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Appointments

Associate Professor (untentured), Economics Division, Columbia Business School, 2024-present

Affiliated faculty member, Department of Economics, Columbia University, 2019-present

Faculty Research Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), 2024-present

Research Fellow, Institute of Labor Economics (IZA), 2023-present

Research Affiliate, Center for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), 2020-present

Past Appointments

Assistant Professor, Economics Division, Columbia Business School, 2017-2024

Research Associate, Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute, University of Minnesota, 2020-2022

Senior Research Economist, Research Division, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 2020-2021

Instructor, Finance and Economics Division, Columbia Business School, 2016-2017

Visiting Appointments

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, December 2024

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, August 2024

Visitor, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics (BFI), University of Chicago, April-May 2024

Daily Visitor, Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics, Yale University, August 2018-May 2020

Short-Term Visitor, Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance, May-June 2017 and May-June 2019

Visiting Scholar, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute (OIGI), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, January-July 2018

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, May 2017

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, April 2017

Education

PhD in Economics, Princeton University, 2016

Thesis title: "Essays in the Economics of Inequality"

Committee: Mikhail Golosov (cochair), Nobuhiro Kiyotaki (cochair), Mark Aguiar, Richard Rogerson

MA in Economics, Princeton University, 2012

BSc in Economics and Mathematics, First Class with Honours, University of St Andrews, 2010

Visiting student, University of California at Los Angeles, 2008-2009

Research and Teaching Fields

Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"Firm Pay Dynamics"

with Niklas Engbom & Jan Saueremann

Journal of Econometrics, 2023, 233(2): 396-423 [special issue]

"Earnings Inequality and the Minimum Wage: Evidence from Brazil"

with Niklas Engbom

American Economic Review, 2022, 112(12): 3803-3847 [lead article]

"Earnings Inequality and Dynamics in the Presence of Informality: The Case of Brazil"

with Niklas Engbom & Gustavo Gonzaga & Roberta Olivieri

Quantitative Economics, 2022, 13(4): 1405-1446 [special issue]

"The Evolution of the Earnings Distribution in a Volatile Economy: Evidence from Argentina"

with Andres Blanco & Bernardo Díaz de Astarloa & Andrés Drenik & Danilo Trupkin

Quantitative Economics, 2022, 13(4): 1361-1403 [special issue]

Publications (continued)

- “Pandemic Lockdown: The Role of Government Commitment”
with Pierre Yared
Review of Economic Dynamics, 2022, 46: 27-50
- “Firms and the Decline in Earnings Inequality in Brazil”
with Jorge Alvarez & Felipe Benguria & Niklas Engbom
American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, 2018, 10(1): 149-189

Under Revision

- “Optimal Paternalistic Savings Policies”
with Pedro Olea de Souza e Silva
revise & resubmit (second round), *Econometrica*

Working Papers

- “Meritocracy across Countries”
with Oriana Bandiera & Ananya Kotia & Ilse Lindenlaub & Andrea Prat
- “A Theory of Labor Markets with Inefficient Turnover”
with Andrés Blanco & Andrés Drenik & Emilio Zaratiegui
- “The Gender Gap: Micro Sources and Macro Consequences”
with Iacopo Morchio
- “Credit Supply, Firms, and Earnings Inequality”
with Farzad Saidi & Benjamin Wirth & Stefanie Wolter
- “Pay, Employment, and Dynamics of Young Firms”
with Tania Babina & Wenting Ma & Paige Ouimet & Rebecca Zarutskie

Other Publications

- “Returns to Education Through Access to Higher-Paying Firms: Evidence from US Matched Employer-Employee Data”
with Niklas Engbom
American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings, 2017, 107(5): 374-378
- “Firms as Drivers of (In-)Equality”
Proceedings of the New Entrepreneurial Growth Conference, 2016, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City
- “How Could Wage Inequality Within and Across Enterprises be Reduced?”
Global Wage Report 2016/17: Wage Inequality in the Workplace, 2016, International Labour Organization, Geneva

Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

- Research grant (\$75,000) on “Micro- & Macroeconomic Implications of Wage Rigidity,” Washington Center for Equitable Growth, 2023-2025
- Research grant (\$10,000) on “The Value of Leadership and Workplace Attributes in the Labor Market,” The Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. Center for Leadership and Ethics, Columbia Business School, 2019
- George S. Eccles Research Award in Finance and Economics (\$30,000), Columbia Business School, 2019
- Chazen Senior Scholar, Columbia Business School, 2019-present
- Research grant (\$5,000) on “Minimum Wage Laws, Business Dynamics, and Educational Investment,” Richard Paul Richman Center for Business, Law, and Public Policy, Columbia Business School, 2019
- Research grant (\$4,000) on “Monopsony Power and Business Fluidity,” Program for Financial Studies, Columbia Business School, 2018
- Research grant (\$6,429) on “Women’s Entrepreneurship,” Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, 2015-17
- Dissertation Fellowship, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, 2015-2016
- Institute for International and Regional Studies Dissertation Writing Grant, Princeton University, 2015-16
- Program in Latin American Studies Summer Research Grant, Princeton University, 2015
- Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton University, 2013-2015
- Exploratory Research Grant (\$25,150, with N. Engbom and J. Alvarez) on “Firms and Earnings Inequality in Brazil,” CEPR PEDL, 2014-2015
- Fellowship in Economics and Social Policy, Princeton University, 2012-2014
- Towbes Prize for Outstanding Teaching, Princeton University, 2012-2013
- Graduate School and Department of Economics Fellowship, Princeton University, 2010-2015

Conference Presentations (* = presentation by coauthor, † = virtual)

2024: NBER Winter Meeting (Economic Fluctuations and Growth), Workshop on Post-Pandemic Macroeconomics at Columbia University, NBER Spring Meeting (Labor Studies)*, SOLE Annual Meeting, Labor Economics Conference at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Workshop on New Developments in the Macroeconomics of Labor Markets at University of Bonn*, Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum (Economic Growth and Fluctuations)*, Konstanz Macro-Labor Conference, NBER Summer Institute (Macro Perspectives), Stanford SITE Workshop (The Labor Market Experience of Vulnerable Populations of Workers), CEPR/Bank of Italy Workshop on Labour Market Policies and Institutions, CEPR IMO-ESF Workshop*

2023: Junior Micro Macro Labor Conference at Columbia University, SOLE Annual Meeting, Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum (Macroeconomics of Labor Markets), North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society†, Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society†, SED Annual Meeting, Salento Macro Meetings*, Association of Italian Labor Economists*, Stanford SITE Workshop (Labor Markets and Policies), OIGI Research Conference, 2nd Annual Junior Workshop in Macroeconomics at LAEF in Santa Barbara, German Economists Abroad Meeting

2022: Royal Economic Society 2022 Annual Conference*†, SOLE Annual Meeting, SED Annual Meeting, UT Austin Junior Conference on International Macroeconomics*, ITAM-PIER Conference on Macroeconomics and Finance*; CIREQ Montréal Conference on Macroeconomics and Inequality, Junior Micro Macro Labor Conference at Columbia University, NBER Fall Meeting (Monetary Economics)*, SEA Annual Meeting, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis and Washington University in St. Louis Conference on Macroeconomics of Inequality, German Economists Abroad Meeting

2021: AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting†, Junior Micro Macro Labor Conference at Columbia University†, Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting†, System Applied Microeconomics Conference by the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston†, SOLE Annual Meeting†, Annual Search and Matching Conference†, Canadian Economics Association Conference†, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (COVID-19 Economics; Economic Growth and Fluctuations)†, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society†, SED Annual Meeting†, WEAL Annual Conference†, NBER Summer Institute (Public Economics)†, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress†, CEPR/Bank of Finland Conference on New Avenues for Monetary Policy†, RIDGE Virtual Forum†, 24th Central Bank Macroeconomic Modeling Workshop†, LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting†, NTA Annual Conference†, 43rd Meeting of the Brazilian Econometric Society*†

2020: AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting*, Junior Micro Macro Labor Conference at Columbia University, Conference on Firm Heterogeneity and the Macroeconomy at Oxford University†, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Entrepreneurship; Income Dynamics and the Family)†, Stanford SITE Workshop (Empirical Implementation of Theoretical Models)†, NBER Summer Institute (Micro Data and Macro Models)†, CEPR/IHEID seminar*†, VMACS Junior Conference*†, USC Marshall Macro Day†, NEUDC†, Global Income Dynamics Conference at the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis†, European Midwest Micro/Macro Mini Conference†

2019: AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting, Junior Micro Macro Labor Conference at Columbia University, SOLE Annual Meeting, Search and Matching Workshop*, Rome Junior Finance Conference at EIEF, Bank of Italy/CEPR/IZA Annual Symposium in Labour Economics, SED Annual Meeting, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress*, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Financial Shocks, Channels, and Macro Outcomes)*, NBER Summer Institute (Macro Perspectives)*, Junior Entrepreneurial Finance and Innovation Workshop at Columbia University, Stanford SITE Workshops (The Micro and Macro of Labor Markets; Global Income Dynamics*), INET Annual Meeting, Models of Linked Employer-Employee Data Conference, Dale T. Mortensen Centre Conference, Boston Macro Juniors Conference, German Economists Abroad Meeting

