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PROFILE

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

EDUCATION

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

PUBLISHED PAPERS

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

Who Pays for Tariffs Along the Supply Chain? Evidence from European Wine Tariffs. (2025). NBER Working Paper. With *Aaron Flaaen*, *Ali Hortacsu*, *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

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

PRE-DOCTORAL WORK

“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

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

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

Economía LACEA Journal, Desarrollo y Sociedad

LANGUAGES

English	Fluent	Spanish	Native Language
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REFERENCES

Marcela Eslava	Full Professor, Universidad de Los Andes. meslava@uniandes.edu.co
John Haltiwanger	Distinguished University Professor, University of Maryland. halt@umd.edu