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CONTACT INFORMATION

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INTERESTS & EXPERTISE

► Inequalities due to race, class, and gender, in the context of social, political and religious institutions; urban/rural studies; life satisfaction and happiness; Brazilian and Afro/Latino(a) studies.

► Data-driven analyses for public policies assessment; data science; data management; advanced regression analysis; categorical & limited dependent variable analysis; survey research; research design.

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX **spring 2013**
Doctor of Philosophy, Public Policy and Political Economy - *Advisor: Brian J.L. Berry*

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX **fall 2009**
Master of Science, International Political Economy - *Graduated with High Distinction*

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX **spring 2007**
Bachelor of Arts, International Studies with a minor in French

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Baruch College, CUNY, New York, NY **fall 2023–present**
Associate Professor with Tenure

Baruch College, CUNY, New York, NY **fall 2018–summer 2023**
Assistant Professor

Baruch College, CUNY, New York, NY **fall 2017–summer 2018**
Substitute Assistant Professor

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ **spring–summer 2017**
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology (Program in Latino Studies)

The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX **fall 2013–summer 2017**
Research Associate, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Advisor: Brian J.L. Berry

AWARDS, HONORS, & GRANTS

2025 *NSF Build and Broaden Grant: Preparing Black and Latinx Students for Graduate Studies in Quantitative Methods*. Co-PI. Anticipated amount: \$229,949 (not funded).

2025 *Fellowship Leave Award*

2022–2025 *Washington Brazil Office (WBO) Fellow*

2023 *Dean's Research Award*

2022 *Dean's Summer Research Stipend Award* (\$6,000)

2021 *Presidential Excellence Award for Distinguished Teaching* at Baruch College

2021 *Dean's Summer Research Stipend Award* (\$5,000)

2021 *PSC-CUNY Research Award Program* (\$3,499)

2021 *CUNY Faculty Fellowship Publication Program*

2019 *Dean's Summer Research Stipend Award* (\$7,500)

2019 *CUNY Academy for the Humanities and Science - Steward Travel Award*

2019 *PSC-CUNY Research Award Program* (\$5,999)

2017 *Summer Course for Research Design supported by the National Science Foundation*

2015–2016 *EPPS Outstanding Teaching Comet Award* at UTD

2014–2015 *EPPS Outstanding Teaching Comet Award* at UTD

- 2014 *Mentor - UTD Undergraduate Research Award*
 2014 *Artinian Travel Award SPSA*
 2013–2014 *EPPS Outstanding Teaching Comet Award at UTD*
 2012 *Pan American Scholarship at UTD*
 2011–2013 *The Provost TA Scholarship at UTD* (\$56,500)
 2010 *Good Neighbor Scholarship Program at UTD* (\$12,000)
 2005–2007 *Honor Transfer Scholarship at SMU* (\$25,000)
 2003 *Rising Star Scholarship at North Lake College* (\$15,000)
 2003 *John Stipes Motivational Scholarship, Irving Schools Foundation* (\$5,000)

