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Employment

Florida Gulf Coast University

Director, Regional Economic Research Institute

2020 – Present

Associate Professor of Economics, Lutgert College of Business

2024 – Present

Assistant Professor of Economics, Lutgert College of Business

2019 – 2024

West Virginia University

Adjunct Professor of Economics, John Chambers College of Business and Economics

2021 – 2025

- Online Master's Economics Program: Regional Economics

Education

West Virginia University

Ph.D. Economics

2019

Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora

M.A. Applied Economics

2012

B.A. Economics

2009

Publications

Note: ^u undergraduate student; ^g graduate student

Working Papers

- Tax Incentives and Local Business Ownership: Evidence from the Florida Enterprise Zone Program (with Jamie Pavlik and Juan Sayago)
- Opportunistic Investment: The Political Economy Impacts of FEMA Hurricane Declarations (with Rushaine Goulbourne, Matt Fanin, and Amanda Ross)
- The Co-location of the American Creative Class within cities 1850 to 1950 (with Sara Mitchel and Lukas Kuld)
- How Hot is Too Hot? Analysis of Housing Markets in the U.S (with Andrea Santana^g and Travis Jones)
- Differential Effects of Enrollment in Online Classes on Graduation Rates (with James Higgins^u and Clarisse Halpern^g)
- How do Hurricanes Affect Local Industry Composition in Florida? (with Melanie Schmees and John Shannon)

Under Review

- The Effects of Dollar General Opening on Next Door Firms (Amelia Biehl and Juan Sayago); *Revisions Requested*
- Spatial Distribution of Disconnected Young Adults in the United States (with Melanie Schmees and John Shannon) *Revisions Requested*
- Does Corruption Impact the Informal-Formal Sector Wage Gap? Evidence from Brazil (with Jamie Bologna)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

1. Daniel Centuriao^g, Caroline Welter^g, Amir B. Ferreira Neto, and Fernando S. Perobelli (2025) Regional Economic Impacts of COVID-19 Lockdowns and Mitigation Effects of Stimulus Checks and Unemployment Insurance, *Economic Analysis and Policy* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eap.2025.08.029>
2. Brad Humphreys and Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2025) Localization Economies and Firm Productivity: Evidence from Football Teams in São Paulo, Brazil, *Southern Economic Journal* <https://doi.org/10.1002/soej.12790>
3. Christopher Campbell^u and Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2025) Do Different Natural Hazards Shape State Regulations? *Applied Economic Letters* <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2025.2508257>
4. Joseph Nedved^u and Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2024) Sports Betting Cannibalization: Evidence from Pennsylvania. *Economic Letters*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2024.112031>
5. Amir B. Ferreira Neto, John Shannon, Roxana Ruiz Rodriguez^u, and Juan Sayago. (2024) Determinants of Covid-19 Vaccinations in Florida. *Review of Regional Studies* <https://doi.org/10.52324/001c.123161>

