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PROFILE

I am a research assistant at the Economics Faculty at Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia, working for Marcela Eslava on firm dynamics, productivity, and market power. I hold a M.A and a B.A. in economics from Universidad de Los Andes. I am primarily interested in approaching problems through empirical work with structural models. My current interests in research are towards firm dynamics, innovation, trade, economic development, and applied econometrics. I have also worked on other topics in independent projects that include internal migration and displacement in Colombia and gender bias in student evaluations of teaching.

EDUCATION

2019 - 2021	M.A. Economics, <i>cum laude</i> (GPA 4.78/5, ranked 2nd/40), Universidad de los Andes - Bogotá, Colombia
2015 - 2019	B.A. Economics, <i>cum laude</i> (GPA 4.63/5, ranked 3rd/102), Universidad de los Andes - Bogotá, Colombia

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Jun. 2019 - Present	Research Assistant for Marcela Eslava, Full-Professor and Economics Faculty Dean, Universidad de Los Andes. Main research projects joint with John Haltiwanger and Marcela Meléndez.
Dec. 2019 - Feb. 2020	Data research assistant for Adriana Corredor-Waldron, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Princeton University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GRADUATE TEACHER ASSISTANT - UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES

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

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHER ASSISTANT - UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES

2018 II - 2019 I	Monetary Policy and Theory
2018 Summer	Intermediate Econometrics
2017 Summer	Intermediate Microeconomics
2017 II	Mathematical Methods for Economics
2017 I	Pentagon. Study hall for Calculus 3, integral Calculus, Linear Algebra, and Differential Calculus.
2016 II	Integral Calculus

WORKING PAPERS

Market concentration, market fragmentation, and inequality in Latin America. (2021). UNDP LAC Working Paper No. 11. Background Paper for the UNDP LAC Regional Human Development Report 2021. With *Marcela Eslava and Marcela Meléndez*. Document available [here](#).

“Smart” 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](#).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Equilibrium Gender Discrimination in Student Evaluation of Teaching. With *Sara Ayllon, Lars Lefgren, Richard Patterson, and Olga Stoddard*.

Internal migration and labor force participation in Colombia. With *Mateo Arbeláez and Juan Sebastián Muñoz*.

AWARDS

2011	Sixth place National Colombian Mathematical Olympics 30th Edition. First level category.
2019	One of the best results in the Colombian higher education examinations (Saber-Pro). The award was given to 1,324 graduates out of over 240,000.
2019	Placed in the top 3% of the previous 5 years of graduates in the B.A. in economics, Los Andes University (<i>cum laude</i>).
2021	Placed in the top 3% of the previous 5 years of graduates in the M.A. in economics, Los Andes University (<i>cum laude</i>).

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Supuestos Economics Magazine (2016 - 2019). This is the economics student's magazine from Universidad de Los Andes. I held multiple roles: Editorial Director (2019), Revision and Edition Sub Director (2018), Communications Sub Director (2017 II). Six publications in printed edition, including two main articles. Link to [website](#) (in Spanish).

VOLUNTEER WORK

Tight Bonds (*Lazos Estrechos*) (2013-2015). This volunteer work consisted of planning and executing activities during Saturdays with children aged 8-12 years from a school in a low-income neighborhood, Ciudad Bolívar. Activities promoted teamwork and motivation to continue attending school.

Demobilized Teenagers Camp (2014). This one-week camp consisted of planning and executing activities with demobilized teenagers from Colombia's guerrillas and paramilitaries. The activities were designed to overcome trust issues after demobilization and facilitate their return to social life after migrating to Bogotá.

SKILLS

Stata, R & Latex	Advanced	Python & Julia	Basic
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LANGUAGES

English	Fluent	Spanish	Native Language
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REFERENCES

Marcela Eslava	Full Professor and Economics Faculty Dean, Universidad de Los Andes. meslava@uniandes.edu.co
John Haltiwanger	Distinguished University Professor, University of Maryland. halt@umd.edu
Adriana Camacho	Associate Professor, Universidad de Los Andes. adcamach@uniandes.edu.co
Lars Lefgren	Department Chair and Professor, Brigham Young University. lars.lefgren@byu.edu