PUBLICATIONS:
 PEER REVIEWED
 JOURNAL
 ARTICLES

* first author;
 ** equal
 contribution
 *** graduate
 student

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- [23] Mikhaeil, E.***, Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. and **Valente, R.R.** (2024). Subjective Well-being and Urbanization in Egypt, *Cities - The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*, doi. 10.1016/j.cities.2024.104804.
- [22] Berry, B. J. L., **Valente, R. R.** & Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. (2023). Median Voters' Happiness Cycles in the United States along the Nation's Principal Political Fault Line, *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 19: 321-349.
- [21] **Valente, R. R.** & Ryan A. Smith** (2023). Religiosity and Misanthropy across the Racial and Ethnic Divide, *Religions*, 14, 393.
- [20] Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. & **Valente, R. R.**** (2022). Misanthropolis: Do cities promote misanthropy? *Cities - The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*, doi 10.1016/j.cities.2022.103945.
- [19] Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. & **Valente, R. R.** (2021). Urban unhappiness is common, *Cities - The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*, doi 10.1016/j.cities.2021.103368.
- [18] **Valente, R. R.*** & Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. (2021). Religiosity and Trust: Evidence from the United States, *Review of Religious Research*, 63, 343-379.
- [17] **Valente, R. R.*** & Berry, B. J. L. (2020). Residential Segregation by Skin Color: Brazil Revisited, *Latin American Research Review*, 55(2), 1-20.
- [16] Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. & **Valente, R. R.**** (2020). The Perennial Dissatisfaction of Urban Upbringing, *Cities - The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*, 104.
- [15] **Valente, R. R.***, Berry, B. J. L., & Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. (2020). An Intensifying Urban-Rural Schism in American Women's Preference for Governmental Solutions to Social Problems, *The Professional Geographer*, 72(3), 348-359.
- [14] Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. & **Valente, R. R.**** (2019). No Urban Malaise for Millennials. *Regional Studies*, 53(2), 195-205.
- [13] Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. & **Valente, R. R.** (2019). Livability and Subjective Well-being Across European Cities. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 14(1), 197-220.
- [12] Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. & **Valente, R. R.** (2018). Life Satisfaction of Career Women and Housewives. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 13(3), 603-632.
- [11] **Valente, R. R.*** & Holmes, J. S. (2017). *Vamos Para Rua!* - Taking to the Streets, Protest in Brazil. *Brasiliana - Journal for Brazilian Studies*, 5(2), 281-306.
- [10] **Valente, R. R.** (2017). The Vicious Circle: Effects of Race and Class on University Entrance in Brazil. *Race Ethnicity and Education*, 20(6), 851-864.

- [9] **Valente, R. R.*** & Berry, B. J. L. (2017). Performance of Students Admitted through Affirmative Action in Brazil. *Latin American Research Review*, 52(1), 18-34.
- [8] **Valente, R. R.*** & Berry, B. J. L. (2016). Effects of Perceived Discrimination on the School Satisfaction of Brazilian High School Graduates. *Brasiliiana - Journal for Brazilian Studies*, 5(1), 405-440.
- [7] **Valente, R. R.*** & Berry, B. J. L. (2016). Acculturation of Immigrant Latinos into the U.S. Workplace: Evidence from the Working Hours-Life Satisfaction Relationship. *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 12(2), 451-479.
- [6] **Valente, R. R.** (2016). The Impact of Race and Social Economic Status on University Admission at the University of São Paulo. *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies Journal* 11(2), 95-118.
- [5] **Valente, R. R.*** & Berry, B. J. L. (2016). Dissatisfaction with city life? Latin America revisited. *Cities - The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*, 50, 62-67.
- [4] **Valente, R. R.*** & Berry, B. J. L. (2016). Working Hours and Life Satisfaction: A cross-cultural comparison of Latin America and the United States. *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 17(3), 1173-1204.
- [3] **Valente, R. R.*** & Berry, B. J. L. (2015). Countering Inequality: Brazil's *Movimento Sem-Terra*. *Geographical Review*, 105(3), 1-20.
- [2] **Valente, R. R.** (2015). From Inception to Present: The Diminishing Role of Women in the *Congregação Cristã no Brasil*. *PNEUMA - The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*, 37(1), 41-62.
- [1] **Valente, R. R.** (2015). Institutional Explanations for the Decline of the *Congregação Cristã no Brasil*. *PentecoStudies: An Interdisciplinary Journal for Research on the Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*, 14(1), 72-96.

► **Valente, R. R.** (2013) *Effects of Racial Discrimination on High School Performance and College Admission in Brazil* (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from ProQuest.

EDITORIAL WORK Valente, R. R. (2019). Pentecostalism in Latin America. In *Encyclopedia of Latin American Religions*. H. Gooren (Ed.). New York, NY: Springer.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES Valente, R. R. (2018). Congregação Cristã no Brasil. In *Encyclopedia of Latin American Religions* (Vol. 1, pp. 320-327). New York, NY: Springer.

