

Harvard Brazil Research Fund

2016 Award Recipients

Laura Alfaro	HBS	<i>Globalization and Organizational Change: Evidence from Brazil</i>	To investigate the roles played by imports and changes in management practices on productivity growth in the Brazilian economy.
Marcia Castro	Chan	<i>Estimation of the social and economic burdens of dengue and Zika virus in Brazil: a public policy tool</i>	To study the social and economic burdens of dengue and Zika for 5 years at the state level in order to assist policy makers in selecting intervention methods and highlight the need for further data collection.
Scott Edwards	FAS (OEB)	<i>Prioritizing biodiversity of birds and butterflies in Cerrado habitats of Brazil using geographic and phylogenetic information systems</i>	To prioritize and map the biodiversity of the Cerrado habitat, indicating conservation concerns.
Ichiro Kawachi	Chan	<i>Machine learning to estimate life expectancy by race in Brazil: challenges for a multi-racial future</i>	To use machine learning to estimate life expectancy by race in Brazil, where studies suggest that physician reported race on death certificates differs from self-identification. To correct and quantify racial disparities in life expectancy.
Dana McCoy	GSE	<i>Assessing the Impact of Socio-Emotional Learning Programming in Brazil</i>	To test whether a socio-emotional classroom-based curriculum is effective in improving children's socio-emotional and academic outcomes in Brazil. To determine whether impacts differ based on level of teacher training.
Gautam Rao	FAS (Econ)	<i>From Research to Policy: Improving Municipal Policymaking in Brazil</i>	To estimate the extent to which effective policy-making in local government in Brazil is constrained by lack of access to policy research. Provide policy research findings to law-makers and use randomization to estimate effects.
Paola Uccelli	GSE	<i>The Learning for All Project</i>	To contrast more and less successful but otherwise comparable schools within and across developing countries and collect data related to student achievement with the end goal of designing targeted experimental interventions.