2018: AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting, Macroeconomics of Pensions and Retirement Financing Conference at University of Minnesota, Duke Macro Jamboree, SOLE Annual Meeting, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Structural Microeconometrics), SED Annual Meeting, UBC Summer Finance Conference*, German Economic Association Annual Meeting*, CEPR Endless Summer Conference*, Uppsala Center for Labor Studies*, Mitsui Finance Symposium at University of Michigan Ross School of Business*, German Economists Abroad Meeting

2017: AEA/ASSA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia Search and Matching Workshop, SOLE Annual Meeting, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Search and Matching Annual Conference), Stanford SITE Workshops (Empirical Implementation of Theoretical Models; Psychology and Economics), NBER Summer Institute (Macro Public Finance), Cornell/Penn State Macroeconomics Workshop, IZA Workshop on Labor and Development, UCLA Macro Mini Conference, Midwest Macro Meeting, NTA Annual Conference, SED Annual Meeting*

2016: Kauffman Foundation Emerging Scholars Conference, NYU Search Theory Workshop, Whitebox Advisors Graduate Student Conference, Midwest Macro Meeting, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum (Firms in the Global Economy), APPAM International Conference, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Mainz Workshop in Labour Economics, SED Annual Meeting, Konstanz Search and Matching Workshop, Stanford SITE Workshop (Computational Methods for Dynamic Economies and Games), Asia Meeting of the Econometric Society, EEA-ESEM Annual Congress, Cambridge-INET Conference on Firms in Macroeconomics, NTA Annual Conference, Ifo Conference on Macroeconomics and Survey Data, REAP & SBE Meetings*, LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting*, PEDL Conference*, World Bank - Banco de España Research Conference on Labor Markets*, German Economists Abroad Meeting

2015: Global Entrepreneurship Congress, Kauffman Foundation New Entrepreneurial Growth Conference, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Rookie Conference, German Economists Abroad Meeting

2014: PEDL Conference, German Economists Abroad Meeting

2013: Cambridge Area Economics and Computation Day

Seminar Presentations (* = presentation by coauthor, † = virtual)

2024: Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, World Bank*†, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of Oxford, University College London – Applied Micro, World Bank DECIG*, University College London – Macro*, Bocconi University*, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Georgetown University, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, University of Pennsylvania, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia

2023: FGV-EESP São Paulo†, Sargent Reading Group*†, Amherst College, SUNY-Albany, Search and Matching in Macro and Finance (SaMMF) Virtual Seminar Series*†, UT Austin, Columbia University, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia*, Arizona State University*, Universidad de San Andrés*, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella*, University of Houston, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

2022: Columbia University, Banco de España†, Virtual Australian Macro Seminar†, UT Austin*, University of Michigan*, LMU†, Rutgers University

2021: University of Warwick†, Princeton University†, IFAU*†, University of Melbourne†, Inspert†, Stanford Economics & GSB†, NYU, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of British Columbia†, University of Michigan†, UC Berkeley

2020: Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Temple University, Columbia University, Hertie School*, Banco de Portugal†, University of Western Ontario†, Emory University†, Essex/RHUL/Bristol Search and Matching Webinar†, Arizona State University†, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis†, CEMFI†, University of Bonn/University College London†

2019: UCLA, Iowa State University, Columbia University, EIEF, CREST, CERGE-EI, University of Oslo, Yale University, University of Linz*, Boston University, MIT

2018: Syracuse University, Cornell University, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, ZEW and University of Mannheim, Columbia University, University of Georgia, Frankfurt School of Finance & Management*, Boston University Questrom*, INSEAD*, Johns Hopkins University*, University of Maryland*, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*, University of Vienna*

2017: University of Connecticut, Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, US Census Bureau, US Bureau of Labor Statistics, University of Zurich, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, World Bank, Columbia University, EIEF, Insper, University College London, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, FGV-EPGE Rio de Janeiro, PUC Rio de Janeiro, FGV-EESP São Paulo, International Monetary Fund*

2016: CREI, Toulouse School of Economics, University of Edinburgh, Georgetown University, Columbia University Economics & GSB, USC Marshall, UCSD Policy, UCSD Economics, Pennsylvania State University, University of Pennsylvania Wharton Finance, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, University of Miami Business, EIEF, University of Minnesota, CMU Tepper, University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Toronto, University of Rochester, Princeton University, UT Austin, University of Copenhagen, IIES Stockholm, Yale University, NYU Economics & Stern, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta*, Syracuse University*

