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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Economics, Development Economics, Behavioral Economics

EDUCATION

University of California, Davis *Sep 2021 - Present*
Ph.D. in Economics

Johns Hopkins University *Dec 2017*
M.S. in Applied Economics

National University of Tucuman *Dec 2015*
B.A. in Economics

WORK IN PROGRESS

Enforcing Eligibility in Low-Information Settings: Evidence from Brazil's Bolsa Família Audits *with Carlos Cavalcante*

Laboratories of Democracy? Experimental Evidence on Policy Diffusion between Municipalities in Brazil *with Jonas Hjort, Diana Moreira, Gautam Rao, and Juan Francisco Santini*

PUBLICATIONS

Self-Selection Under Uncertainty: The Role of Capacity Constraints.
Hemispheric Institute on the Americas Graduate Conference Proceedings, UC Davis, 2026, Vol. 2, 25–36

Politicians and Tax Policy: The Role of Preferences and Beliefs
with Diana Moreira, Juan Francisco Santini and Monica Singhal. National Tax Journal, 2025

EXPERIENCE

UCEMA Jul 2026 - Aug 2026
Visiting Professor

World Bank Group Mar 2020 - Sep 2021
Economic Consultant

Inter-American Development Bank Oct 2017 - Feb 2020
Research Assistant

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

National Tax Association Equity and Inclusion Travel Fellowship *2025*

University of California, Davis

Economics Department Research Award	*2025*
Economics Department Travel Award	*2023, 2024, 2025, 2026*
Hemispheric Institute on the Americas - Summer Fellowship	*2024*
Khaled Kheiravar Award - Best First-Year Student	*2022*
Provost's Fellowship	*2021-2022*

TEACHING

University of California, Davis - Department of Economics
Teaching Assistant

Economics of the Labor Market (Undergraduate)	*2026*
Public Economics in International Perspective (Undergraduate)	*2022 - 2025*
Public Finance (Undergraduate)	*2024 - 2025*
Economics of International Immigration (Undergraduate)	*2023 - 2025*

Johns Hopkins University - School of Advanced International Studies
Teaching Assistant

Quantitative Methods II (Graduate)	*2017*

POLICY PAPERS

The World Bank (2021) **Better data for safe economic reactivation** *with Jeremy Veillard, Aakash Mohpal and Gabriel Aguirre Martens*

The World Bank (2021) **Turkish Cypriot Economy – Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Path to Building Back Better** *with Natasha Rovo, Vincent De Paul Belinga Tsoungui, Stefano Curto, Metin Nebiler, İzge Arısal, Mertkan Hamit and Domenico Viganola*

The World Bank (2020) **Moldova: Assessing the impact of COVID-19 and the drought on jobs, firms, and households** *with Natasha Rovo, Stefano Curto and Filip Jolevski*

SKILLS

Programming: STATA, R, Julia, LateX, Matlab, Dynare, E-views
Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (intermediate)

REFERENCES

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