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Positions

2025-2026	PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics Department
2025-	BROWN UNIVERSITY, August Family Assistant Professor of Economics
2023- 2025	BROWN UNIVERSITY, Assistant Professor of Economics
2021- 2022	MIT, Postdoctoral Associate, Economics Department

Affiliations

2024-	Bureau for Research & Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), Affiliate
2024-	Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR), Affiliate
2024-	Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), Invited Researcher

Education

2015-2021	UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, PhD in Economics (summa cum laude) <i>Thesis title:</i> "Essays in Development Economics and Political Economy" <i>Committee:</i> David Yanagizawa-Drott, Lorenzo Casaburi, Hans-Joachim Voth
2018 - 2019	HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Economics Department, Visiting Fellow
2013 - 2015	UNIVERSITÀ DI BOLOGNA, M.Phil. in Economics (LMEC)
2012 - 2013	EBERHARD KARLS UNIVERSITÄT TÜBINGEN, Erasmus Semester
2010 - 2013	UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO - BICOCCA B.Sc. in Economics and Business

Publications

"Graduate student and faculty mental health: Evidence from European economics departments" with Clara Sievert, Paul Barreira, and Valentin Bolotnyy, *American Journal of Health Economics*, 2025, *Accepted*, <https://doi.org/10.1086/735865>

"Worth your weight: experimental evidence on the benefits of obesity in low-income countries." *American Economic Review*, 2023, Vol. 113 (9), pp. 2287-2322.

"EU transfers and euroscepticism: can't buy me love?", with A. Borin and M. Mancini, *Economic Policy*, 2021, Vol. 36, Issue 106, pp. 237-286.

Working Papers

"Informal redistribution through work" with Jeremia Stalder, CEPR Discussion Paper 19833, *Revision Requestes (Round 2)*, *Econometrica*

“Hidden gender discrimination” with Claude Raisaro.

Work in Progress (selected)

“Health costs vs social gains: Misaligned incentives in health”, with Sili Zhang

“Barriers to medical testing”, with Kevin Carney

Fellowships, Grants & Awards

2025	<i>Brown Economics BRAVO Funding (USD 25’000)</i>
2024	<i>Weiss Fund for Research in Development Economics (USD 14’750)</i> <i>Brown PSTC Seed Funding (USD 10’000)</i> <i>Brown Economics BRAVO Funding (USD 10’000)</i>
2022	<i>RESTUD Tour North America (UCSD, UChicago, and UPenn)</i>
until 2021	<i>Swiss Re Fund for Development Economic - Top-up grant (USD 10’800), SNSF Early Postdoc Mobility scholarship Diligentia Stiftung Research Grant, with D. Yanagizawa-Drott (USD 39’500), GRC Travel Grant (USD 2’800), Swiss Re Fund for Development Economics (USD 27’000), Director’s Grant Zurich GSE (USD 5’400), SNSF Doc. Mobility scholarship, B. Stringher scholarship (particolarmente meritevole) • Banca D’Italia</i>

Seminars and Conferences Presentations

2025 * = sched	<i>Cornell University*; Yale University*; UPF*; Dartmouth Macro Conference*; Northeastern University; Boston University; BREAD Princeton; Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Workshop.</i>
2024	<i>Princeton University; University of Chicago; UBC; USC; Stanford University; UCSD Rady; LSE CEPR/BREAD.</i>
2023	<i>PSE; AMSE; LSE; Columbia University; University of St. Andrews (virtual); Kellogg- UBC PED Conference; BFI Women in Applied Microeconomics; Zurich Workshop on Economics and Psychology; BSF Advances in Microdevelopment; LSE ODDO conference; BREAD & MIT.</i>
2022	<i>Chicago Booth; LEAP Conference Bocconi; WEFIDEV; U. Cologne; U. St. Gallen; U. Stavanger.</i>
2021	<i>MIT, UCSD, University of Chicago, UPenn, EEA-ESEM congress; Weggis Workshop in PE and Development, JEEES.; Northwestern Rookiefest; Job talks: Brown University, CEMFI, Collegio Carlo Alberto, Harris School of Public Policy, IIES, NHH, NES Moscow, Nova, PSE, UCSD Rady, Stockholm University, World Bank Research.</i>
until 2020	<i>BREAD; NEUDC; DEVPEC; Essen Health Conference (virtual); ECBE; ETSG.</i>

Teaching, Professional Service, and Advising

Brown 1620	<i>Introduction to Econometrics, undergraduate, Instructor: Fall 2023</i>
Brown 2510	<i>Graduate Development I, graduate, Instructor: Spring, Fall 2023</i>
MIT 1413	<i>Economics and Psychology, undergraduate, Co-instructor with F. Schilbach: Spring 2022</i>
Refereeing	AEJ: APPLIED, AER, AER: APPLIED MICRO, AER: INSIGHTS, ECMA, JAE, JEEA, JDE, JPE, QJE.
Service	Ph.D. Admissions committee, Economics, Brown University (2023, 2024, 2025)
Advising	Sonali Deliwala (PhD, Political Science, Columbia University); Max Goldstein (Pre-doc, MIT).