Valente, R. R. (2018). The Twelve Articles of Faith. In *Encyclopedia of Latin American Religions* (Vol. 1, pp. 113-115). New York, NY: Springer.

BOOK CHAPTERS Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. & **Valente, R. R.** (2018). City Life: Glorification, Desire, and the Unconscious Size Fetish. In I. Kapoor (Ed.), *Psychoanalysis and the Global*, Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press.

Valente, R. R., Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. & Magdy-Zaki, E. (2022). "Religiosity and Trust (the More Believing, the Less Belonging)" In *The Handbook of Labor, Human Resources and Population Economics*. K. F. Zimmermann, Springer.

BOOK REVIEW **Valente, R. R.** & Phillips, B. (2019). The Practitioner's Bookshelf: New Books on Undocumented Storytellers in the United States and on the Crime of Aggression in International Law. *Journal of Human Rights Practice*, 11, 607-611.

OTHER PUBLICATION **Valente, R. R.** (December 2023). "Addressing Structural Racism and Discrimination," 4:3, 27-28 in the Washington Brazil Office (WBO) 2023 Policy Paper.

Valente, R. R. & Heringer, R. (July 21st, 2023). “The Promotion of Racial Equality in Higher Education: Challenges for Lula’s Administration,” Opinion Piece for the Washington Brazil Office.

Valente, R. R. (April 8th, 2022). “Reflection on Affirmative Action Policy in Higher Education,” Opinion Piece for the Washington Brazil Office.

RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW: “Colortocracies: Occupational Status, Skin Color and Ethnoracial Categorization in Cross-National Perspective,” collaboration with Ryan Smith. **Revise and Resubmit.**

“Hey! Cities! Leave Them Kids Alone! (Urban Adolescents Have Lower Life Satisfaction and Eudaimonia),” collaboration with Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn and Arthur Grimes. **Under Review.**

“The top regrets of the dying: “I wish I hadn’t worked so much,” collaboration with Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn and Lonnie Golden. **Under Review.**

“Unhappiness is Unpredictability,” collaboration with Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn and Lonnie Golden. **Under Review.**

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS: “Misanthropolis Around the World.” *We use WVS data to investigate the relationship between urbanism and misanthropy around the world*, in collaboration with Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn.

“Survey of the Attitudes of Brazilians living in the United States,” *Assessing the experiences and opinions about different aspects of life among Brazilian immigrants* (CUNY IRB), in collaboration with Gladys Mitchell-Walthour.

“Measuring Race in Brazil - Does skin tone matter?” *Assessing the effect of skin tone on different life domains of Afro-descendants using LAPOP*, in collaboration with Ryan Smith.

“The Pursuit of Happiness: Afro-descendants and subjective well-being in Latin America.” *Assessing happiness of Afro-descendants using survey data from LAPOP.*

“Religiosity and Life Satisfaction in Latin America and the Caribbean.” *Assessing how religion affects life satisfaction in Latin America and the Caribbean using survey data from LAPOP.*

“The Spirit in Dialectic: Identity and Theological Tensions at the Christian Congregation in Brazil,” in collaboration with Leonardo Alves, book project for CHARIS: Christianity and Renewal Interdisciplinary Studies Series, Palgrave Macmillan.

MENTORING Undergraduate Faculty Mentor **Fall 2022-Spring 2024**
Honor Thesis mentor for Baruch College undergraduate, Areba Ghafoor.

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor **Fall 2018**
Research supervisor for Baruch College undergraduate, Donny Hernandez.

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor **Summer 2015**
Second Reader for UTD Undergraduate student Senior Honor Thesis, Ana Nicole Giron Vives.

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor **2014–2015**
Mentor for UTD Undergraduate Research Award recipient, Dakota A. McCarty.

Faculty advisor for UTD IGNITE Student Association Chapter **2013–2017**
IGNITE builds political ambition in young women via college programs that provide political and civic training and education.