6. Rushaine Goulbourne, Amir B. Ferreira Neto, and Amanda Ross (2024). Do businesses “vote with their feet” Too? Examining firm mobility in response to hurricane risk. *The Annals of Regional Science* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00168-024-01278-x>.
7. Luiz Carlos de Santana Ribeiro, Hernane Borges de Barros Pereira, Eder Johnson de Area Leão Pereira, Roberto Luiz Souza Monteiro, Valter de Senna, and Amir Borges Ferreira Neto (2024) Assessing Production Structures in Brazil with Time Varying Graphs. *International Regional Science Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/01600176241237200>.
8. Amir B. Ferreira Neto, Jennifer Nowicki^g and Shishir Shakya (2023) Do Public Libraries Help Mitigate Crime? Evidence from Kansas City, MO. *Journal of Cultural Economics*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10824-023-09497-4>.
9. Luiz Ribeiro, Morais Laudenor^g, Luiz Carlos Gama, and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. (2023) Regional and Sectorial Impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic In Sergipe, Brazil. *Growth and Change*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/grow.12669>.
10. Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2022) Do Public Libraries Impact Local Labor Markets? Evidence from Appalachia, *Spatial Economic Analysis*, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17421772.2022.2123552>
11. Josh Matti and Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2022) Consolidated City-County Governments and Economic Stability, *Economics of Governance* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10101-022-00273-2>
12. Joshua Hall, Donald Lacombe, Amir B. Ferreira Neto, and James Young (2022) Bayesian Estimation of the Hierarchical SLX Model with an Application to Housing Markets, *Journal of Economics and Finance*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12197-021-09568-2>
13. Amir B. Ferreira Neto and Kayla Whetstone^u (2022) The Effect of the Raiders’ Relocation to Las Vegas on Residential Property Values, *Journal of Housing Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10527001.2021.2021725>
14. Bryan C. McCannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2021) Charitable Giving for Cultural Goods: Asymmetric Gender Responses to Votes on Tax Increases. *Economic Letters*, 204 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2021.109879>
15. Mia Goodnature and Amir. B Ferreira Neto (2021) Same-Sex Unmarried Partners in the Census, *Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy*, 51(1): 43–66 <https://jrap.scholasticahq.com/article/22080-same-sex-unmarried-partners-in-the-census>
16. Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2021) The Diffusion of Cultural District Laws Across US States, *The Annals of Regional Science*, 67: 189–210 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00168-020-01045-8>
17. Inácio Araújo, Randall Jackson, Fernando Perobelli, and Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2020) European Union Membership and CO2 Emissions: A Structural Decomposition Analysis, *Structural Change and Economic Dynamics*, 55: 190–203 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.strueco.2020.06.006>
18. Luiz Carlos Ribeiro, Thiago Rios, Amir B. Ferreira Neto and Fernanda dos Santos^g (2020) Spatial Spillovers of the Cultural Employment Growth in Brazilian Municipalities, *Journal of Cultural Economics*, 44: 605–624 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10824-020-09378-0>
19. Eduardo Minuci, Amir B. Ferreira Neto, Joshua Hall (2019) A Data Envelopment Analysis of West Virginia School Districts, *Heliyon*, 5 (7) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.heliyon.2019.e01990>
20. Randall Jackson, Péter Járosi, Amir B. Ferreira Neto and Elham Erfanian (2019) Woody Biomass Processing and Rural Regional Development, *Economics Development Quarterly*, 33(3): 234–247 <https://doi.org/10.1177/0891242419826236>
21. Amir B. Ferreira Neto and Joshua Hall (2019) Economies of Scale and Governance of Library Systems: Evidence from West Virginia at Economics of Governance, 20(3): 237–253 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10101-018-0215-2>
22. Joshua Hall, Josh Matti and Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2019) Rent-Seeking in the Classroom and Textbooks: Where are we after 50 Years?, *Public Choice*, 181(1-2): 71–82 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-018-0563-z>
23. Amir B. Ferreira Neto, Amanda Ross and Adam Nowak (2019) Do tourists tip more than local consumers? Evidence of taxi rides in New York City at *International Regional Science Review*, 42(3-4): 281–306 <https://doi.org/10.1177/0160017618798431>
24. Amir B. Ferreira Neto and Joshua Hall (2018) The Effect of Health Care Entrepreneurship on Local Health: The Case of MedExpress in Appalachia *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*, 48(2): 23–31 <https://jrap.scholasticahq.com/article/3774>
25. Amir B. Ferreira Neto, Fernando S. Perobelli, and Alexandre Rabelo (2018) Looking Behind the Scenes: An Assessment of the Interdependence of Brazilian Cultural Industries, *The Review of Regional Studies*, 48(2): 217–243 <https://jrap.scholasticahq.com/article/8000>
26. Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2018) Charity and Public Libraries: Does Government Funding Crowd-out Donations? *Journal of Cultural Economics*, 42(4): 525–542 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10824-018-9318-4>
27. Randall Jackson, Amir B. Ferreira Neto, and Elham Erfanian (2018) Woody Biomass Processing: Potential

