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EDUCATION

Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ)	Quito, Ecuador
<i>Master of Economics (Highest Honors), Emphasis in Computational Economics</i>	August 2021 – June 2023
<i>Bachelor of Economics (Magna Cum Laude)</i>	August 2016 – December 2020
Bogota Summer School in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	Bogota, Colombia
<i>Real Analysis with applications to Economics (Graduate coursework)</i>	July 2023
Washington & Jefferson College (W&J)	Washington, PA, USA
<i>Semester Abroad – Visiting Student</i>	January 2020 – May 2020

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Econometrics, Macroeconomics, Behavioral Economics.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Avila, M. (2021). Macroeconomic implications of the COVID-19 pandemic: an analysis of early academic production. *Cuestiones Económicas*, 31(2). <https://doi.org/10.47550/RCE/31.2.1>

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Causal evaluation and stochastic revealed preferences with unobserved randomness” with V. Aguiar and N. Chuquimarca.

“Oil price changes and educational outcomes in a resource-intensive country: the case of Ecuador” with Sergio Parra-Cely.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

London Business School	London, UK
<i>Economics Research Assistant (Remote / Part-Time)</i>	February 2023 – Today
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Research consultant in the project “Equilibrium effects of quality disclosure in Higher Education”.Direct collaboration with authors: Prof. Rebecca De Simone (London Business School), Prof. Felipe Brugués (ITAM México), Prof. Sebastián Otero (Columbia University in the City of New York).	
Universidad San Francisco de Quito.	Quito, Ecuador
<i>Graduate Research Assistant (Part-time)</i>	August 2021 – May 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">GRA to Prof. Juan David Robalino in a project in the field of behavioral economics (undisclosed work in progress).	
Experimental and Computational Economics Lab (USFQ)	Quito, Ecuador
<i>Undergraduate Research Fellow</i>	August 2019 – December 2020
Universidad San Francisco de Quito	Quito, Ecuador
<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	August 2017 – December 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Carlos Uribe Terán, PhD. – Advanced Macroeconomics. August – December 2020.Sergio Parra Cely, PhD. – Mathematical Economics I, Principles of Microeconomics. August 2018 – July 2019.	

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

The Association for Private Capital Investment in Latin America (LAVCA)
Private Capital Research Analyst (Remote / Full-Time)

New York City, NY, USA
May 2022 – February 2023

BuenTrip Ventures Capital Management
Investment Analyst (Hybrid / Full-Time)

Quito, Ecuador
April 2021 – May 2022

NOTORIOUS DISTINCTIONS

Excellence Research Scholarship, School of Graduate Studies at USFQ	July 2021
Holland Scholarship Recipient (Erasmus University Rotterdam, <i>not used</i>)	May 2021
Econ-Award Senior Year Recipient (USFQ School of Economics)	February 2021
Winner of the First Economic Debates National Competition	October 2020
Econ-Award Junior Year Recipient (USFQ School of Economics)	May 2019
Two times winner - Econ-Challenge National Award	2018 – 2019
Xerox Scholarship Recipient at Freshman Year (USFQ)	May 2017
Golden Medal at the International Computer Project Competition <i>Infomatrix</i> (Bucharest, Romania)	June 2016
Valedictorian (Best Graduating Student) – Johannes Kepler High School (Quito, Ecuador)	May 2016
Second Place at the 5th National Annual Essay Contest on Human Rights	Abril, 2015

RECENT SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

First Annual Meeting of the Association of Economics of Ecuador <i>Department of Economics, Escuela Superior Politecnica del Litoral (ESPOL) (Guayaquil, Ecuador)</i>	June 2023
Economic History of Latin America <i>Penn Initiative for the Study of Markets. (PISM), University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA, USA). (Remote)</i>	February – April 2023
A first Approach to Cooperative Game Theory: Making sense of collective behavior in strategic setups <i>Roberto Serrano, PhD. (Harrison S. Kravis University Professor of Economics at Brown University, RI, USA). (Delivered at USFQ)</i>	December 2022
Fiscal Rules and Sovereign Risk <i>Juan Carlos Hatchondo, PhD. (Professor of Economics at the University of Western Ontario, ON, Canada). (Delivered at USFQ)</i>	November 2022
Mini Course on Macroeconomics for Emerging Markets (USFQ) <i>Cristina Arellano, PhD. (Monetary Advisor, Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, MN, USA). (Delivered at USFQ)</i>	Fall, 2019

OTHERS

Software Proficiency: Julia, R, STATA, Latex, Python, MATLAB, Microsoft Office.

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Advanced), Italian (Basic reading comprehension)

Official Examinations:

- TOEFL iBT: 106 / 120 (C1 Equivalence CEFR: Advanced) – April 2023
- Prueba de Aptitud Académica by College Board Latin America: 2280 / 2400 (SAT Equivalence in Spanish) – January 2016

REFERENCES

Academic References

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Industry References

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