TEACHING	Semester	Course	Student Evaluations
BARUCH COLLEGE	2024 Spring	PAF 9270OMPA - Data Collection and Description	3.96/5 = Very Good
	2024 Spring	PAF 9270NET - Data Collection and Description	4.53/5 = Excellent
	2023 Fall	PAF 9270NET - Data Collection and Description	4.39/5 = Very Good
	2023 Fall	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.86/5 = Excellent
	2023 Fall	PAF 6001H - Honors Thesis	NA
	2023 Spring	PAF 6001H - Honors Thesis	NA
	2023 Spring	PAF 3401NET - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.00/5 = Very Good
	2023 Spring	PAF 9172NET - Research and Analysis II	4.32/5 = Very Good
	2022 Fall	PAF 9172NET - Research and Analysis II	3.66/5 = Good
	2022 Fall	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.32/5 = Very Good
	2022 Spring	PAF 9172NET - Research and Analysis II	4.42/5 = Very Good
	2022 Spring	PAF 9172NET - Research and Analysis II	3.85/5 = Good
	2021 Spring	PAF 3401NET - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.10/5 = Very Good
	2020 Fall	PAF 9172NET - Research and Analysis II	4.60/5 = Excellent
	2020 Fall	PAF 3401NET - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.54/5 = Excellent
	2020 Spring	PAF 9172 - Research and Analysis II	4.59/5 = Excellent
	2020 Spring	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.66/5 = Excellent
	2019 Fall	PAF 9172 - Research and Analysis II	4.46/5 = Very good
	2019 Fall	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.75/5 = Excellent
	2019 Spring	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.68/5 = Excellent
	2019 Spring	PAF 9172 - Research and Analysis II	4.46/5 = Very good
	2018 Fall	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.78/5 = Excellent
	2018 Fall	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.54/5 = Excellent
	2018 Spring	PAF 9172 - Research and Analysis II	4.59/5 = Excellent
	2018 Spring	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.75/5 = Excellent
	2018 Spring	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.93/5 = Excellent
	2018 Spring	PAF 3105 - Principles of Survey Research	4.38/5 = Very good
	2017 Fall	PAF 9172 - Research and Analysis II	4.71/5 = Excellent
	2017 Fall	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.85/5 = Excellent
	2017 Fall	PAF 3105 - Principles of Survey Research	4.42/5 = Very good
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY UT DALLAS	2017 Spring	LAO 200 - Latinos in American Life and Culture	4.30/5 = Very good
	2016 Spring	EPPS 3405 - Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab	4.94/5 = Excellent
	2015 Fall	IPEC 3349 - World Resources and Development	4.96/5 = Excellent
	2015 Spring	EPPS 3405 - Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab	4.94/5 = Excellent
	2014 Fall	IPEC 3349 - World Resources and Development	4.97/5 = Excellent
	2014 Spring	EPPS 3405 - Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab	4.88/5 = Excellent
	2013 Fall	ISSS 3349 - World Resources and Development	4.77/5 = Excellent
	2013 Spring	EPPS 3405 - Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab	4.67/5 = Excellent
	2012 Fall	ISSS 3349 - World Resources and Development	4.85/5 = Excellent
	2012 Spring	SOC 3336 - Culture Regions Brazil	4.85/5 = Excellent
MEDIA PUBLICITY	“An Evolution of Human Spiritual Awareness in Four Stages,” The Times of Israel, February 26, 2025.		
	“Pesquisa busca traçar o perfil da comunidade brasileira nos EUA,” AcheiUSA, May 19, 2022.		
	“U.S. Human Rights, Environmental Experts urge the Biden-Harris Administration to take a Stand for Social and Climate Justice, Rule of Law as it engages Bolsonaro’s Brazil at BBC Brasil, February 3, 2021, Correio Braziliense and Epoca Globo, February 2, 2021.		
	“When it comes to building trust, belonging beats belief, study finds,” at Religion News Service (RNS), January 28, 2021, Baptist Standard, January 29, 2021, Art in Real Life, January 30, 2021, ChurchLeaders, February 1, 2021.		
	“Os detalhes da segregação entre brancos e negros no Brasil, e a comparação com os EUA” at O Globo, July 2, 2020.		