Economic Impacts on Rural Regions. *Energy Policy*, 115: 66–77 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enpol.2018.01.001>

28. Elham Erfanian and Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2017) Scientific Output: Labor or Capital Intensive? An Analysis for Selected Countries. *Scientometrics*, 112(1): 461–482 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11192-017-2369-z>
29. Eduardo Gonçalves and Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2016) Intersectoral Flows of Technological Knowledge in Emerging Countries: An Input-Output Analysis. *Cepal Review*. 118: 139–155
30. Amir B. Ferreira Neto, Collin Hodges and Hyunwoong Pyun (2016) Voting Dynamics and the Birth of State-owned Casinos in Kansas. *Economics Bulletin*, 36(1): 329–336
31. Amir B. Ferreira Neto, Wilson Corrêa and Fernando Perobelli (2016). Consumo de Energia e Crescimento Econômico: Uma Análise para o Brasil 1970-2009, *Analise Econômica*, 36(65): 181–204 <https://doi.org/10.22456/2176-5456.44622>
32. Amir B. Ferreira Neto, Fernando Perobelli and Suzana Bastos (2014). Comparing Energy Use Structures: An Input-Output Decomposition Analysis of Large Economies, *Energy Economics*, 43: 102–113. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eneco.2014.02.001>
33. Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2014). Convergência de Renda e Convergência de Consumo de Energia Elétrica: Uma Análise Comparativa, *Revista Brasileira de Estudos Regionais e Urbanos*, 8(2): 123–138.
34. Amir B. Ferreira Neto and Fernando Perobelli (2013). Spatial Analysis of Cultural Activities in the Microregions of Minas Gerais, *EconomiA*, 14: 139–157 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econ.2013.10.001>
35. Eduardo Haddad, Amir B. Ferreira Neto, and Fernando Perobelli (2012). Fragmentação Geopolítica: Uma Análise Estrutural das Propostas de Separatismo no Brasil, *Economia Aplicada*, 16(4): 531–566 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/S1413-80502012000400001>
36. Amir B. Ferreira Neto, Ricardo Freguglia and Bernardo Fajardo (2012). Evidências de Diferenciais Salariais para o Setor Cultural e Ocupações Artísticas no Brasil, *Economia Aplicada*, 16(1): 49–76 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1590/S1413-80502012000100003>

Book Chapters

1. Inácio Araújo, William Bowen, Randall Jackson, Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2020) Proximate Causes of Worldwide Mega-Regional CO₂ Emission Changes, 1995—2009, in: Z Chen, WM Bowen and D Whittington (Eds.) *Development Studies in Regional Science: Essays in Honor of Kingsley E. Haynes*

Other Publications

1. Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2015). Review of Lessons from the Economics of Crime: What Reduces Offending? by Cook, Machin, Marie, & Mastrobuoni (Eds.) *The Review of Regional Studies*, v.45, n.3, pp.285-293.
2. Amir B. Ferreira Neto and Randall Jackson (2015). MATLAB and Python Functions for Weighted Disaggregation, *RRI TechDoc 2015-02*.
3. Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2014). Setting up a SAM in Excel Using VBA, *RRI TechDoc 2014-05*.
4. Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2014). Using a Spreadsheet SAM for GAMS CGE Modeling, *RRI TechDoc 2014-04*.
5. Amir B. Ferreira Neto and Randall Jackson (2014). Social Accounts for CGE in a Multi-Software Environment: Implan, GAMS and Excel, *RRI ResourceDoc 2014-03*.
6. Rodrigo Zeidan, Afonso Cozzi, Solange Leonel and Amir B. Ferreira Neto (2013). Obstáculos à Participação de Pequenas e Médias Empresas no Mercado de Capitais, in: IBGC (Org.) *O Futuro da Governança Corporativa – Desafio e Novas Fronteiras*, pp. 247–262.

