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Education

- 2017 - UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
Ph.D. Candidate - Intended graduation 2023. GPA 3.84/4
- 2018 UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES
M.A., Economics. GPA 3.81/4
- 2014-15 UNIVERSITY TORCUATO DI TELLA
M.A., Economics. GPA 8.67/10
- 2008-12 FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, CORDOBA NATIONAL UNIVERSITY
B.A., Economics (honors). GPA 9.12/10 ranked 1st out of 137

Research Interests

Health Economics, Labor Economics, Public Economics

Research Experience

- 2019 Research Assistant for [Till von Wachter](#) Department of Economics, UCLA
Fields: labor economics
Project: City of LA minimum wage evaluation report.
- 2016 - 17 Research Assistant for [Julian Cristia](#) Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank
Fields: economics of education and labor economics
Projects: Development in the Americas 2017 Flagship Report of the IDB and Meta-Analysis of interventions to promote learning in elementary school. Visit our web site: [SkillsBank](#)

Working papers

"Tobacco Consumption Habits in Argentina. Evidence from a New Regulation." [slides](#). [draft](#)

Deaths related to modifiable risky behaviors, such as smoking tobacco, are considered a major determinant of premature death in both developed and developing countries (Cawley and Ruhm, 2011 and Blecher, 2008). This paper examines the effect of non-price interventions on smoking habits in the context of the 2011 Argentinean anti-smoking national law. I interact previous state-level legislation with the national law to identify the effect of the incorporation of tobacco graphic warnings and the implementation of clean-indoor air policies on smoking prevalence and average daily cigarette consumption. I find that the probability of being a current smoker decreased by 6.17 percentage points. I also explore whether alcohol and tobacco are consumed as complements or substitutes to assess the side-effects of tobacco control policies. Tobacco regulation induced a decrease in abusive consumption of beer, wine, and binge drinking. The sign of these changes is consistent with cigarettes and alcohol being complements goods.

"Reducing Child Maltreatment: The Role of Mandatory Reporting Laws" with Carolina Arteaga [slides](#)

Child maltreatment is responsible for substantial morbidity and mortality and has long-lasting effects on mental health, drug and alcohol misuse and criminal behavior. This paper evaluates the effects of the first policy targeted at the reduction of child abuse and neglect at home in the United States in early 1960's. The policy consisted of making mandatory the reporting of child maltreatment by physicians, after the discovery in the medical field of the "Battered Child Syndrome." This discovery increased national awareness about the extent of child maltreatment in the country, and by 1970, all fifty states had passed some form of mandatory reporting law. We exploit the staggered introduction of these laws across states to evaluate its effect on the number of cases reported and referrals to foster care and in measures of child wellbeing such as height, mortality, and mental health in adulthood. At this preliminary stage, we find that the policy reduced mortality for children under one year of age, especially in the states that had penalties in place associated to the failure of reporting. We do not find mortality decreases for other ages.

Work in progress

"Sick Leave Claims and Labor Supply" with Fernanda Rojas-Ampuero

"Minimum Wage Evaluation for the City of LA " with Till von Wachter

Chapters in books

"What Counts for Skills Development?" with Julián Cristia and Santiago Cueto.

In [Learning Better: Public Policy for Skills Development](#), Matías Busso, Julián Cristia, Diana Hincapié, Julián Messina y Laura Ripani (editors), Washington, DC: Inter-American Development Bank, 2017.

Awards

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| 2020 | Best Paper presented at the Albert Family Fund Proseminar in Applied Microeconomics - Department of Economics, UCLA. |
| 2020 | Outstanding Performance in the Shift to Remote Learning - Winter 2020 and Spring 2020 - Department of Economics, UCLA |
| 2020 | Graduate Student Training Grants - UC Network on Child Health, Poverty and Public Policy. Research project funded: "Reducing Child Maltreatment: The Role of Mandatory Reporting Laws" |
| 2019 | Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program - Graduate Division, UCLA. |
| 2017 | Graduate Division Fellowship - Department of Economics, UCLA. |
| 2014-15 | University Torcuato Di Tella Scholarship: Masters Degree (half tuition, 2014-15) |
| 2012 | Special Mention "Premio Universidad". Annual award to best undergraduated students from Cordoba National University. |

Teaching Experience

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| 2020 Summer | Instructor: ECON 11 , UCLA |
| 2020 Spring | Teaching Assistant: ECON 11 , UCLA [student's evaluations] |
| 2020 Winter | Teaching Assistant: ECON 103 , UCLA [student's evaluations] |
| 2019 Winter | Teaching Assistant: ECON 103 , UCLA [student's evaluations] |
| 2018 Fall | Teaching Assistant: ECON 11 , UCLA. [student's evaluations] |
| 2015 | Lecturer: Economics II (Introduction to Macroeconomics), Torcuato Di Tella University |
| 2015 | Teaching Assistant: Econometrics, graduate level course, Torcuato Di Tella University |

Others

Co-founder of the Women in Economics Group at UCLA. Visit our website: [Women in Econ at LA](#)

References

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