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EDUCATION

2023-present	University of Missouri—St Louis Doctor of Philosophy, Criminology and Criminal Justice Faculty advisor: Dr. Marisa Omori <i>Expected graduation: May 2028</i>	St. Louis, MO
2023-2025	University of Missouri—St Louis Master's degree, Criminology and Criminal Justice	St. Louis, MO
2022-2023	Pontifical Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul Graduate Certificate (Specialization) in Criminal Law and Criminology • Thesis: " <i>Alternative penalties for resocialization and the protection of human dignity: a critical analysis of its application</i> " (in Portuguese) Faculty advisor: Dr. Liane B. Thomé	Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil
2017-2022	Federal University of Rio Grande Bachelor's degree in Law • Thesis: " <i>Constitutional review of the imprisonment before the first appeal in jury trials</i> " (in Portuguese) Faculty advisor: Dr. Eduardo P. Corrêa	Rio Grande, RS, Brazil

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Courts and sentencing, prosecutorial decision-making, law and society, comparative criminal justice, identity, and gender studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant | University of Missouri—St Louis

Undergraduate Courses:

CRIMIN 4325: *Gender, Crime & Justice* | Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025

CRIMIN 4390: *Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice* | Spring 2024, Spring 2025

CRIMIN 4330: *Violence Against Women* | Summer 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Missouri—St Louis

2025 *Graduate Research Assistant* | Summer 2025
Dr. Marisa Omori

2024 *Independent Research* | Fall 2024 - Present
Investigating Prosecutorial Discretion in Plea Negotiations in Brazil | IRB 438335

2024 *Graduate Research Assistant* | Summer 2024, Fall 2024
Dr. Rebecca Lennox | Criminal Justice Responses to Sexual Assault in the United States

University of São Paulo's Law School | Brazil

2025 *Researcher (volunteer)*
Criminal Agreements Research Network (REPAC)

Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences | Brazil

2024 *Legal Researcher (volunteer)*
Advanced Study Group Agreements and their Intersections Between the Criminal,

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Administrative and Civil Spheres

- 2022-2023 *Legal Researcher (volunteer)*
Advanced Study Group Negotiation Strategies Applied to Criminal Justice
• Presentation: “*Plea Bargaining and its possible insertion in the Brazilian Criminal Justice System*” (in Portuguese)
- 2022-2023 *Legal Researcher (volunteer)*
Advanced Study Group Criminal Negotiation Spaces and Corporate Criminal Law

Federal University of Rio Grande | Brazil

- 2021-2022 *Research Group Transnationalization and Human Rights (volunteer)*
• Presentation in Oct 2022 at the 21st University Production Exhibition: “*Habeas Corpus 191.124 RO and the Brazilian Non-Prosecution Agreement as a subjective right of the defendant*” (in Portuguese)
• Presentation in Oct 2021 at the 20th University Production Exhibition: “*The informative elements and the ‘in dubio pro societate’ in jury cases*” (in Portuguese)
- 2019-2020 *Research Group Law and Environmental Education (volunteer)*
• Member of the organizing committee that developed the Extracurricular Project “Rebuilding ways of doing and thinking of environmental education”, a partnership with the Justice System as an alternative penalty to prisoners convicted of environmental misdemeanors, at FURG, in August 2019
- 2018 *Discussion Group on Affirmative Policies (volunteer)*
• Analyzing the infrastructure and studying inclusive policies and other facilities to help minority students

Federal University of Minas Gerais | Brazil

- 2020 *Study Group Crimes Against Women - Femicide (volunteer)*
• Researching on crimes committed against women and their motivations in cases of Domestic Violence in Brazil, aiming at good practices for the ressocialization of aggressors

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Criminal Defense Attorney | Brazil

- 2022 Private and *ad hoc* attorney
Issued: 2021 | Status: Active license, not currently practicing

