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EMPLOYMENT

- 2021– University of Pittsburgh
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics
- 2019–21 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Post-Doctoral Associate, Jameel Poverty Action Lab

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- 2024– Faculty Research Fellow, Public Economics, National Bureau of Economic Research
- 2023– Faculty Affiliate, Jameel Poverty Action Lab

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Harvard University, Public Policy, 2019
- B.A. University of Michigan, Public Policy, High Honors, 2010

PUBLICATIONS

- With Augustin Bergeron and Jonathan Weigel (2021), “[The State Capacity Ceiling on Tax Rates: Evidence from Randomized Tax Abatements in the DRC](#),” Forthcoming, *Econometrica*.
- With Oyebola Okunogbe, “[How Can Lower Income Countries Collect More Taxes? The Roles of Technology, Tax Agents, and Politics](#),” *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 38(1), 2024.
- With Nilesh Fernando and Niharika Singh, “[Hiring Frictions and the Promise of Online Job Portals: Evidence from India](#),” *American Economic Review: Insights*, 5(4), 2023.
- “[Targeting in Tax Behavior: Evidence from Rwandan Firms](#),” *Journal of Development Economics*, 158, September 2022.
- With Pablo Balán, Augustin Bergeron, and Jonathan Weigel, “[Local Elites as State Capacity: How City Chiefs Use Local Information to Increase Tax Compliance in the D.R. Congo](#),” *American Economic Review*, 112(3), March 2022.

WORKING PAPERS

- With Augustin Bergeron, Pedro Bessone, John Kabeya Kabeya, and Jonathan Weigel (2022), “[Optimal Assignment of Bureaucrats: Evidence from Randomly Assigned Tax Collectors in the DRC](#),” Revise and Resubmit, *American Economic Review*.
- With Augustin Bergeron, Elie Kabue Ngindu, and Jonathan Weigel (2023), “[Does Collecting Taxes Erode the Accountability of Informal Leaders? Evidence from the D.R.C](#)”, IIPF Peggy and Richard Musgrave Prize 2023

With Mats Ahrenshop, Augustin Bergeron, Laura Paler, and Jonathan Weigel (2023), “[Delegating Tax Collection Does Not Adversely Affect Demand for Accountability: Evidence from an Experiment in the D.R. Congo](#)”

With Pablo Balán, Augustin Bergeron, and Jonathan Weigel (2021), “[Property Rights and Social Dependence: How Informal Institutions Shape Land Formalization in Weak States](#)”

With Ana de La O et al. (2022), “[Transaction Costs, Collective Benefits, and Selective Incentives: A Six-Country Randomized Trial to Encourage Formalization](#)”

With Augustin Bergeron, Arnaud Fournier, John Kabeya Kabeya and Jonathan Weigel. (2024), “[Using Machine Learning to Create a Property Tax Roll: Evidence from the City of Kananga, D.R. Congo](#)”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

With Adnan Khan and Zahra Mansoor, “Preferences and Performance Among Bureaucrats: Evidence from Pakistan’s Civil Service” [Fieldwork in progress]

With Augustin Bergeron, Joana Naritomi, and Jonathan Weigel, “Progressivity, Fairness, and Tax Capacity: Evidence from the D.R. Congo” [Fieldwork in progress]

With Pierre Bachas, Anne Brockmeyer, and Anders Jensen, “Fiscal Externalities: Evidence from Tariff Reforms and Domestic Production Networks in Rwanda” [In progress]

POLICY WRITING

“[How the COVID-19 Pandemic Affected Rwandan Businesses: Findings from Phone Surveys,](#)” *PEDL C-19 Note*, July 2021

TEACHING

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| 2022 | Development Economics (Graduate/Undergraduate), Labor/Development Seminar (Graduate), University of Pittsburgh |
| 2019 | Economic Analysis of Public Policy (Graduate), Prof. Jeffrey Liebman, Harvard; Public Finance in International Perspective (Graduate), Prof. Anders Jensen, Harvard |
| 2016 | U.S. Health Policy (Undergraduate), Prof. Amitabh Chandra, Harvard |
| 2014 | Rethinking Financial Inclusion (Graduate), Profs. Asim Khwaja and Rohini Pande, Harvard |