Mentored Student Publications

1. Zoey Reed-Spitzer (2023) Social Capital's Effect on Tastes and Preferences. *Aquila – The FGCU Student Research Journal* 8(1):35–42
2. Musarrat Shaira (2025) Exploring the Impact of Discrimination on the Gender Wage Gap. *Florida Undergraduate Research Journal* 4(1):58–73

RERI Publications

Regular Reports

- Regional Economic Indicator (Monthly): Since 2020.08
- Industry Diversification Index Report (Quarterly): Since 2020.Q3
- Our Daily Bread Food Pantry Demand Forecast (Quarterly): Since 2021.Q1
- Lee County Business Climate Survey (Quarterly): Since 2020.Q3
- Collier County Business Climate Survey (Quarterly): Since 2020.Q3
- Southwest Florida Real Estate Report (Quarterly): Since 2023.Q2

- Southwest Florida Almanac (Annually): Since 2020
- Southwest Florida Educational and Workforce Outcomes Report (Annually): Since 2020

One Time Publications

- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Southwest Florida Arts Sector Analysis*, RERI Issue Brief 2024-07.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Entrepreneurs in College*, RERI Issue Brief 2024-03.
- Andrea Santana^u and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Southwest Florida Housing Affordability*, RERI Issue Brief 2023-09.
- Lily Hobson^u, Andrea Santana^u, and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Southwest Florida Stock Market Index*, RERI Issue Brief 2023-08.
- Gabriel Pichardo Dousat, John Shannon, and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *K-12 Public Education: Top Skills, Qualifications, and Job Postings*, RERI Issue Brief 2023-07.
- Gabriel Pichardo Dousat, John Shannon, and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Manufacturing: Top Skills, Qualifications, and Job Postings*, RERI Issue Brief 2023-06.
- Gabriel Pichardo Dousat, John Shannon, and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Logistics: Top Skills, Qualifications, and Job Postings*, RERI Issue Brief 2023-05.
- Gabriel Pichardo Dousat, John Shannon, and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Healthcare: Top Skills, Qualifications, and Job Postings*, RERI Issue Brief 2023-04.
- Amir B. Ferreira Neto, John Shannon, and Lily Hobson. *FGCU360 Readership Survey*.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Lee County Small Business Analysis*, RERI Issue Brief 2023-03.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Housing Cost Burden for Florida Renters*, RERI Issue Brief 2023-02.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Hurricane Ian Impact on Taxable Sales*, RERI Issue Brief 2023-01.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Working from Home in Southwest Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2022-07.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Microbusinesses in Southwest Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2022-06.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *FGCU Seasonality Index*, RERI Issue Brief 2022-05.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Microbusinesses in Lee County, FL*, RERI Issue Brief 2022-04.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Financial Literacy and Small Business Resilience*, RERI Issue Brief 2022-03.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *New Hire Wage Index*, RERI Issue Brief 2022-02.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Unemployment Levels by Industry*, RERI Issue Brief 2022-01.
- John Shannon, Amir B. Ferreira Neto, Alia Judd^u, and Jamie Wood^u. *Florida Gulf Coast University Alumni Survey*.
- John Shannon, Amir B. Ferreira Neto and Alia Judd^u. *Economic Contribution of FGCU*.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto, Veronica Kalich, and Jenny Manegold. *Workforce Redeployment Survey*.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Small Businesses in Southwest Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2021-08.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Hurricane Storm Surge Flood Zones in Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2021-07.
- John Shannon, Amir B. Ferreira Neto and Roxana R. Rodriguez^u. *Determinants of Covid-19 Vaccinations in Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2021-06.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Covid-19 Vaccinations in Southwest Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2021-05.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Covid-19 Impact on Florida Labor Force*, RERI Issue Brief 2021-04.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Disconnected Young Adults*, RERI Issue Brief 2021-03.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Stimulus Payments in Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2021-02.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Taxable Sales in Southwest Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2021-01.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Covid-19 and Southwest Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2020-01.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *PPP in Southwest Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2020-02.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Covid-19 Impact on Gross Sales*, RERI Issue Brief 2020-03.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto.. *Warn Notices in Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2020-04.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Recessions in Southwest Florida*, RERI Issue Brief 2020-05.
- John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Coronavirus Economic Impact Survey - November Report*
- Chris Westley, Veronica Kalich, John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Coronavirus Economic Impact Survey - Third Follow-up*
- Chris Westley, Veronica Kalich, John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Coronavirus Economic Impact Survey - Second Follow-up*
- Chris Westley, Veronica Kalich, John Shannon and Amir B. Ferreira Neto. *Coronavirus Economic Impact Survey - First Follow-up*