Public Defender 's Office | Brazil

- 2022-2023 *Graduate practice residency | São Pedro do Sul, RS*
• Researching criminal justice precedents, acting on appeals, and writing motions and petition in civil and criminal cases, such as divorce, alimony, tax collection, theft and domestic violence
- 2021-2022 *Undergraduate internship | São Luiz Gonzaga, RS*
• Writing petitions and researching precedents for defensive acts in criminal justice, mainly related to homicide, drug trafficking, theft and robbery
- 2017-2018 *Undergraduate volunteer internship | Rio Grande, RS*
• Requesting documents to file lawsuits and researching jurisprudence for drafting petitions

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Federal University of Rio Grande | Brazil

2020-2022 *Undergraduate internship at the Legal Clinic* | Rio Grande, RS
• Providing legal services to the public, mostly in banking law, health insurance benefits and pension plans. Researching, writing petitions and administering the office

District Attorney 's Office | Brazil

2019-2021 *Undergraduate internship* | Rio Grande, RS
• Studying cases under investigation to make formal written charges or agreement offers, researching precedents and writing criminal petitions and formal requests to the police

FELLOWSHIPS

2025 **Graduate Student Fellowship** | Summer 2025
CCJ Department | University of Missouri—St Louis: \$1,800
Investigating Prosecutorial Discretion in Non-Prosecution Agreements in Brazil

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2024 **Graduate Travel Research Scholarship**
The University of Missouri—St. Louis Graduate School: \$500

2024 **Individual Conference Grant**
The University of Missouri—St. Louis CCJ Department: \$700

2024 **Travel Award**
The University of Missouri—St. Louis CCJ Department: \$1,000

2024 **Triton Fund**
Office of Student Advocacy & Care, University of Missouri—St Louis: \$500

2023 **Travel Award**
The University of Missouri—St. Louis CCJ Department: \$1,000

2023-2025 **UMSL Global Merit-based Scholarship**
Offered International Student Recruitment Scholarship of a \$ 7,500.00 per academic year, for 2 academic years (not claimed) | University of Missouri—St Louis

2023 **English Language Programs | English for Professional Development**
Received Santander Open Academy Scholarship to study English for 5 weeks | University of Pennsylvania

2023-2024 **Master's Degree Scholarship**
Offered full tuition waiver as part of admission to a 2-year federally funded program (not claimed) | Federal University of Santa Maria, RS, Brazil

2017-2022 **Undergraduate Scholarship**
Received full tuition waiver for a 5-year federally funded undergraduate program | Federal University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, RS, Brazil

PUBLICATIONS

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Law Journal Reports

- 2022 **Heinzmann, A. C. T.** “*Analysis of the Brazilian negotiation possibilities through an expansionist perspective*” (in Portuguese). Boletim Conteúdo Jurídico, v. 1,116, year XIV (Oct 2022), p. 125-137, ISSN 1984-0454. Available at: [link](#)
- 2022 **Heinzmann, A. C. T.** “*Presumption of innocence in Brazil after the Constitution of 1988 related to the precautionary arrest*” (in Portuguese). Boletim Conteúdo Jurídico, v. 1,113, year XIV (Sep 2022), p. 111-133, ISSN 1984-0454. Available at: [link](#)
- 2022 **Heinzmann, A. C. T.** “*Imprisonment before the first appeal in jury trials under the hermeneutic-Constitutional filter*” (in Portuguese). Âmbito Jurídico, n.220 (May 2022), p. 01-34, ISSN 1518-0360. Available at: [link](#)

AFFILIATIONS

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| 2025-present | Member of the Law and Society Association |
| 2025-present | Member of the Brazilian Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys (ABRACRIM) |
| 2022-present | Member of the Brazilian Bar Association (Order of Attorneys of Brazil - OAB) registered by the number 127.216-RS |
| 2022-present | Member of the Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences (IBCCRIM) |

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITMENT

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| 2025-2026 | Treasurer — Graduate Student Association Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Missouri—St Louis |
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LANGUAGES

Portuguese (native speaker), English (bilingual proficiency), and Spanish (intermediate proficiency).