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

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| 2015-17 | World Bank, Consultant |
| 2014-15 | Research Assistant to Professor Dina Pomeranz, Harvard Business School |
| 2011-13 | Research Fellow to Professors Asim Khwaja and Rema Hanna, Harvard Kennedy School |
| 2010-11 | Research Associate, Innovations for Poverty Action, Ghana |

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2024 | International Growth Centre (\$66,762) with Zahra Mansoor and Adnan Khan |
| 2024 | USAID Development Innovation Ventures (\$488,000) with Augustin Bergeron, Joana Naritomi, Marina Ngoma, and Jonathan Weigel |

2023	French Fund for Innovation and Development (\$567,000) with Augustin Bergeron, Joana Naritomi, Marina Ngoma, and Jonathan Weigel
2022	International Growth Centre State Effectiveness Fund (\$24,290) with Zahra Mansoor
2020	Jameel Poverty Action Lab DigiFI Africa Initiative (\$68,992) with Augustin Bergeron and Jonathan Weigel
2020	International Growth Centre State Effectiveness Initiative (\$87,840) with Augustin Bergeron and Jonathan Weigel
2020	PEDL Initiative on the Economic Impacts of Coronavirus (\$32,773) with Richard Dada
2019	International Growth Centre Small and Growing Businesses Fund (\$91,225) with Nilesh Fernando and Niharika Singh
2019	Jameel Poverty Action Lab DigiFI Africa Initiative (\$74,640)
2019	Jameel Poverty Action Lab DigiFI Africa Initiative (\$74,523) with Anders Jensen
2018	International Centre for Tax and Development Research Grant (\$110,000) with Augustin Bergeron and Jonathan Weigel
2018	Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame (\$19,987) with Nilesh Fernando and Niharika Singh
2018	Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science (\$3,000)
2017	Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Peace and Recovery Program (\$50,000) with Augustin Bergeron and Jonathan Weigel
2017	Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL) Governance Initiative (\$49,262) with Pablo Balan, Augustin Bergeron, and Jonathan Weigel
2016	Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Metaketa II Initiative (\$293,398) with Pablo Balan, Augustin Bergeron, and Jonathan Weigel
2016	Jameel Poverty Action Lab Urban Services Initiative (\$48,174) with Nilesh Fernando and Niharika Singh
2015	Richard M. Cashin Fund, Harvard University (\$7,000)
2015	Weiss Family Program Fund for Research in Development Economics (\$33,023) with Nilesh Fernando and Niharika Singh
2015	Jameel Poverty Action Lab Governance Initiative (\$15,000) with Oyebola Okunogbe
2014	Weiss Family Program Fund for Research in Development Economics (\$15,950)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2024	World Bank Poverty and Applied Micro Seminar
2023	World Bank Urban Governance and Public Finance, GAIN Mentorship, IGC Tax and Growth Conference
2022	UCSD Development Seminar, NBER Public Economics Program
2021	World Bank Research Group, University of Southern California, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Rice University Jones Business School, Federal Reserve Board, University of Pittsburgh, J-PAL GCCI Taxation Webinar, IMF/TARC Conference: Tax

- Administration and Tax Policy Responses to COVID-19, University of Exeter
- 2020 National Tax Association Conference, BREAD/CEPR/STICERD/TCD Conference on Development Economics, Northwestern EMCON, NBER's Development Program Meeting
- 2019 UToronto, Center for Global Development, Institute for Fiscal Studies, US Treasury
- 2017 Zurich Conference for Public Finance in Developing Countries, National Tax Association Conference, Stanford University DEVCON

SERVICE

Referee Service

American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Public Economics, J-PAL DigiFI Initiative, NSF Economics Program, Review of Economics and Statistics, Quarterly Journal of Economics

Professional Service

- 2023– AMIE Mentorship Program
- 2021– GAIN Mentorship Program
- 2022 Graduate Committee, University of Pittsburgh