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Education

- 2021– NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
PhD Candidate in Economics, 5th 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
- 2024– **Short Term Consultant**, Development Impact Evaluation (DIME), World Bank
- 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 Investagors (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 *Safe Schooling* and *Development Impact*. Blogpost on *VoxDev*.
- “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

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.

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.
- “Maximum Wages and Organizational Performance: Evidence from the Liberian Public Sector”, with Erika Deserranno, Jennifer Ljungqvist, Vincent Pons, and Dan Rogger.

Data collection and digitization under way

- “The Origins of the Nitrogen Revolution”, with Christopher Sims.

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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| 2024 | Development Economics Lunch (Northwestern), 28th Annual ICABR Conference |
| 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 | Graduate Research and Conference Travel Grants, Graduate School at Northwestern University; Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern Buffett Institute for Global Affairs; 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: | Graduate Applications International Network (GAIN) mentoring, 2024– Economics PhD peer mentorship program, Northwestern University, 2022– NOAFRICA 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 |