 2022 Special ESA Meeting Buenos Aires |
| 2021 | Development Economics Lunch (Northwestern), XIII Ridge Forum: 14th Annual Meeting Impact Evaluation Network of LACEA |
| 2019/17 | AFR Fiscal Network seminar / STA Brown Bag seminar (both IMF) |

Awards and Grants

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| 2024 | Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern Buffett Institute for Global Affairs |
| 2024 | Exploratory Travel and Piloting Grant, Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics at the University of Chicago |
| 2023 | <i>Susan Schmidt Bies Prize</i> for Doctoral Student Research on Economics and Public Policy, best third-year PhD student research papers on topics relevant to analysis of economic policy, Northwestern University |
| 2022– | Northwestern University Graduate Fellowship |
| 2020–22 | <i>Marco Fanno</i> Scholarship, UniCredit Foundation |
| 2014–15 | <i>Erasmus+</i> grant, European Commission (exchange at UNIVERSIDAD CARLOS III DE MADRID) |

Professional Activity

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| ORGANIZING: | Development Economics Lunch, Northwestern University, 2022–2023; First Graduate Student Event, Global Poverty Research Lab, 2022 |
| MENTORING: | Economics PhD peer mentorship program, Northwestern University, 2022– NOVAFRICA mentorship program, 2022– |
| REFEREEING: | British Educational Research Journal, Economics of Education Review, Journal of African Economies |

Language Skills

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| MOTHER TONGUE: | Italian |
| FLUENT: | English, Portuguese, Spanish |