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## PROFILE

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I am an economics PhD student at Duke University. My current research interests are in trade, firm dynamics, and macroeconomic development. I also have some ongoing projects on internal migration and displacement in Colombia and gender bias in student evaluations of teaching.

## 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.** (Accepted). *Oxford Open Economics*. With *Marcela Eslava*, *Marcela Meléndez*, *Gabriel Ulysea*, and *Ignacio Flores*. LACIR working paper version [here](#).

## WORKING PAPERS

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**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](#).

**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*. Working paper available [here](#).

**“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](#).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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

Reconciling the Effects of Migration: Do the Opportunity Costs Shape the Local Effects?. With *Mateo Arbeláez* and *Juan Sebastián Muñoz*.

## 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

## REFeree SERVICES

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Economía LACEA Journal.

## LANGUAGES

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English	Fluent	Spanish	Native Language
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## REFERENCES

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Marcela Eslava	Full Professor and Economics 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