2015: Peterson Institute for International Economics, Princeton University

Discussions († = virtual)

Amberg, Jansson, Klein, and Picco. "Heterogeneous Income Effects of Monetary Policy Shocks," Bank of Canada Workshop, 2021†

Xiao. "Wage and Employment Discrimination by Gender," Essex/RHUL/Bristol Search and Matching Junior Conference, 2021†

Doerr, Drechsel, and Lee. "Income Inequality, Financial Intermediation, and Small Firms," Oxford University, 2021†

Colonnelli and Teso. "Politics at Work," Firms, Markets and Development (FIMAD) Webinar Series, 2020†

Busch, Iftikhar, Krueger, and Ludwig. "Should Germany Build a New Wall?," EIEF Recent Advances in Macroeconomics, 2019

Holzner. "Dynamics and Endogeneity of Firms' Recruitment Behavior," Frankfurt Workshop on Firms in the Labor Market, 2018

Guo, Wang, and Meng. "Effect of Age at School Entry on Educational Attainment and Labor Market Outcomes," AEA Meetings, 2018

Hagedorn, Mitman, and Manovskii. "The Fiscal Multiplier," Madrid Workshop in Quantitative Macroeconomics, 2017

Poschke. "Labor Market Frictions, Productivity, and Self-Employment," Conference on Human Capital at Georgetown University, 2017

Advising (graduation year and first placement in parentheses, * = co-advisor, † = committee member)

Columbia University Ph.D. students: Krishna Kamepalli* (2026), Szymon Sacher† (2023, Stanford University postdoc), Seungki Hong† (2021, Purdue University), Gustavo Pereira† (2021, Bloomberg)

PUC-Rio Ph.D. students: João Pedro Cavaleiro dos Reis Velloso† (2022, Itaú)

Insper Ph.D. students: Bruno Cavani Monteiro† (2026)

Teaching

Frontiers of Macroeconomics (2nd year PhD class), Columbia University, Spring and Fall 2023
Worker and Firm Heterogeneity in the Labor Market (PhD guest lecture), University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall 2021
The Gender Gap: Micro Sources and Macro Consequences (PhD guest lecture), University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2021
Global Economic Environment (EMBA), Summer 2020
Corporate Social Responsibility (MBA), Columbia Business School, Falls 2019-2020 & Spring 2020
Global Economic Environment (MBA), Columbia Business School, Falls 2016-2018
Worker and Firm Heterogeneity in the Labor Market (PhD guest lecture), University of Minnesota, Spring 2018
Independent Study (MBA), Columbia Business School, Fall 2017 & Spring 2019 & Fall 2019
Advanced Macroeconomic Analysis (PhD guest lecture), Columbia University, Fall 2016
Empirical Equilibrium Search Models (PhD guest lecture), UT Austin, Fall 2016
Introductory Microeconomics (undergraduate), Princeton University, Summers 2011-2012
Mathematical and Statistical Methods (undergraduate), Princeton University, Summers 2011-2012

Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, Chilean National Research Agency, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, European Research Council, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Development, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Finance, Journal of Financial Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Labour Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, National Science Foundation, Oxford Economic Papers, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Financial Studies, Theoretical Economics, World Bank

Service

Program committee member, European Economic Association and Econometric Society European Meetings (EEA-ESEM), 2024
Organizing committee member, German Economists Abroad (GEA) Conference, 2023-present
Expansion coordinator, Global Repository of Income Dynamics (GRID), 2023-present
Program committee member, Society of Labor Economics (SOLE) Annual Meeting, 2024
Program committee member, Society for Economic Dynamics (SED) Annual Meeting, 2023
Faculty Computing Committee member, Columbia Business School, 2021-present
Program committee member, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute (OIGI) Fall Conference, 2021
Program committee member, National Tax Association (NTA) Annual Meeting, 2021
Recruiting committee member, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute (OIGI), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, 2021
Organizer, Junior Micro Macro Labor Conference at Columbia University, 2019-present
Junior faculty recruiting committee member, Columbia Business School, 2016-present

Outside Activities

Short-term consultant, World Bank, June 2024
External collaborator, "Global Wage Report 2016/17: Wage Inequality in the Workplace," International Labour Organization, October 2016

Languages

German: native; English: near native; French, Spanish, Portuguese: intermediate

Personal

German citizen, US permanent resident (Green Card holder), US Census Bureau Special Sworn Status, married with one child