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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **University of South Florida - St. Petersburg**
· Department of Economics, *Assistant Professor of Instruction* 2022 - present

University of South Florida
· Department of Economics, *Visiting Assistant Professor* 2019 - 2021

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
· Department of Economics, *Visiting Assistant Professor* 2017 - 2018
· Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL), *Visiting Scholar* 2016 - 2019

Inter-American Development Bank
· Department of Southern Cone, *Summer Intern* 2012

EDUCATION **Universidade Federal de Pernambuco**
· Ph.D. in Economics 2012 - 2016
· M.Sc. in Economics 2010 - 2012
· B.Sc. in Economics 2005 - 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS Development Economics, Labor Economics,
Regional Economics, Economics of Poverty and Inequality

WORKING PAPER [Natural disasters and voting behavior under authoritarian regimes: Evidence from the Brazilian shrimp vote](#)
(Revise & Resubmit) Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization
(with Diogo Baerlocher, Francisco Cavalcanti, and Rodrigo Schneider)

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS [Regional funding and regional inequalities in the Brazilian Northeast](#)
Regional Science Policy and Practice, 2020, 12, 43–59
(with Luiz Carlos de S. Ribeiro, Kênia B. de Souza, Débora F. Cardoso, and Edson Paulo Domingues)

PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS (PORTUGUESE) [Poverty in the Brazilian Northeast: A multidimensional analysis](#)
Revista de Economia Contemporânea, n. 19, v.1, p. 74-96, 2015
(with Yony Sampaio)

[Trade Potential and Effectiveness between the Brazilian Northeast and MERCOSUR](#)
Revista Econômica do Nordeste, 2013, 44(2)
(with Diogo Baerlocher and Joao Policarpo R. Lima)

Promoting the financial sector as a regional development strategy: The Brazilian Northeast case
Revista Desenhahia, 15, 2011
(with Alexandre Rands Barros)

[The causes of persistent income inequality in Alagoas: a T-Theil index decomposition analysis](#)
Revista Economia Política do Desenvolvimento, 3, 2010

[Decomposition of T-Theil index: An analysis of income inequality in the Northeastern states of Brazil](#)
Revista Econômica do Nordeste, 41, 2010
(with Tatiane de Menezes)

[An analysis of the Northeastern micro-regions with potential signs of productive clusters](#)
Revista Brasileira de Estudos Regionais e Urbanos, 2, 2008
(with João Policarpo R. Lima)

BOOK CHAPTERS Investment in infrastructure, income distribution and development: recent experiences and challenges for the Northeast of Brazil.
In: Inez Silvia Batista Castro. (Org.). Novas interpretações desenvolvimentistas. 1st ed. Rio de Janeiro: Centro Internacional Celso Furtado/Banco do Nordeste, 2013.
(with João Policarpo R. Lima)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE
(STUDENTS'
EVALUATIONS IN
PARENTHESES)

University of South Florida:

- Macroeconomics Principles, undergraduate level:
Fall 2024 (4.08, 4.5, 4.44 /5) · Summer 2024 (online, 3.64/5) · Spring 2024 (3.84, 4, 3 /5)
· Fall 2023 (4.11, 2.63 /5) · Spring 2023 (4.5, 3.58, 2.78 /5) · Fall 2022 (3.88, 3.63, 3.4 /5)
· Fall 2021 (2.91/5) · Spring 2021 (online, 3.48/5)
- Microeconomics Principles, undergraduate level:
Fall 2023 (3.38 /5), Summer 2023 · Fall 2021 (3.42, 3, 3 /5) · Fall 2020 (online, 4.0/5)
- Economic Development, undergraduate level:
Fall 2023 (3.2 /5) · Fall 2022 (4.13/5) · Spring 2021 (online, 3.93/5)
- Labor Economics, undergraduate level:
Spring 2024 (5/5) · Spring 2023 (3/5) · Fall 2019 (4.05/5) · Spring 2020 (hybrid, 3.60/5)
- Comparative Economic Systems, undergraduate level:
Spring 2021 (online, 4.18/5) · Fall 2020 (online, 3.89/5) · Fall 2019 (3.96/5)
- Economics of Latin America, undergraduate level:
Fall 2020 (online, 4.38/5) · Summer 2020 (online, 4.5/5) · Spring 2020 (hybrid, 4.0/5)
- Economics of Poverty and Inequality, undergraduate level:
Spring 2020 (hybrid, 4.1/5)
- Basic Economics, undergraduate level:
Fall 2024 (online, 3.93/5) · Fall 2019 (3.81/5)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:

- Latin American Economies, undergraduate level:
Spring 2018 (4.7,4.3/5)* · Fall 2017 (4.2,4.2/5) · Spring 2017 (4.5/5)*

* Awarded in the "List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students"

CONFERENCE
ORGANIZATION

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| VII Encontro Pernambucano de Economia, Brazil · Committee Member | 2018 |
| I Encontro Pernambucano de Economia, Brazil · Committee Member | 2012 |
| Conference on the Regional Impacts of National Policies | 2010 |
| VI Encontro Nacional da Associação Brasileira de Estudos Regionais e Urbanos | 2008 |

HONORS,
AWARDS AND
GRANTS

Brazilian Northeastern Bank:

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| · Runner-up paper in the <i>Werner Baer Award in Regional Economics</i> | 2016 |
| · Best paper in Regional Economics Award | 2010 |

Southern Regional Science Association:

· Best paper in Barry M. Moriarty Graduate Paper Competition 2016

National Council for Scientific and Technological Development:

· Graduate Fellowship 2012-2016

· Graduate Fellowship 2010-2012

The International Celso Furtado Center for Development Policies and the Brazilian Northeastern Bank:

· *Investment in infrastructure, income distribution and development in the Brazilian Northeast: recent experiences and challenges.* (R\$ 10,000) 2011

Best paper in Desenhahia Award, Category: Financing for Development 2011

CNPq Scientific Research Fellowship (undergraduate) 2006

PRESENTATIONS

2023: Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) Meeting, Workshop in Applied and Theoretical Economics (WATE) 2023
2020: Southern Economic Association
2016: 55th Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association (SRSA), 63rd North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), Midwest Graduate Student Summit on Applied Economics, Regional, and Urban Studies (AERUS)
2015: Regional Economic Applications Laboratory (REAL), 62nd North American Regional Science Council (NARSC)

REFEREE REPORTS *Books:* Cambridge University Press

Journals: Revista de Estudos Sociais (RES), Revista de Economia Contemporânea, and Cadernos de Estudos de Sociais e Politicos.

Conferences: Brazilian Meeting on Family and Gender Economics (GeFam), Brazil · Committee Member (2023, 2024, 2025)