“Welcome to Suburbia: the Millennials Done with City Life- and City Prices” at The Guardian, July 26, 2018.

“Millennials Viven mas Felices en Ciudades que en Pequenos Poblados” at El Tiempo, July 12, 2018.

“Millennials are Happiest in Big Cities, but they’re being Priced Out” at Inman News, July 9, 2018.

“C”mon Get Happy: Study Tracks Generational Joy by Region” at Professional Builder, June 29, 2018.

“Millennials are Happiest in Cities” at CITYLAB and Bloomberg, June 29, 2018.

Invited Interview, “Working Hours and Life Satisfaction: A cross-cultural comparison of Latin America and the United States” at Brian Lehrer TV - Public Intellectual Segment CUNY TV, May 7th, 2015.

“Not all Pentecostals are Growing in Latin America” at Religion Watch Archives, March 1, 2015.

“Symposium Offers Insight to Human Rights in Latin America” at Daily Toreador - Texas Tech, April 11, 2013.

CONFERENCES

“Misanthropolis Around the World,” Paper accepted at the Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) Conference, Luxembourg, July 22-25, 2025.

“Unhappy Millennials? Urban Satisfaction with life scale (SWLS),” Paper accepted at the Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) Conference, Luxembourg, July 22-25, 2025.

“Brazilian Immigrants in the United States,” Paper accepted at the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, Bogota, Colombia, June 12-15, 2024. (unable to attend)

“Misanthropolis Around the World,” Paper accepted and presented at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference, New York, NY, April 24-27, 2024.

“Brazilian Immigrants in the United States,” Paper accepted at the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA) Conference, San Diego, CA, April 3-6, 2024. (unable to attend)

“The Impact of COVID on the Urban-Rural Happiness Gradient,” Paper accepted and presented at the 62nd European Regional Science Association (ERSA) Congress, Alicante, Spain, August 28-Sept 1, 2023.

“The Impact of COVID on the Urban-Rural Happiness Gradient,” and “Religiosity and Life Satisfaction in Latin America,” Papers accepted and presented at the 21st International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS) Conference, Rotterdam, the Netherlands, August 21-25, 2023.

“Urban Misanthropy,” Paper accepted and presented at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference, Nashville, TN, April 26-29, 2023.

“Do Cities Promote Distrust and Dislike for Humankind?” Paper accepted and presented at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS), Virtual Conference, August 23-27, 2021.

“The Urban-rural Happiness Gradient Across Countries,” Paper accepted and presented at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS), Virtual Conference, August 23-27, 2021.

“The top regrets of the dying: ‘I wish I hadn’t worked so hard’ (Greed is good for the Economy, but not for Human Wellbeing),” Paper accepted and presented at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies (ISQOLS), Virtual Conference, August 23-27, 2021.

“Does skin tone matter? Measuring Race in Brazil,” Paper accepted at the International Congress of the Latin American Studies (LASA) Association), Guadalajara, Mexico, May 13-16, 2020. Presenter. Canceled.

