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EDUCATION

Jan/2020-Dec/2025

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) at University of Brasilia (UnB)

GPA: 4.84/5.00 [last updated March 2025].

- UnB does not provide student rankings.
- Placed third out of 1402 applicants nationwide in UnB's admission exam.

Jan-May/2024

Visiting Undergraduate Student at Harvard College

GPA: 4.00/4.00.

Courses taken: Comparative Politics in Latin America (Grade: A), Democracy: Breakthroughs and Breakdowns (Grade: A), Law and Inequality (Grade: A), International Human Rights (cross-registrant at Harvard Law School, Grade: CR).

- Visiting Undergraduate Students receive a Credit (CR) grade upon successfully passing cross-registration courses.

Jan-May/2024

Berkeley International Study Program (BISP) at UC Berkeley

GPA: 4.00/4.00.

Courses taken: Seminar on Topics in Law and Society: International Courts and Human Rights (Grade: A+), Latin American History (Grade: A), Theories of Law and Society (Grade: A), Supervised Independent Study for Undergraduates (mandatory for BISP final research project, Grade: P), Directed Group Study for Undergraduates (BISP mandatory, Grade: P).

- Presented a final research project on comparative constitutional law contrasting the Brazilian and Irish constitutions to complete the BISP Certificate on the "Current and Historical Politics" course track.
- At UC Berkeley, all independent and group study courses are graded on a Pass/Not Pass (P/NP) basis.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug/2024-Present

Intern at César Asfor Rocha Advogados (CAR Advogados)

Boutique law firm led by the former Chief Judge of the National High Court of Brazil. The firm specializes in high-complexity private and public law matters.

- Responsible for authoring reports on cases to be heard by the Supreme Court and drafting legal documents.
- Assist with the firm's academic endeavors, establishing partnerships with study groups and academic institutions.

Sep/2022-Dec/2023

Intern for Chief Justice Luís Roberto Barroso at the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court

- Responsible for researching national and international precedents, drafting orders and rulings, and authoring reports on the main themes related to the Court's judicial review cases, such as legislative process and constitutional theory analysis.
- Worked on many cases of national significance, such as ADO 59, which forbade the federal government from freezing environmental funds, and ADPF 850, in which the Court found anonymous amendments to the national budget (a scandal known as the 'secret budget') to be unconstitutional.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Aug/2024-Aug/2025

Researcher at UnB PIBIC (Scientific Research Initiation Program) – 2024/2025

Research theme: *Multipropriedade no Brasil: conjuntura fática e jurisprudência dos tribunais superiores* ("Fractional ownership in Brazil: factual circumstances and superior courts' precedents"). The project analyzed the current legal standards for fractional ownership in Brazilian law and the trends in interpreting these regulations by Brazil's higher courts. Concluded that the current legal framework is insufficient in providing solutions to the many housing demands that reach Brazil's judiciary annually. Advised by Professor Frederico Viegas.

- Project is to be presented at UnB's forthcoming 31st Scientific Initiation Congress, in September of 2025.

Set/2024-Feb/2025 &
Mar/2023-Dec/2024

Teaching Assistant for Constitutional Law II at UnB

Assisted Professor Jorge Lavocat Galvão in his Constitutional Law II course at the University of Brasilia. Responsible for formulating and grading exams, holding office hours and occasionally substituting for the professor. The assistantship was interrupted during the Spring semester of 2024 due to the Harvard VUS period.

Aug/2023-Aug/2024

Researcher at UnB PIBIC (Scientific Initiation Program) – 2023/2024

Research theme: *Federalismo cooperativo: a atuação do Supremo Tribunal Federal durante a pandemia da Covid-19* (“Cooperative Federalism: the Federal Supreme Court’s jurisdiction during the Covid-19 pandemic”). The project investigated how the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court’s practices and decisional trends during Covid-19 reinterpreted traditional Union-State relations. Found that the Court’s precedents from that period drove Brazil’s federalism towards a more cooperation-based arrangement. Advised by Professor Mamede Said Maia Filho.

- Awarded a monthly research stipend by the Federal District’s Research Support Foundation (FAPDF).
- Project was presented at UnB’s 30th Scientific Initiation Congress, in November of 2024.

