## Alexander Valenzuela

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**EDUCATION** Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Santiago, Chile M.A. in Economics 2022 - 2023 • Thesis: "The Heterogeneous Effects of Monetary Policy Under Downward Nominal Wage Rigidity". Adviced by Prof. Alejandro Vicondoa. • Recipient of ANID Fondecyt Regular Grant for thesis research. • Graduated with two votes of distinction. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Santiago, Chile B.A. in Economics 2016 - 2022 INTERESTS Macroeconomics; Monetary and International Economics. Research Universidad de los Andes, Chile Santiago, Chile Research Assistant — Prof. Álvaro García-Marín 2023 - Present • R&R at QJE: "Cities, Heterogeneous Firms, and Trade" Research Assistant — Prof. Andrés Barrios-Fernández • Work in progress: "Effects of Dual Vocational Education on Educational and Labor Market Trajectories" Central Bank of Chile Santiago, Chile Research Assistant (Internship) 2022 • Working paper: "Business Formation, Labor Market Frictions, and Business Cycles" • Working paper: "News Shocks Across Countries" TEACHING Universidad de los Andes, Chile Santiago, Chile 2023 - Present Instructor • Macroeconomics I, Industrial Organization, Linear Algebra. Teaching Assistant • Macroeconomic Theory, Topics in Applied Microeconomics. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Santiago, Chile 2020-2023 Teaching Assistant • Graduate-level courses: Applied Macroeconometrics, Applied Microeconometrics, Financial Crises. • Undergraduate-level courses: Macroeconomics I, Economics and Data Science, Optimization Methods, Introduction to Economics, Accounting I Seminars Poster presentation at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2024 AND Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Chilean Economic Society, 2024 Presentations Seminar at the Universidad de los Andes, 2023 VOLUNTEERING The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Córdoba, Argentina Released with honors as a full-time missionary 2017 - 2018 • Two years as a volunteer in Argentina along with other full-time missionaries

**SKILLS** 

Programming: Stata, Matlab, and Python (Advanced); R and SQL (Intermediate).

• Planned and worked teaching with other volunteers and local church leaders

**Softwares**: LATEX and Dynare (Advanced); Bloomberg (Beginner).