- “Urban Misanthropy,” Paper accepted at the 50th Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference, Washington, D.C., April 2-4, 2020. Presenter. Canceled.
- “Does Skin tone Matter? The Price of Pigmentation,” Paper accepted at the International Conference of the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), March 26-28, 2020. Presenter. Canceled.
- “Urban Misanthropy: Cities and the Dislike of Humankind,” Paper accepted and presented at the 15th Trans Atlantic Dialogue (TAD), New York City, October 20-22, 2019.
- “Urban Segregation and Urban Inequality” Paper accepted at the XXXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Boston, MA, May 24-27, 2019. Presenter and Session Organizer.
- “City Life and Millennials,” Paper accepted at the 49th Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 24-27, 2019.
- “Measuring Race in Brazil – Negro, Mulato, Moreno—Does Skin Tone Matter?” Paper accepted at the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), XIV International Congress, July 25-28, 2018.
- “Residential Segregation by Skin Color- Brazil Revisited,” Paper accepted at the 76th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, April 5-8, 2018.
- “Growing up in a city will make you unhappy for the rest of your life” and “No urban Malaise for Millennials,” Papers accepted at the 16th International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference (ISQOLS), March 21, 2018.
- “City Life and Millennials: Urban Malaise Re-examined.” Paper presented at *Healthy Cities Conference*, Baruch College, City University of New York, October 16th, 2017.
- “The Pursuit of Happiness: Afro-descendants’ subjective well being in Latin America.” Paper accepted and presented at the American Association of Geographers (AAG), April 5-9, 2017.
- “Afro-Descendants and the Pursuit of Happiness.” Paper accepted and presented at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), 48th Annual Meeting, March 15-18, 2017.
- “Changing Tides - A Historical Account of the Role of Women in the Christian Congregation in Brazil (Congregação Cristã no Brasil - CCB).” Paper accepted and presented at the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS), 45th Annual Meeting, March 9-11, 2017.
- “Afro-Descendants and the Pursuit of Happiness.” Paper accepted and presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), 88th Annual Meeting, January 12-14, 2017.
- “The Fallacy of Under-performing Affirmative Action Students: Evidence from Brazil.” Paper accepted and presented at Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA) 2016 Congress - Brown University, March 31–April 2, 2016.
- “The Diminishing Role of Women in the Congregação Cristã no Brasil (CCB).” Paper accepted and presented at the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS), 45th Annual Meeting, March 10–12, 2016.
- “Effects of Perceived Discrimination on School Satisfaction in Brazil.” Paper accepted at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference (ISQOLS), October 15–17, 2015. Presenter and Session Chair.
- “Working Hours and Life Satisfaction: A cross-cultural comparison of Latin America and the United States.” Paper accepted at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference (ISQOLS), October 15–17, 2015. Presenter and Session Chair.
- “Acculturation or Value Difference? Working Hours and Life Satisfaction among Latinos in the United States.” Paper accepted at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference (ISQOLS), October 15–17, 2015. Presenter and Session Chair.

“Vamos para Rua! Taking to the Streets! Protests in Brazil.” Paper accepted and presented at the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), XXXIII International Congress, May 27–30, 2015.

“Racial Discrimination and University Entrance in Brazil.” Paper accepted and presented at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 73rd Annual Meeting, April 16–19, 2015.

“A Century of Change in the Congregação Cristã no Brasil.” Paper accepted and presented at the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS), 44th Annual Meeting, March 12–14, 2015.

“Performance of Students Admitted Through Affirmative Action Policies in Brazil.” Paper accepted and presented at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), 86th Annual Meeting, January 15–17, 2015.

INVITED TALKS
AND
PRESENTATIONS

Presentation. “Racism and Colorism in the International Context,” MARXE Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Fridays, online, with Sonia R. Jarvis and special guest Gay McDougall. April 1, 2022.

Presentation. “Inclusive Pedagogy, Part 1,” MSPA Faculty Research Seminar Series, Marx School, online, July 15, 2020.

Presentation. Responding to “Undocumented Storytellers: Narrating the Immigrant Rights Movement” by Sarah C. Bishop. Institute for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, June 24, 2019.

Invited Talk. “Working Hours and Life Satisfaction: A cross-cultural comparison of Latin America and the United States.” Clarkson University, March 30, 2017.

Invited Talk. “Election Predictions and Confidence Intervals.” Baruch College, City University of New York, December 15, 2016.

Invited Talk. “Race and Educational Accessibility in Brazil: From Racial Democracy to Affirmative Action,” and “An Introduction to Research and Survey Design,” Miami University, March 4, 2016.

Invited Talk. “Race and Educational Accessibility in Brazil: From Racial Democracy to Affirmative Action.” University of North Carolina Charlotte, February 24, 2016.

PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT

Invited Panelist. UT Dallas Hispanic Heritage Month. “Call Me Latino.” October 6, 2015.

Invited Panelist. The EPPS Professional Development Workshop: “Teaching Your First College Class,” The University of Texas at Dallas, February 6th, 2015.

