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### EMPLOYMENT

Carnegie Mellon University, Heinz College

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|---|-------------------------|
| Associate Professor (with tenure) of Economics and Public Policy    | (July 2018– present)    |
| Associate Professor (without tenure) of Economics and Public Policy | (July 2017 – June 2018) |
| Dean’s Career Development Professorship                             | (Nov 2015 – June 2018)  |
| Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy                  | (Aug 2010 – Jun 2017)   |

### OTHER AFFILIATIONS

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Research Associate (ITI)  
Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Research Fellow

### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Michigan (2010).  
M.A., Economics, University of Michigan (2006).  
M.P.A., Indiana University (2004).  
B.S., Computer Engineering, Penn State (2002).

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Margins of Labor Market Adjustment to Trade” (2018) *conditionally accepted, Journal of International Economics* (with Rafael Dix-Carneiro).

“Measuring Sub-national Migration Networks using *Matriculas Consulares*” (2018), *Demography*. Vol. 55 no. 3, p.1119-1145 (with Brian Cadena and Maria Esther Caballero)

“Trade Liberalization and Regional Dynamics” (2017), *American Economic Review*. Vol. 107 no. 10, p.1908-2946 (with Rafael Dix-Carneiro).

“Quality-Adjusted Price Measurement: A New Approach With Evidence from Semiconductors” (2017) *Review of Economics and Statistics* Vol. 99 no. 2, p. 330-342 (with David Byrne and Ryan Michaels).

“Immigrants Equilibrate Local Labor Markets: Evidence from the Great Recession” (2016) *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* Vol. 8 no. 1, p.257-290 (with Brian C. Cadena).

“Trade Liberalization and the Skill Premium: A Local Labor Markets Approach” (2015) *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings* Vol. 105 No. 5, p.551-557 (with Rafael Dix-Carneiro).

“Regional Effects of Trade Reform: What is the Correct Measure of Liberalization?” (2013). *American Economic Review*. Vol. 103 No. 5, p1960-1976.

“Overestimating the Effect of Complementarity on Skill Demand” (2011). *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*. Vol. 11: Iss. 1 (Topics), Article 65.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

“The Labor Market Effects of Offshoring by U.S. Multinational Firms: Evidence from Changes in Global Tax Policies” (2017) *under review*. (with Lindsay Oldenski and Nick Sly).

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

“If it Can’t Bend, Will it Break? The China Shock and Portuguese Manufacturing” (with Lee Branstetter, Jacqueline Mauro, and Ana Venâncio)

“From Atlanta to Acapulco: The International Transmission of Local Shocks Through Migration Networks” (with Brian Cadena and Maria Esther Caballero)

“Migrant Network Diversity and Spatial Mobility” (with Brian Cadena, Rebecca Lessem, and Shan Li)

“The Commodity Price Boom and Regional Inequality” (with Andrea Pellandra)

“Emerging Technologies, Labor Outcomes, and Policy Responses (with Laurence Ales, Erica Fuchs, and Kate Whitefoot)

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

“Assessing Price Indexes for Markets with Trading Frictions: A Quantitative Illustration.” (2015), in Susan Houseman and Michael Mandel eds., *Measuring Globalization: Better Trade Statistics for Better Policy*. W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research (with Ryan Michaels).

“The Growing Problem of Disconnected Single Mothers.” (2009), in Carolyn Heinrich and John Karl Scholz eds., *Making the Work-Based Safety Net Work Better: Forward-Looking Policies to Help Low-Income Families*. Russell Sage Foundation (with Rebecca Blank).

## **AWARDS**

Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) Young Labor Economist Award (2014).

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Manufacturing Futures Initiative Grant, Carnegie Mellon (2018-2019) (co-PI with Laurence Ales, Erica Fuchs, and Katie Whitefoot)

Russell Sage Foundation Grant: Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Program (2018-2019) (co-PI with Brian C. Cadena).

Manufacturing Futures Initiative Grant, Carnegie Mellon (2017-2018) (co-PI with Laurence Ales, Erica Fuchs, and Katie Whitefoot)

Early Career Research Grant, W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research (2014) (with Rafael Dix-Carneiro)

Berkman Faculty Development Grant, Carnegie Mellon (2014-2017)

Wimmer Faculty Grant for the Development of Teaching, Carnegie Mellon (2014)

Science and Technology Foundation, Portuguese Ministry of Science (2013-2014) (with Ana Venancio)

Russell Sage Foundation Grant: The Social and Economic Effects of the Great Recession (2012-2013) (co-PI with Brian C. Cadena).

Scientific Research and Technological Development Grant, Science and Technology Foundation, Portuguese Ministry of Science and Education (2013) (co-PI with Ana Venancio).  
Young Investigator Grant, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research (2011) (co-PI with Brian C. Cadena).  
Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan (2009-2010).  
Marshall Weinberg Research Fellowship, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan (2009).  
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Population Studies Center Training Fellowship, University of Michigan (2008-2009).

## TEACHING

Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University

*Ph.D. Microeconomics I* (Ph.D. core)

*Ph.D. Seminar I* (Ph.D. core)

*Policy in a Global Economy (International Trade)* (MS Public Policy and Management)

*Migration Policy* (MS Public Policy and Management)

*Critical Analysis of Policy Research* (MS Public Policy and Management)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor, *Journal of Development Economics* (Jun 2014 – present)

Referee: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *American Economic Review*, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Economics Letters*, *International Economic Review*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of International Economics*, *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Review of Economics and Statistics*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *World Bank Economic Review*, *World Development*

Grant Proposal Reviewer: National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, IZA

Advisory Board, LACEA Trade, Integration, and Growth Network (Mar 2015 – present)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2018 Duke; UT Austin; Princeton; IDB

2017 Illinois Urbana-Champaign; UCL; IDB; Houston; Michigan; Stanford SITE; UBC Sauder

2016 Ryerson; Toronto; IZA; LSE; Warwick; Carnegie Mellon

2015 AEA Annual Meeting (Boston); UC Berkeley; UCLA; Chicago Booth; UVA; UC Davis; UBC; Stanford

2014 Lisbon School of Economics and Management (ISEG); Colorado-Boulder; George Washington; Oregon; Hitotsubashi (Tokyo); Keio (Tokyo); REITI (Tokyo); Kyoto; NBER Summer Institute Labor; NBER Trade; UC Merced

2013 AEA Annual Meeting (San Diego); NBER Trade; Queens College; Columbia; Maryland; Society of Labor Economists (Boston); DePaul; Dartmouth; Essex Trade Workshop

- 2012 Population Association of America Economic Demography Workshop; Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference (Vancouver); UC San Diego
- 2011 World Bank; ILO (discussant); NBER Summer Institute CRIW; Journal of Comparative Economics Conference: Pitt; MIT
- 2010 LSE; Carnegie Mellon; Purdue; Duke; John Hopkins; Brandeis; Notre Dame; Syracuse; Chicago Harris; Department of Commerce; Yale

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Economic Association (2010 – present)
- Research Affiliate, International Growth Centre (Mar 2016 – present)