Jan-May/2024

Research Assistant at Harvard’s Department of Psychology

Assisted Lecturer Mayron Piccolo in his Music & Social Exclusion (CoMuSE) Project, which aims to investigate the effects of communal music and singing on mental health, development, and neural responses in children. Responsible for creating surveys in Qualtrics and cataloging the data from these questionnaires.

Oct/2022-Fev/2023

Teaching Assistant for Comparative Constitutional Law at UnB

Assisted Professor Juliano Zaiden Benvindo in his Comparative Constitutional Law course. Responsible for grading a third of the exams and assisting students during lectures.

Jun-Sep/2022

Teaching Assistant for Legal History at UnB

Assisted Professor Cristiano Paixão in his Legal History course. Responsible for sharing course materials with the students and grading their final papers.

Fev-May/2021

Teaching Assistant for Legal Research at UnB

Assisted Professor Alexandre Bernardino Costa, the current dean of UnB’s Law School, in his Legal Research course. Responsible for registering student participation, organizing in-class debates, and grading final papers

EXTRACURRICULAR

Jan/2025-Present

Co-founder of UnB’s Study Group on Sports Law (GEDE)

Grupo de Estudos em Direito Desportivo (GEDE) was founded to host events on sports law and prepare UnB’s team for a forthcoming sports arbitration moot court competition in May. Coordinated by Professor Amanda Athayde. Responsible for contacting speakers for events.

Dec/2024-Present

Member of UnB’s Study Group on Tax Law (TaxUnB)

Grupo de Estudos em Direito Tributário (TaxUnB) represents UnB in moot competitions and aims to foster debates on issues in tax law, including Brazil’s recent tax reform. Coordinated by Professor Antônio de Moura Borges. Responsible for assisting in organizing events.

Oct/2024-Present

Volunteer at NGO Ocupe o Lago

Ocupe o Lago (“Occupy the Lake”) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that holds monthly events to clean up the shores of Brasília’s Paranoá Lake using skimmer nets since 2014.

Aug/2024-Present

Co-founder of UnB’s Center for Studies in International Law (NEEDI.UnB)

Núcleo de Estudos e Extensão em Direito Internacional (NEEDI.UnB) discusses themes in international law and prepares UnB’s teams for international moot court competitions. Coordinated by Professor Gabriela Lima Moraes, supervised by Professor Jorge Galvão. Responsible for coordinating the group and moderating encounters.

Jun/2022-Present

Permanent columnist and content creator at Portal Migalhas

Migalhas is Brazil’s most accessed legal news website, with a daily readership of over three million people. Responsible for writing *Migalhas Para Estudantes*, a column aimed at young legal professionals.

- Migalhas’ youngest-ever permanent columnist
- Conducted over twenty interviews with interesting figures – such as a National High Court Judge, the President of Brazil’s Bar Association, and the creator of the Federal Supreme Court’s A.I. software (*Projeto Victor*).
- Migalhas Para Estudantes’ Instagram account has already surpassed ten thousand (10.000) followers.

