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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

“On the Design of Paid Sick Leave: A Structural Approach”

This paper studies the optimal design of a paid sick leave system. To do so, I develop a model of sick pay provision where risk-averse workers face health risks and decide their sick pay coverage and utilization. These decisions are affected by workers' health and the generosity of paid sick leave. When choosing their demand for sick days, workers trade off the utility cost of working while sick with the consumption loss from missing work when taking up sick leave. Given these responses, a social planner provides sick leave coverage to maximize social welfare, which is a function of workers' welfare and the productivity losses associated with sick leave provision. I obtain estimates of the model's parameters exploiting individual-level data on sick pay utilization and labor supply from the Chilean Paid Sick Leave System. I leverage exogenous variation in the incentives for shirking behavior induced by the day of the week a sick leave claim is filed. Finally, I analyze the impact on welfare and behavior of implementing the optimal contract.

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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