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## PROFILE

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I am an economics PhD student at Duke University. My research interests are in trade, firm dynamics, and macroeconomic development.

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Economics, <b>Duke University</b> .	2022 - Present
M.A. Economics, <b>Universidad de los Andes</b> - Colombia ( <i>cum laude</i> ).	2019 - 2021
B.A. Economics, <b>Universidad de los Andes</b> - Colombia ( <i>cum laude</i> ).	2015 - 2019

## PUBLISHED PAPERS

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**The Size and Life-Cycle Growth of Plants: The Role of Productivity, Demand, and Wedges.** (2024). *The Review of Economic Studies*. With *Marcela Eslava* and *John Haltiwanger*. Document available [here](#).

**Businesses and Inequality in Latin America.** (2025). *Oxford Open Economics*. With *Marcela Eslava*, *Marcela Meléndez*, *Gabriel Ulysea*, and *Ignacio Flores*. LACIR working paper version [here](#).

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Who Pays for Tariffs Along the Supply Chain? Evidence from European Wine Tariffs.** (2025). NBER Working Paper. With *Aaron Flaaen*, *Ali Hortaçsu*, *Felix Tintelnot* and *Daniel Yi Xu*. Working paper available [here](#).

**Business Size, Development, and Inequality in Latin America: A Tale of One Tail.** (2023). Policy Research Working Paper 10584. © World Bank, Washington, DC. With *Marcela Eslava*, *Marcela Meléndez*, and *Laura Tenjo*. Working paper available [here](#).

**‘Sorting’ Out Gender Discrimination and Disadvantage: Evidence from Student Evaluations of Teaching..** (2025). NBER Working Paper. With *Sara Ayllón*, *Lars Lefgren*, *Richard Patterson* and *Olga Stoddard*. Working paper available [here](#).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Regional Policy in the Presence of Informality. With *Rafael Dix-Carneiro* and *Sharon Traiberman*.

## PRE-DOCTORAL WORK

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**“Talented” Men and “Kind” Women? Gender Bias in Student Evaluations of Teaching.** (2021). Documento CEDE No. 46. (Master’s thesis). Document available [here](#). In the media: [El Espectador](#).

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant for Daniel Xu and Felix Tintelnot, Duke University. (Aug. 2024 - Present).

Research Assistant for Marcela Eslava, Universidad de Los Andes. Main research projects joint with John Haltiwanger and Marcela Meléndez (Jun. 2019 - Jul. 2022).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### TEACHER ASSISTANT - DUKE UNIVERSITY

First-year Ph.D. Econometrics      (*profs. Matt Masten, Adam Rosen, and Anna Bykhovskaya*)  
2023 Fall - 2024 Spring

### TEACHER ASSISTANT - UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES

Impact Evaluation for Public Policy	( <i>prof. Adriana Camacho</i> )	2020 II
Intermediate Econometrics	( <i>prof. Mateo Arbeláez</i> )	2020 Summer
World Economic History	( <i>prof. Leopoldo Fergusson and Juan Sebastián Galán</i> )	2020 I
Intermediate Macroeconomics	( <i>prof. David Pérez and Andrés Zambrano</i> )	2019 II & 2020 I

## PRESENTATIONS

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[2025] Penn State: Midwest Trade & Theory; NC-State: Tariffs and Trade Policy Conference

## REFeree SERVICES

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Economía LACEA Journal, Desarrollo y Sociedad

## LANGUAGES

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English	Fluent	Spanish	Native Language
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## REFERENCES

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Marcela Eslava      Full Professor, Universidad de Los Andes. [meslava@uniandes.edu.co](mailto:meslava@uniandes.edu.co)

John Haltiwanger      Distinguished University Professor, University of Maryland. [halt@umd.edu](mailto:halt@umd.edu)