- Chris Westley, Veronica Kalich, John Shannon, Amir B. Ferreira Neto, and Joseph Burke. *Coronavirus Economic Impact Survey*

External Funding

Grants	\$23,471,501
– Occupational Sorting and Career Outcomes for Youth, <i>William T Grant Foundation</i> , PI – under review	\$438,655
– Sports Betting Legalization and Household Finance and Spending Patterns, <i>Arnold Ventures Foundation</i> , Co-PI – under review	\$313,184
– AI-Enhanced STEM Navigation, <i>Spencer Foundation</i> , Co-PI – under review	\$75,000
– Food System Recovery and Resiliency Plan for Southwest Florida, <i>US Department of Commerce/EDA</i> , Co-PI – not funded	\$563,936
– Changing Employer Behavior in the Marketplace to Improve Economic Outcomes for Hispanic Youth, <i>William T Grant Foundation</i> , PI – not funded	\$594,858
– Validating Interventions to Reduce Job Matching Friction for Workers, <i>Urban Institute: WorkRise</i> , PI – not funded	\$497,309
– Southwest Florida Equitable Pipeline Jobs, <i>US Department of Commerce/EDA</i> , PI – funded	\$22,871,501
– American Rescue Plan Evaluation for Collier County, <i>Collier County Government</i> , Co-PI – funded	\$600,000
– Economic development strategy for the community of Estero, <i>US Department of Commerce/EDA</i> , PI – not funded	\$138,662
– The effectiveness of cultural districts in the revitalization of neighborhoods, <i>National Endowment for the Arts</i> , PI – not funded	\$28,320

Industry Sponsored Research	\$746,667
– Economic Impact and Access to Natural Resources in SWFL, PI	
– Everglades and the Clean Water Economy, PI	
– Greater Naples Chamber Dashboard, PI	
– Arthrex Economic Impact Assessment, PI	
– Homebase Economic Impact Assessment, PI	
– Sanibel and Captiva Islands Accommodations Business Climate, PI	
– Lee County Electric Cooperative Economic Data Trends, PI	
– Village of Estero Economic Data Collection, PI	
– Everglades and the Clean Water Economy Update, PI	
– Greater Naples Chamber Dashboard, PI	
– Everglades and the Clean Water Economy, PI	
– Sanibel and Captiva Islands Accommodations Business Climate, PI	
– City of Punta Gorda Seasonal Population Estimate, PI	
– Assessing the value of environmental assets, PI	
– Airglades International Airport Economic Impact Assessment, PI	
– Change for Change Economic Impact Assessment, PI	
– Financial Assessment for Fort Myers Beach Fire District, PI	
– Bonita Spring Seasonal Population Estimate, Co-PI	
– NCH Healthcare System Economic Impact Analysis, PI	
– SWFL Community and Economic Profile, PI	
– Economic Impact of a Public-Private Partnership at Punta Gorda Airport, PI	
– Collier County Vital Signs Report, PI	

Teaching and Mentoring

Early-Career/Post-Doctoral Research Associates

- David Nason, *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Florida Gulf Coast University, May 2025 - Present
- Juan Sayago Gomez, *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Florida Gulf Coast University, Feb 2023 - Jul 2023

Graduate Students

- Ana Carolina de Freitas Tedesco, *Master's Thesis Committee Member*, 2022.
- Jennifer Nowicki, *Independent Study*, Fall 2021. Placement: Penn State, PhD Supply Chain & Information Systems

