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Education

Ph.D., Economics, University of Notre Dame	2021-Present
M.S., Economics, Federal University of Ceara (UFC)	2018-2020
B.S., *magna cum laude*, Economics, Federal University of Ceara (UFC)	2013-2017

Research Experience

May 2023 - Jul 2023 — **Survey Field Coordinator**
University of Notre Dame – Notre Dame, IN, United States and University of Virginia – Charlottesville, VA, United States.
Field coordinator based in Uganda, supervised by Professor Molly Lipscomb, Ph.D., and Professor Joseph Kaboski, Ph.D., in a project entitled "How Important are Investment Indivisibilities for Development? Understanding Land Investment and its Long-Run Impacts in Uganda".

Aug 2022 - Present — **Research Assistant**
University of Notre Dame – Notre Dame, IN, United States
Research assistantship supervised by Professor Taryn Dinkelman, Ph.D., in a project entitled "Does Education Make Africa Work? Assessing the Impact of Human Capital on Jobs and Political Attitudes in Africa".

Fev 2021 - Jul 2021 — **Researcher**
Research Institute for Technology and Innovation (IPTI) – Aracaju, SE, Brazil
Evaluation of the expansion of the educational program Synapse, developed by IPTI, in partnership with Petrobras.

Aug 2019 - Jul 2021 — **Research Assistant**
Federal University of Ceara (UFC) – Fortaleza, CE, Brazil
Research assistantship supervised by Professor Guilherme Diniz Irffi, Ph.D., in a project focused on Early Childhood entitled "The Importance of Conversation for Early Childhood Language Development".

Nov 2016 - Aug 2017 — **Research Assistant**
Federal University of Ceara (UFC) – Fortaleza, CE, Brazil
Research assistantship supervised by Professor Ricardo Brito, Ph.D., in projects focused on Economics of Education.

Aug 2014 - Jul 2015 — **Research Assistant**
Federal University of Ceara (UFC) – Fortaleza, CE, Brazil
Research assistantship supervised by Professor Sandra Maria dos Santos, Ph.D., in projects focused on Soccer Economics.

Teaching Experience

Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV), School of Public Policy and Government

- **Evidence-Based Decision Making** (Masters) – Teaching Assistant – 2nd Semester 2020.

Federal University of Ceara (UFC), Department of Applied Economics

- **Public Policy** (Undergraduate) – Teaching Assistant – 1st Semester 2020.
- **Economics of Education** (Undergraduate) – Teaching Assistant – 2nd Semester 2019.
- **Public Policy** (Undergraduate) – Teaching Assistant – 1st Semester 2019.

Complementary Courses

· **Advanced Course in Public Policy and Social Projects Evaluation** (Summer Course) – Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV) – 2020.

· **Parental Sensitivity and Attachment Course and Video Feedback Training** – Institute of Early Childhood (IPREDE) – 2017.

Other Work Experience

Sept 2015 -   **English Teacher**
Jan 2016   Speaking Agency – Lyon, Rhone-Alpes, France

Grants and Honors

· **Kellogg Doctoral Student Affiliate** – Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Feb 2023 – Present.

· **Notre Dame Burns Fellow** – Notre Dame Program for Interdisciplinary Educational Research (PIER), Aug 2021 – Present.

· **Masters Scholarship** – National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), Fev 2018 – Aug 2020.

· **Undergraduate Research Fellowship** – Cearense Foundation to Support Scientific and Technological Development (FUNCAP), Nov 2016 – Aug 2017.

· **Undergraduate Research Fellowship** – Institutional Program of Scientific Initiation Fellowships (PIBIC – CNPq), Aug 2014 – Jul 2015.

Other Activities

· **Thesis Committee Member** (Undergraduate) – Lucas Saboya Freire (2021), Federal University of Ceara (UFC).

· **Volunteer Researcher** – Institute of Early Childhood (IPREDE), 2019.

· **Thesis Committee Member** (Undergraduate) – Angelica Caitano da Silva (2018), Federal University of Ceara (UFC).

· **Volunteer Researcher** – Institute of Early Childhood (IPREDE), 2016.

Additional Information

Languages

· Native: Portuguese

· Fluent: English

· Advanced: French

· Intermediate: Spanish

Technical Skills

· Experienced with computational programming in MATLAB

· Experienced with statistical programming in STATA

· Experienced with survey programming in SurveyCTO