Invited Panelist. “The Puzzle of the Americas: A Weeklong Journey into the Complexity of U.S.-Latin America Relations.” Human Rights Panel. Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX. April 2013.

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

BRASA - Brazilian Studies Association Executive Committee
Elected Member of the Executive Committee for BRASA 2022-present.

BRASA - Brazilian Studies Association Best Article Award Committee
Committee selecting the best article in social science to receive award at the XVIII BRASA Congress to be held in July, 2026 at the Federal University of Bahia in Brazil, February - April 2025.

Consultant on the “Cross-cultural Multilevel Examination of Power and Influence,” grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Minerva Research Grant, PI: Jasmin Cloutier, University of Delaware, November 2023 - March 2025.

Facilitator for the Teaching Academy Workshop, “Supporting First-Generation College Students: Moving From Imposter Syndrome to Agentic Actors,” at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) 53th Conference, New York, NY, April 24, 2024.

BRASA - Brazilian Studies Association Program Committee

Committee organizing the program for the XVII BRASA Congress to be held on April 3-6, 2024 at San Diego State University in San Diego, CA, 2023-2024.

BRASA - Brazilian Studies Association Program Committee

Committee organizing the program for the XVI BRASA Congress to be held on March 9-12, 2022 at Georgetown University in Washington DC, 2021-2022.

Facilitator for the Teaching Effectiveness Workshop for Instructors Serving First-Generation College Students at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) 52th Conference, Nashville, TN, April 26, 2023.

Facilitator for the Teaching Effectiveness Workshop for Instructors Serving First-Generation College Students at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) 50th Conference, Washington, D.C., April 2, 2020.

Facilitator for the Teaching Effectiveness Workshop for Instructors Serving First-Generation College Students at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) 49th Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 24, 2019.

Brazil Initiation Scholarship Committee Chairperson

The Brazilian Studies Association is an international, interdisciplinary group of scholars who support and promote Brazilian studies in all fields, especially in the humanities and social sciences, 2016-2018.

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

Certificate in Quantitative Methods for Policy and Equity Analysis

Feb. 2023-present

Co-director of QEC Certificate Program

Executive Committee

Sept. 2019—Aug. 2021, Feb. 2023-Spring 2024

Member of the Marxe School of Public and International Affairs Executive Committee

College Committee

Sept. 2019—Aug. 2021, Sept. 2022-Spring 2024

Member of the College Committee on the Undergraduate Honors Program

Presidential Excellence Teaching Award Committee

March 2024—April 2024

Member of the award committee at Baruch College

Online MPA Program

June 2023—March 2024

Developed core MPA course (PAF 9270) for the online MPA Degree Completion Program

Presidential Excellence Teaching Award Committee

March 2023—April 2023

Member of the award committee at Baruch College

Search Committee

December 2022—April 2023

Member of the search committee for the Assistant Professor cluster hire position in Data Science, with a focus on ESG, policy, and innovation at the Zicklin School of Business

Presidential Excellence Teaching Award Committee

March 2022—April 2022

Member of the award committee at Baruch College

Search Committee

March 2021—June 2021

Member of the search committee for the Assistant Director for Writing in Public and International Affairs position at the Schwartz Communication Institute

Online BSPA Program

Jan. 2021—April 2021

Developed core BSPA course (PAF 3401) for the online Degree Completion Program

Honors Program Admission Committee

Jan. 2021—Mar. 2021

Member of the Baruch Scholars and CUNY Macaulay Honors Admission Committee

Organized event: **Dec. 9, 2019.**
 “The Black Movement and Anti-Racist Struggle for Education in Brazil”
Featured Amilcar Pereira, Associate Professor of History of Education at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ). Organized in collaboration with HEA Club (Baruch Student Organization).

Faculty Supervisor **Oct 13-14, 2018**
Chaperoned and mentored six undergraduate students who were representing Baruch College at the Yale University International Policy Competition.