Undergraduate Students

Research Assistants & Independent Study

- Esabella Kreitow, *Wiser Eagle*, Fall 2025
- Matthew Bowers, *Wiser Eagle*, Fall 2025
- Miranda Montijo, RA, , Fall 2024
- Joe Nedved, *Independent Study*, Fall 2023, Spring 2024 (Placement: West Virginia University, PhD Economics)
- Christopher Campbell, *Wiser Eagle*, Fall 2023.
- Blaise Lee, *Wiser Eagle*, Fall 2022, Spring 2023.
- Justin Roth, *Wiser Eagle*, Fall 2021.
- Zoey Reed-Spitzer, *Independent Study, RERI*. Fall 2021, Spring 2022 (Placement: University of Arizona, Masters' Agricultural & Resource Economics)
- Kenneth Jules Jr *Wiser Eagle*, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

RERI Research Assistants

- Mathias Mingle
- Marina Bunyatova
- Ashley Fearday
- Aleksandra Dabic
- Melanie Oliva
- Sydney Kiick
- Lily Hobson
- Andrea Santana
- Roxana Ruiz Rodriguez (Placement: UNC Chapel Hill, School of Law)
- Jaime Wood
- Alia Judd
- Maria Leal Delgado (Placement: Rollins College, MBA)
- Nicholas Irra (Placement: Florida International University, Master's in Finance)

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate level

- Principles of Microeconomics
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Undergraduate Seminar (Econ Capstone)
- Urban Economics
- Regional Economics

Graduate level

- Regional Economics
- Input-Output (guest lecturer)

Awards and Honors

- Early Career Award, Mid-Continent Regional Science Association: 2023
- Excellence Funds Top Tier Award, Lutgert College of Business: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute For Humane Studies: 2018
- Jon Vilasuso Advanced Doctoral Student Award, West Virginia University: 2017
- IHS Fellowship, Institute For Humane Studies: 2017
- Co-Winner of the Best Graduate Student Paper in Economics at the 54th AEF Conference: 2017
- W. Marston and Katharine B. Becker Doctoral Fellowship: 2016
- CNPq Fellowship and FAPEMIG Scholarship for Masters studies: 2010–2012
- CNPq Fellowship for undergraduate research assistants: 2009

Professional Activities & Service

Editorial

– Co-Editor, <i>Journal of Regional Analysis & Policy</i>	2021 – Present
– Editorial Board Member, <i>Reaching Regions & Policy</i>	2023 – Present
– Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Cultural Economics</i>	2025 – Present

Peer Review

- Applied Economics, Cepal Review, Contemporary Economic Policy, Economic Modelling, Economia Aplicada, Economic Systems Research, Economics of Education Review, Economics of Governance, Energy Efficiency, Energy Economics, Energy Strategy Reviews, Environmental Economics and Policy Studies, Estudos Econômicos, Estudios Gerenciales, Games, Huella Económica, Helyion, Information Economics and Policy, International Gambling Studies, International Journal of Finance and Economics, International Journal of Sports Finance, Journal of Cultural Economics, Journal of Entrepreneurship and Public Policy, Journal of Housing Research, Journal of Sports Economics, Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy, Journal of Private Enterprise, Journal of Public Economics, Natural Hazards, Nova Economia, Papers in Regional Science, Public Finance Review, Public Choice, Revista Análise Econômica, Revista Brasileira de Estudos Regionais e Urbanos, Revista Semestre Economico, Social Science Research, Spatial Economic Analysis, Space and Culture, Suma de Negocios, The Independent Review, The Library Quarterly, The Review of Regional Studies

Professional Activity

- Association for University Business and Economic Research (AUBER), Board Member: 2025–2028
- Estero Economic Development Council, Committee Member: 2020, 2021
- SWFL Regional Planning Council CEDS, Committee Member: 2021, 2022, 2023
- Lee County Resilient Lee Task Force, Committee Member proxy: 2023
- CareerSource Southwest Florida Business and Economic Development Committee Meeting, Ad-hoc Member: 2022, 2023
- Mandela Washington Fellowship Program: 2023, 2024