Jul/2024-Feb/2025	<p>Coach for UnB's team in the CoDiTech Moot competition CoDiTech Moot is Brazil's biggest competition in arbitration and tech law. Responsible for researching relevant themes and helping students prepare and rehearse their oral arguments.</p>
Jan/2024-May/2024	<p>Media Officer of the Brazilian Studies Association at Harvard Law School (HLS BR) HLS BR promotes collaboration between those who are interested in discussing issues related to Brazil at Harvard Law School. Responsible for managing the Association's media and for contacting sponsors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helped organize the 2024 Brazil Legal Symposium at Harvard Law School, which welcomed 150 guests and 42 speakers, spread out over 11 panels. • Also helped organize two HLS BR lunch talk events and a reception dinner for Symposium attendees.
Jan/2024-May/2024	<p>Member of the Harvard Undergraduate Brazilian Association (HUBA) Responsible for assisting in organizing events to foster community engagement.</p>
May/2023-Dec/2023	<p>Volunteer at Habeas Liber Habeas Liber is a volunteer project by University of Brasília students. The project collects book donations from professors, libraries, local courts, and law firms and builds public libraries at correctional facilities. Responsible for transporting book donations and organizing the project's bookshelves.</p>
May/2023-Dec/2023	<p>Volunteer at STF na Escola <i>STF na Escola</i> ("STF at School") is an educational program affiliated with the Federal Supreme Court that organizes talks by Court employees at public schools on constitutional rights and democracy. Responsible for assisting speakers and distributing informational material.</p>
Jan/2023-Dec/2023	<p>Assistant Editor of UnB's Undergraduate Law Review (RED UnB) <i>Revista dos Estudantes de Direito da UnB</i> (RED UnB) is the only student-run law review at the University of Brasília. Responsible for editing articles, coordinating the journal's web blog, and hosting the <i>Papo Luso</i> ("Lusitanian Chat") podcast, which interviewed professors from other Portuguese-speaking countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The blog was completely restructured: a "columns" section was created for publications by collaborating study groups, and accessibility features were implemented, namely a text-to-speech convertor • <i>Papo Luso</i> held interviews with five different professors from Angola and Portugal.
Nov/2023	<p>Chair of the "Law and Technological Advances" seminar at CEUB The panel discussed the technological advances implemented by the Federal Supreme Court and had Rodrigo Canalli (Court clerk) and Camila Nascimento (lecturer at CEUB) as speakers. Responsible for organizing the event and moderating the debate. Hosted by <i>Centro Universitário de Brasília</i> (CEUB), a university in Brasília.</p>
Oct/2023	<p>Invited speaker at the Federal District Bar Association's 10th extraordinary session of 2023 Discussed the importance of role models for young jurists.</p>
Aug/2023	<p>Hosted a lecture by Federal Supreme Court Justice Cármen Lúcia at CEUB Responsible for organizing the event and introducing the justice's lecture regarding the Supreme Court's role in constitutional review. Also hosted by <i>Centro Universitário de Brasília</i> (CEUB).</p>
May/2023-Aug/2023	<p>Member of UnB's team competing at XXVI Competencia Eduardo Jiménez de Aréchaga (CEJA) CEJA is a prestigious moot competition on human rights hosted at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights headquarters in San José, Costa Rica. Responsible for co-writing the submitted memos, and arguing in favor of the State during the oral rounds, all conducted in Spanish. Coordinated by Professor Jorge Galvão.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Team achieved the best-ever result of a Brazilian university in the history of the competition. • Memo in favor of the State was rated the second-best of the entire competition.
Jan/2023	<p>Invited speaker at a panel hosted by the São Paulo Bar Association's Young Lawyers Committee Spoke at an online panel titled <i>Guia Essencial do Acadêmico de Direito</i> ("Essencial Guide for Legal Academics").</p>
Dec/2022	<p>Invited speaker at the XIX National Encounter of Young Lawyers (ENJA) The <i>Encontro Nacional da Jovem Advocacia</i> (ENJA) is an event organized by the Brazilian Bar Association that brings together young lawyers from every region of Brazil. The XIX edition of the event, held in Salvador, Bahia,</p>

welcomed almost four thousand guests. Responsible for speaking at a panel titled *A trajetória entre a universidade, exame de ordem e a advocacia* (“The journey between university, the bar exam and practicing law”).

Nov/2022

Invited speaker at the Berkeley International Study Program (BISP) Alumni Panel

Invited to speak about experiences at UC Berkeley to future BISP applicants.

May/2022

Presented a project at the Berkeley International Study Program (BISP) Symposium

BISP Symposium allows participants to present their final project to a board of program coordinators. Presented a comparative constitutional law research project contrasting the Brazilian and the Irish constitutions.

PUBLICATIONS LIST

BOOK

Teixeira, Gabriel. *Quem foi Rui Barbosa? As histórias da Águia de Haia* (“Who was Rui Barbosa? The stories of the Eagle of the Hague”), Ribeirão Preto, Migalhas, 2022.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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Teixeira, Gabriel. *Justiça que é justa: jurisdição zelosa e o princípio constitucional do melhor interesse do menor* (“Justice that is fair: zealous jurisdiction and the constitutional principle of the best interests of the child”), in Caselato, Aline et. al. (Eds.). *Liber Amicorum: Homenagem aos 13 anos de atuação do Ministro Marco Buzzi na Corte da Cidadania* (“Liber Amicorum: tribute to Judge Marco Buzzi’s 13 years of tenure at the National High Court”), São Paulo, Mizuno, 2024

