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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, New York University, 2013

M.A. in Economics, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2007

B.A. in Economics, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), 2004

Academic Appointments

2026– Professor of Applied Microeconomics
Department of Economics, University of Zurich

2019– Assistant Professor
Department of Economics, University of California, Los Angeles (on leave)

2013–2019 Assistant Professor of Economics
Olin Business School, Washington University in St. Louis

2015–2016 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics (Lecturer)
Economics Department, University of Pennsylvania

Professional Affiliations

2025– Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research

Honors and Awards

Undergraduate Reid Teaching Award, Olin Business School, Washington University in St. Louis, 2019

Haralambos Simeonidis Award for best paper by a Brazilian Economist in 2011, Associação de Centros de Pós Graduação em Economia (ANPEC), 2011

Henry MacCracken Fellowship, NYU, 2007-2013

FAPERJ Fellowship for top performing graduate students in Economics, 2006–2007

Brazilian National Research Support Agency (CAPES) Fellowship, 2005–2006

Full-tuition academic scholarship, PUC-Rio, 2000–2004

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"Information Frictions and Court Performance: Experimental Evidence from Chile" (with Paloma Carrillo, Daniel L. Chen and Manuel Ramos-Maqueda), accepted for publication at the *Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization*

(with Chuan Chen, Yanrong Jia and Xiumin Martin) "Assessing the Objective Function of the SEC against Financial Misconduct: A Structural Approach," (2025) *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, 80(1), 101794

(with Yunmi Kong and Xun Tang) "Risk and Information in Dispute Resolution: An Empirical Study of Arbitration," (2025) *Journal of Political Economy*, 133(9), 2794–2835

(with Daniel Keniston, Bradley Larsen, Shengwu Li, J.J. Prescott and Chuan Yu) "Splitting the Difference in Incomplete Information Bargaining: Theory and Widespread Evidence from the Field," (2024) *International Economic Review*, 65(4), 1911-1939, *NBER Working Paper 29111*, *SIEPR Working Paper 21-042* (formerly titled "Fairness in Incomplete Information Bargaining: Theory and Widespread Evidence from the Field")

(with Joshua Boston) "The Electoral Connection in Court: How Sentencing Responds to Voter Preferences," (2024) *Journal of Law and Courts,* 12(1), 23-44

(with Karam Kang) "Understanding Disparities in Punishment: Regulator Preferences and Expertise," (2021) *Journal of Political Economy,* 129(10), 2947–2992

"Bargaining with Asymmetric Information: an Empirical Study of Plea Negotiations," (2017) *Econometrica,* 85(2), 419-452

(with Claire Lim and James Snyder) "Do Judges' Characteristics Matter? Ethnicity, Gender and Partisanship in Texas State Trial Courts" (2016), *American Law and Economics Review,* 18(2), 302-357

(with João M. P. De Mello) "Campaign Advertising and Election Outcomes: Quasi-natural Experiment Evidence from Gubernatorial Elections in Brazil" (2011), *Review of Economic Studies,* 78(2), 590-612

Working Papers

"Monopsony and Backloaded Compensation: Theory and Evidence from Public Accountants" (with Michael Rubens), *NBER Working Paper 35474*, revise and resubmit at the *American Economic Review*

"Bureaucratic Training and State Capacity: Experimental Evidence from Peru's Judiciary" (with Daniel L. Chen and Manuel Ramos-Maqueda)

Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

(with Emily Owens and Erin Kerrison) "Examining Racial Disparities in Criminal Case Outcomes among Indigent Defendants in San Francisco," (2017) *Quattrone Center for the Fair Administration of Justice*

Presentations

2026-2027 Chinese University of Hong Kong; Chinese University of Hong Kong - Shenzhen; Shanghai Jiao Tong University; University of Hong Kong; EARIE; NBER Meeting on Production Function Estimation and Its Applications to Industries (scheduled); Empirical IO Conference, Rice Global Paris Center (scheduled)

2025-2026 Judicial Innovations Hub - Stanford Law School

2024-2025 Berkeley; UC Riverside; Warwick; Zurich; Empirical IO Conference, Rice Global Paris Center (discussant)

2023-2024 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies; University of Toronto; KU Leuven; NBER Law and Economics Program Meeting, Spring (discussant); Southern California Conference in Applied Microeconomics (discussant)

2022-2023 LSE; Bargaining: Experiments, Empirics, and Theory Workshop; Empirical Models of Political Economy Conference