Service at Florida Gulf Coast University

- FCGU Department of Economics and Finance Hiring Committee: 2019 (cancelled), 2023
- FCGU Department of Economic Seminar Series Coordinator: 2019,2020,2021,2022,2023,2025
- FGCU Lutgert College of Business AOL Assessment: 2020, 2022, 2023
- FGCU Office of Scholarly Innovation & Student Research Advisory Council: 2023, 2024, 2025
- FL-SUS Task Force, EDA-Build Back Better: 2021, 2022
- FGCU University-wide assessment of the Quality Enhancement Plan: 2020
- FGCU Say Yes to the Nest!: 2020
- FGCU Strategic Roadmap (Presentation on Demographic and Economic Study of Southwest Florida): 2022

Professional Memberships

- American Economic Association, Southern Economic Association, Regional Science International Association, North American Regional Science Association, Mid-Continent Regional Science Association, Association of Cultural Economics International, Association for University Business and Economic Research

Presentations

Invited Seminar

- 2025: Montana State Library
- 2024: FGCU Scholar Series
- 2023: FGCU Scholar Series (cancelled - Hurricane Idalia)
- 2021: Universidade Federal do Paraná, Universidade Federal de Sergipe
- 2020: Universidade Federal de Viçosa, Universidade Católica de Brasília, Universidad Icesi
- 2019: Florida Gulf Coast University, University of Kentucky, Middle Tennessee State University, University of North Texas
- 2018: Texas Tech University (Free Market Institute)

Conferences

- Academy of Economics and Finance: 2017
- Association for Cultural Economics International Meetings: 2021 (online),
- Association for University Business and Economic Research Conference: 2022, 2023, 2024
- Brazilian Regional Science Association Meetings: 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
- Brazilian National Meeting of Economics: 2011, 2012
- European Regional Science Association: 2025

- Mid-Continent Regional Science Association Meetings: 2022 (online)
- North American Regional Science Association Meetings: 2016
- Public Choice Society Meetings: 2016, 2017, 2018
- Southern Economic Association Meetings: 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (online), 2024
- Southern Regional Science Association Meetings: 2015, 2019, 2021 (online)
- Workshop in Applied and Theoretical Economics (WATE): 2023