Teixeira, Gabriel. *A interferência eleitoral pela justiça penal* (“Electoral interference by the criminal justice”), in Rodrigues, Caio Leonardo et. al. (Eds.). *Com razão a defesa / Com razão a acusação* (“Reason sides with the defense / Reason sides with the prosecution”), Ribeirão Preto, Migalhas, 2024

TRANSLATED WORKS

Breyer, Stephen. *The Authority of the Court and the Peril of Politics*. Harvard University Press, 2021. Translated by Georges Abboud, Gustavo Vaughn, and Gabriel Teixeira. Ribeirão Preto, Migalhas, forthcoming 2025.

Baude, William. *Foreword: The Supreme Court’s Shadow Docket*. University of Chicago Public Law & Legal Theory Working Paper, no. 508, 2015. Translated by Georges Abboud, Gustavo Vaughn, and Gabriel Teixeira. Ribeirão Preto, Migalhas, 2025.

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Teixeira, Gabriel. *República em caos, res publica em cacos* (“Republic in chaos, res publica in shards”). Migalhas Para Estudantes, January 9th, 2023, <https://www.migalhas.com.br/coluna/migalhas-para-estudantes/379687/república-em-caos-res-publica-em-cacos>

Teixeira, Gabriel. *“O aprendizado da leitura não tem relação só com justiça e processo”: Entrevistamos o Bookster, advogado e influencer literário* (“Learning through literature is not just about justice and procedure”: An interview with Bookster, a lawyer and literature influencer”). Migalhas Para Estudantes, December 20th, 2022, <https://www.migalhas.com.br/coluna/migalhas-para-estudantes/378923/entrevistamos-o-bookster-advogado-e-influencer-literario>.

Teixeira, Gabriel. *Pensa em fazer LL.M. nos Estados Unidos? Tiramos dúvidas com um especialista!* (“Thinking of doing an LL.M. at the United States? We consulted an expert to clear up doubts!”). Migalhas Para Estudantes, October 24th, 2022, <https://www.migalhas.com.br/coluna/migalhas-para-estudantes/375814/pensa-em-fazer-ll-m-nos-eua-tiramos-duvidas-com-uma-especialista>

Teixeira, Gabriel. *Política e Direito: a importância democrática dos Centros Acadêmicos* (“Politics and Law: the democratic importance of Student Associations”). Migalhas Para Estudantes, October 18th, 2022, <https://www.migalhas.com.br/coluna/migalhas-para-estudantes/375466/politica-e-direito-a-importancia-democratica-dos-centros-academicos>.

Teixeira, Gabriel. *A importância da comunicação escrita: dicas para e-mails formais!* (“The importance of written communication: tips for formal e-mails”). Migalhas Para Estudantes, September 19th, 2022, <https://www.migalhas.com.br/coluna/migalhas-para-estudantes/373669/a-importancia-da-comunicacao-escrita-dicas-para-e-mails-formais>.

Teixeira, Gabriel. *Conheça as bem-qualificadas e já renomadas revistas acadêmicas geridas por estudantes* (“Get to know the well-qualified and already renowned academic journals run by students”). Migalhas Para Estudantes, September 5th, 2022, <https://www.migalhas.com.br/coluna/migalhas-para-estudantes/372870/conheca-as-renomadas-revistas-academicas-geridas-por-estudantes>.

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Teixeira, Gabriel. *Do corredor às palestras: as facetas descomplicadas do networking* (“From the corridor to the lectures: the uncomplicated facets of networking”). Migalhas Para Estudantes, July 27th, 2022, <https://www.migalhas.com.br/coluna/migalhas-para-estudantes/370529/do-corredor-as-palestras-as-facetas-descomplicadas-do-networking>.

Teixeira, Gabriel. *Entrevista com Luís Henrique Fernandes, mestre pela UPenn e criador da página Por Dentro do LL.M* (“An interview with Luís Henrique Fernandes, Master of Laws at UPenn and creator of the Por Dentro do LL.M webpage”). Migalhas Para Estudantes, July 20th, 2022, <https://www.migalhas.com.br/coluna/migalhas-para-estudantes/370025/entrevista-com-luis-henrique-fernandes>.

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