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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Los Angeles, 2017-present (expected June 2023)

M.A. in Economics, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina. 2014-2015

B.A. in Economics, *summa cum laude*, Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, Argentina. 2008-2012

FIELDS

Primary Field: Health Economics

Secondary Fields: Labor Economics, Public Economics

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Sick Pay and Labor Supply”

This paper studies the optimal design of a paid sick leave system. I develop a model of work-absence behavior where risk-averse workers who face health risks decide their sick pay coverage and utilization. The social planner provides insurance against these risks—i.e., it provides paid sick leave—maximizing social welfare, which is a function of workers' utility and population health. The optimal paid sick leave scheme trades off the value gained from risk protection against the costs associated with behavioral responses: unjustified leave taking and externalities due to the spread of contagious diseases. I obtain estimates of the model's parameters using individual-level data on sick pay utilization and labor supply from the Chilean Paid Sick Leave System. I leverage exogenous variation in the temptation for shirking behavior induced by the day of the week a sick leave claim is filed to identify the key parameters governing workers' behavior. Finally, I analyze the impact on welfare and behavior of implementing the optimal contract and compare them with the welfare gains of alternative reforms to the paid sick leave system.

WORKING PAPERS

“A Manufactured Tragedy: The Origins and Deep Ripples of the Opioid Epidemic” with Carolina Arteaga. [Draft](#).

“Tobacco Consumption Habits in Argentina. Evidence from a New Regulation.” [Draft](#).
Reject & Resubmit at Journal of Health Economics.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor: Microeconomics Theory I, undergraduate, UCLA. Summer 2021

Teaching Assistant:

- Microeconomics Theory I, undergraduate, UCLA. Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Fall 2021.
- Microeconomics Theory II, undergraduate, UCLA. Winter 2021, Spring 2021.
- Introduction to Econometrics, undergraduate, UCLA. Winter 2019, Winter 2020.

RELEVANT POSITIONS

Visiting scholar at Wagner School of Public Service (New York University)	2021-2022
Graduate Student Researcher at California Policy Lab (CPL)	2018-2019
Research Assistant in the Research Department of the Inter-American Development Bank	2016-2017

PRESENTATIONS

Wagner School of Public Service; WEAI Graduate Student Workshop; ASHEcon; Young Economist Symposium (YES); EGSC at Washington University in St. Louis*; APPAM*	2022
Applied Micro Student Lunch at NYU Econ; EGSC at Washington University in St. Louis Tobacco Online Policy Seminar (TOPS).	2021
Graduate Student Retreat, Center for Poverty Research, UC Davis; ASHEcon Annual Conference (poster).	2020
*scheduled	

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA.	2022
Summer Mentored Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, UCLA.	2021
Best Teaching Assistant Award - Remote Learning, Department of Economics, UCLA.	2020-2021
Best Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, UCLA.	2020-2021
Best Paper Award, Albert Family Proseminar in Applied Microeconomics, UCLA.	2020
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, Graduate Division, UCLA.	2019
Fellowship, Department of Economics, UCLA.	2017-2021

RESEARCH FUNDS AND GRANTS

Lewis L. Clarke Fellowship Fund. Department of Economics, UCLA. <i>Amount: USD 3,600</i>	2021
Graduate Student Training Grants. UC Network on Child Health, Poverty, and Public Policy. <i>Amount: USD 4,000</i>	2020
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Insight Grant <i>Amount: CAD 3,000</i>	2020-2021
University of Toronto Mississauga Research and Scholarly Activity Fund <i>Amount: CAD 8,000</i>	2020-2021

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Scientific Committee. LACEA Health Economics Network at RIDGE Forum. Spring 2022 .
Scientific Committee. Young Economist Symposium (YES), Summer 2022.

REFERENCES

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