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Undergraduate Studies:

Bachelor in Economics, Federal University of Pernambuco (Brazil), 2004

Masters Level Work:

MSc in Economics, Getulio Vargas Foundation (Brazil), 2006

Graduate Studies:

University of Pennsylvania, 2006 to present
Thesis Title: *“Some Macroeconomics for Family Economics: Two Essays”*
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References:

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Research and Teaching Fields:

Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Family Economics

Teaching Experience:

2008-2011	Intro to Macroeconomics, University of Pennsylvania, Instructor
Fall 2010	Family Economics, TA for Prof. Jeremy Greenwood
Fall 2009	Intro to Macroeconomics, University of Pennsylvania, Recitation Instructor
2008-2009	Macroeconomics (PhD level), University of Pennsylvania, TA for Prof. Dirk Krueger and Prof. Jeremy Greenwood
Fall 2007	Business Economics, University of Pennsylvania, Recitation Instructor
Winter 2006	Advanced Econ. Theory (PhD level), Getulio Vargas Foundation, TA for Prof. Aloisio Araujo

Fall 2005 Macroeconomics III (PhD level), Getulio Vargas Foundation, TA for Prof. Ricardo Cavalcanti
Summer 2005 Macroeconomics II (PhD level), Getulio Vargas Foundation, TA for Prof. Samuel Pessoa
Spring 2005 Mathematical Analysis II (PhD level), Getulio Vargas Foundation, TA for Prof. Jair Koiller

Research Experience:

Summer 2008 University of Pennsylvania, Research Assistant for Prof. Philipp Kircher
Summer 2007 University of Pennsylvania, Research Assistant for Prof. Jeremy Greenwood
Fall 2005 Getulio Vargas Foundation, Research Assistant for Prof. Pedro C. Ferreira

Presentations:

October 2011 University of Pennsylvania
July 2011 SED Meetings, Ghent
May 2011 Midwest Macro Meetings, Vanderbilt University
March 2011 ICREA-MOVE Conference on “Family Economics”, Univ. Autònoma Barcelona
Multiple times Penn Macro Club

Publication:

“Migration and the Regional Income Distribution in Brazil” with P. C. Ferreira, *Pesquisa e Planejamento Economico*, December 2007. (in Portuguese)

Research Papers:

JOB MARKET PAPER:

“*Why Not Settle Down Already? A Quantitative Analysis of the Delay in Marriage*”, with D. Weiss

One of the most striking changes in American society in the last forty years has been the decline and delay in marriage. The fraction of young men and women who have never been married increased significantly between 1970 and 2000. Idiosyncratic labor income volatility also increased over the same period. This paper establishes a quantitatively important link between these two facts. Specifically, if marriage involves consumption commitments, then a rise in income volatility results in a delay in marriage. Marriage, however, also allows for diversification of income risk since earnings fluctuations between spouses need not be perfectly correlated. We assess our hypothesis that rising income volatility contributed to the delay in marriage vis-à-vis other explanations in the literature, using an estimated equilibrium search model of the marriage market. We find that the increase in volatility accounts for about one-third of the observed delay in marriage. Thus, we find that the effects of consumption commitments due to increased income volatility outweigh the effects of the insurance gains provided by spouses.

“*Technology and the Changing Family*”, with J. Greenwood, N. Guner and G. Kocharkov

Marriage has declined since 1960. The drop is bigger for non-college educated individuals versus college educated ones. Divorce has increased. More so for the non-college educated vis-à-vis the college educated. Additionally, assortative mating has risen. People are more likely to marry someone of the same education level today than in the past. A model of marriage and divorce is calibrated/estimated to fit the postwar U.S. data. The contribution of different factors, such as skilled-biased technological progress in the market, labor-saving technological progress in the home, and the narrowing of the gender gap, to explaining these facts is gauged.

Languages:

English (fluent), Portuguese (native), and Spanish (good)

Computer knowledge:

Matlab, Fortran, Stata.