2021-2022 Caltech; Chicago Booth; EEA-ESEM; IACM; SITE

2020-2021 Columbia; University of Melbourne; West Virginia University

2019-2020 Bargaining: Experiments, Empirics, and Theory Workshop; Brazilian Econometrics Society - Applied Economics Seminar; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (Discussant); University of Southern California; Wallis Institute Conference (Discussant)

2018-2019 FGV-EPGE; Stanford; UCLA; Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association; NBER Summer Institute, Industrial Organization

2017-2018 Rochester; Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association; Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association; International Association for Applied Econometrics Annual Conference; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society

2016-2017 PUC-Rio; FGV-EESP

2015-2016 Berkeley; Conference on Empirical Legal Studies; CRES Foundations of Business and Strategy Conference (Discussant)

2014-2015 Rice; University Of Pennsylvania; Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association; Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association (Discussant)

2013–2014 Stanford; University of Southern California; Cornell; ITAM; PUC-Rio; FGV-EESP; Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association; Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association; New Directions in Applied Microeconomics

2012–2013 Caltech; Carnegie Mellon; Microsoft Research New England; Princeton; UCLA; Maryland; Minnesota; University of Toronto; Wisconsin; Vanderbilt; Washington University in Saint Louis; Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society

Professional Involvement

Area Lead (Law and Economics), EEA Congress, Summer 2027

Program committee, LACEA, Fall 2025

Guest Editor, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Special Issue on Bargaining, 2024-2025

Area Organizer, Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association, Spring 2024

Organizer, UCLA Mini-conference on Structural Microeconomics, Winter 2021

Co-Organizer, CRES Microeconomics Conference, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2017

Session organizer, Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association, Winter 2015

Program committee, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, Fall 2015

Program committee, Meeting of the Brazilian Econometric Society , Fall 2017

Journal and Grant Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Journal: Microeconomics; American Economic Review; American Economic Review: Insights; American Law and Economics Review; American Political Science Review; Econometrica; Economic Journal; Economics and Politics; European Economic Review; European Journal of Law and Economics; European Research Council; International Economic Review; International Journal of Industrial Organization; International Review of Law and Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Empirical Legal Studies; Journal of the European Economic Association; Journal of Law and Economics; Journal of Law, Economics and Organization; Journal of Political Economy; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Quantitative Criminology; National Science Foundation; Pesquisa e Planejamento Econômico; Quantitative Economics; Quarterly Journal of Economics; RAND Journal of Economics; Review of Economics and Statistics; Review of Economic Design; Review of Economic Studies; Review of Law and Economics; Social Choice and Welfare

Teaching Experience

Microeconomic Theory (undergraduate), UCLA, Winter 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025, Spring 2026

Honors Seminar (undergraduate), UCLA, Winter 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Contracts and Insurance (PhD), UCLA, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025

Research in Healthcare Management (MBA and undergraduate), Olin, Spring 2017

Industrial Organization II (PhD), Olin, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

Honors Seminar (undergraduate), Olin, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Topics in Empirical Industrial Organization (PhD), Penn, Fall 2015

Game Theory (undergraduate), Penn, Fall 2015

Market Competition and Value Appropriation (undergraduate), Olin, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Microeconomics (undergraduate), NYU Stern, Fall 2010-2012 (teaching assistant)

Economic Principles (undergraduate), NYU Stern, Fall 2008, 2009 and 2011 (teaching assistant)

Microeconomics 1-2 (PhD), PUC-Rio (teaching assistant), 2005

PhD Student Supervision (first job)

Chloe Dai, UCLA, ongoing - Committee member

Yixuan Liu, UCLA, ongoing - Committee member

Ben Pirie, UCLA, 2025 (Amazon) - Committee member

Christopher Saw, UCLA, 2025 (Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore) - Committee member

Boxiao Zhang, UCLA, 2022 (Renmin University, Assistant Professor) - Committee member

Alexandre Fon, UCLA, 2021 (Charles River Associates) - Committee member

Dong Ook Eun, UCLA, 2021 (Resolution Economics) - Committee member

Chuan Chen, WUSTL, 2019 (University of Wisconsin-Madison, post-doc) - Committee member

Yinghong Zhang, WUSTL, 2018 (Capital One) - Committee member

Service

Co-organizer, UCLA Applied Microeconomics Seminar, 2021-2022

Co-organizer, UCLA Applied Microeconomics Proseminar, 2020-2022

Faculty review committee, UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Program, 2021

Faculty review committee, UCLA Undergraduate Research Fellows Program, 2023 and 2024

Selection committee, UCLA Undergraduate Economics Research Fellows, 2020, 2021, and 2024

BSBA committee, Olin Business School, 2017-2018, 2018-2019