Community Presentations

1. SWFL Community Gaps Focus Group, *The Healthier Earth* – October 2025
2. 2025 Regional Economic Overview *Naples Area Board of REALTORS* – September 2025
3. Workforce Now: A Regional Economic Overview, *FutureMakers Coalition* – September 2025
4. 2025 Regional Economic Overview, *The Chamber of Southwest Florida* – September 2025
5. 2025 Regional Economic Overview, *Gulf Coast Builders Exchange* – August 2025
6. The SWFL Economy and the Real Estate Market, *The Exchange* – July 2025
7. SWFL State of the Arts, *United Arts Collier* – July 2025
8. SWFL Economic Update, *Society of Municipal Analysts, Spring Meeting* – April 2025
9. SWFL Economic Update, *SWFL National Association of Real Estate Brokers* – April 2025
10. Regional Economic Outlook, *Southwest Florida Inc.* – November 2024
11. SWFL Economic Update, *Royal Palm Coast Realtor Association Brokers Summit* – September 2024
12. Workforce Now: A Regional Economic Overview, *FutureMakers Coalition* – September 2024
13. Regional Economic Outlook, *Gulf Coast Builders Exchange* – August 2024
14. SWFL Economic Update, *Rotary Club of Estero* – May 2024
15. Clean Water Economy Framework, *The Everglades Foundation – Water Day Celebration* – March 2024
16. Sanibel & Captiva Outlook, *Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce* – January 2024
17. The SWFL Affordability Index, *Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida* – January 2024
18. Regional Economic Outlook, *Naples Area Board of REALTORS* – November 2023
19. Collier County Overview, *Naples Children & Education Foundation* – October 2023
20. 2023 Real Estate Symposium, *Real Estate Investment Society* – September 2023
21. Workforce Now: A Regional Economic Overview, *FutureMakers Coalition* – September 2023
22. Construction Industry and SWFL Economy, *The Chamber of Southwest Florida* – August 2023
23. Regional Economic Outlook, *Vistage Florida 2046* – July 2023
24. Regional Economic Outlook, *Gulf Coast Builders Exchange* – June 2023
25. FL Economic Outlook, *Florida Attractions Conference* – June 2023
26. A (SWFL) Economic Update, *Building Industry Association* – June 2023
27. SWFL Equitable Jobs Pipeline, *FGCU Supply Chain Forum* – March 2023
28. Collier County Social and Demographic Perspective, *Jewish Community Day of Learning* – March 2023
29. A (SWFL) Economic Update, *Royal Palm Coast Realtor Association Brokers Summit* – February 2023
30. A (SWFL) Economic Update, *Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce* – February 2023
31. 2022 Real Estate Symposium, *Real Estate Investment Society* – December 2022
32. State of the (SWFL) Economy, *Ave Maria University* – October 2022
33. Economy, Workforce and Entrepreneurship, *FGCU Engagement Day* – September 2022
34. Workforce Now: A Regional Economic Overview, *FutureMakers Coalition* – September 2022
35. An Update on SWFL Economy, *Access Title Agency Brunch and Learn-Update* – September 2022
36. RERI & SWFL Economy, *FGCU Leadership Academy* – August 2022
37. State of the (SWFL) Economy, *The Arlington Community* – August 2022
38. State of the (SWFL) Economy, *Wake Up Naples, Greater Naples Chamber* – August 2022
39. Economic Outlook, *Naples Pelican Bay Rotary Club* – March 2022
40. Regional Economy Outlook, *Cape Coral Construction Industry Association* – March 2022
41. The US and SWFL Economy, *Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida* – January 2022
42. (Non-) Labor Force Participation in Florida, *CareerSource Southwest Florida* – January 2022
43. US and Lee County Economy Outlook, *City of Cape Coral* – January 2022
44. The (Local) Economy in 4 graphs, *New American Business Women's Association* – January 2022
45. Southwest Florida's Economy, *Institute of Internal Auditors* – November 2021
46. Southwest Florida's Economy Overview, *The Chamber of Southwest Florida* – September 2021
47. Southwest Florida's Economy Overview, *Real Estate Investment Society* – September 2021
48. Workforce Now: A Regional Economic Overview, *FutureMakers Coalition* – September 2021
49. Lee County Executive Business Climate Index & Indicators, *The Horizon Council* – August 2021
50. Collier County in Perspective, *Collier County Economic Development Update, Greater Naples Chamber* – August 2021

51. SWFL Economic Impact Review, *Leadership Lee County / The Chamber of Southwest Florida* – April 2021
52. Lee Executive Business Climate Index & Indicators, *The Horizon Council* – February 2021
53. Economic Outlook for SWFL, *City of Cape Coral* – February 2021
54. 2021 Economic Outlook for SWFL, *Financial Planning Association of Southwest Florida* – January 2021
55. Economic Outlook, *Our Daily Food Bread Pantry* – December 2020
56. Impact of COVID-19 in Charlotte County, *Charlotte County Economic Development Partnership* – December 2020
57. Impact of COVID-19 in Collier County, *Collier County Economic Development Update, Greater Naples Chamber* – September 2020
58. Impact of Covid-19 in Southwest Florida, *Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council* – September 2020
59. Workforce Now: A Regional Economic Overview, *FutureMakers Coalition* – September 2020
60. Covid Economic Impact, *SWFL Regional Technology Partnership* – July 2020
61. Managing the Current COVID-19 Pandemic: Effects and Implications for SMEs and the Regional Economy in SWFL (Panelist), *Lutgert College of Business* – July 2020

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