Faculty Associate at the Center for U.S. Latin American Initiatives (CUSLAI) **2015–2017**
The Center for U.S.-Latin America Initiatives mission is to enhance the academic relationship and understanding between UT Dallas students and faculty with their Latin American counterparts, using an interdisciplinary approach.

Organized event: “Stop Human Trafficking” **Nov. 4th, 2015**
Featured Rolando Lopez, the CEO and founder of “Orphan Secure,” and Carrie Gurley from “We are Cherished.” Organized in collaboration with IPESA, IGNITE and IJM (UTD student organizations).

Organized event: “Paraguay: Emerging in the Heart of South America” **Apr. 9th, 2015**
Featured Ambassador Igor Pangrazio of Paraguay. Organized in collaboration with IPESA (UTD student organization) and EPPS.

Organized event: “Stop Human Trafficking” **Nov. 5th, 2014**
Featured Rolando Lopez, the CEO and founder of Orphan Secure. Organized in collaboration with IPESA, IGNITE and IJM (UTD student organizations).

FACULTY
DEVELOPMENT

Participant, Data Democratization for Social Justice Workshop, funded by the Black, Race, and Ethnic Studies Initiative (BRESI) at CUNY, hosted at LaGuardia Community College, New York, May 12, 2023.

Participant, Talking About Race, Faculty Workshop, Marx School of Public and International Affairs and Bernard L. Schwartz Communication Institute, Baruch College, New York, NY, March 22-29, April 3rd, 2023.

Participant, Summer Workshop on Race, Inequality and Public Policies, Marx School, Baruch College, Online, June 22 - July 20, 2021.

Participant, Faculty Seminar on Remote Communication-Intensive Teaching, Bernard L. Schwartz Communication Institute, Baruch College, Online, July 20-27, 2020.

Participant, Facilitating Meaningful Peer Review Workshop, Marx School of Public and International Affairs and Bernard L. Schwartz Communication Institute, Baruch College, New York, NY, October 31, 2019.

Participant, Faculty Seminar on Effective Writing Pedagogies, Marx School of Public and International Affairs and Bernard L. Schwartz Communication Institute, Baruch College, New York, NY. May 13, 2019.

Participant, Faculty Seminar on Responding with Impact to Student Writing, Marx School of Public and International Affairs and Bernard L. Schwartz Communication Institute, Baruch College, New York, NY. October 15, 2018.

Participant, Faculty Seminar on Inclusive Pedagogy, Marx School of Public and International Affairs and Bernard L. Schwartz Communication Institute, Baruch College, New York, NY. January–May, 2018.

Participant, Summer Course for Research Design in the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SCRD), University of Florida, FL, July 16–22, 2017.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION & MEMBERSHIP	WBO - Washington Brazil Office NDB - The U.S. Network for Democracy in Brazil CIDR - CUNY Institute for Demographic Research UAA - Urban Affairs Association LASA - Latin America Studies Association BRASA - Brazilian Studies Association ISQOLS - International Society for Quality of Life Studies
JOURNAL REFEREE	<i>Regional Studies</i> <i>Journal of Happiness Studies</i> <i>Applied Research in Quality of Life</i> <i>Race and Social Problems</i> <i>Religions</i> <i>PLOS One</i> <i>Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion</i> <i>Journal of Human Security</i> <i>Journal of Economics Surveys</i> <i>Harvard Undergraduate Research Journal</i> <i>Human Geography</i> <i>Social Indicators Research</i> <i>Social Science Research</i> <i>Sociological Forum</i> <i>Sociology of Education</i> <i>International Journal of Public Opinion Research</i> <i>Dados: Revista de Ciências Sociais</i> <i>Journal of Economic Surveys</i> <i>Third World Quarterly</i>
TECHNICAL SKILLS	STATA, SPSS, L^AT_EX, Beamer, Qualtrics–Online Survey Software System, Gnuplot, HTML Git Version Control System, Data Management, Microsoft Office, Macintosh & Windows
LANGUAGES	Native: Portuguese Fluent: English Advanced Knowledge: Spanish and French Intermediate Knowledge: Italian Beginner Knowledge: Hebrew

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