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EDUCATION

American University	<i>Aug. 2020 – (expected) 2025</i>
Ph.D. in Economics	
M.A. in Economics	<i>2022</i>
<i>Committee:</i> Xuguang (Simon) Sheng (chair), Juan Antonio Montecino, Mieke Meurs	
University of Pennsylvania	<i>Jan. – May 2024</i>
Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics	
<i>Hosts:</i> Dirk Krueger, Jesús Fernández-Villaverde	
University of Maryland, College Park	<i>2019</i>
B.S. in Economics, Minors in International Development & Arabic	

WORKING PAPERS

“Racial Differences in the Marginal Propensity to Consume: New Survey Evidence and Theory.”
Job Market Paper
– “*Best paper in applied economic research*” 2025, *Department of Economics, American University*
“Monetary Policy Transmission to Consumption: Inequalities by Gender and Race.”
“Consumer Responses to Fed Communications: Prior Beliefs, Consumption, Demographics.”
“Unpaid Elderly Care Work and Women’s Labor Force Participation: The Case of South Korea,” with Selin Secil Akin, Sung Ah Bahk, Lídia Brun, Ignacio González.

POLICY PAPERS

“Raising Capital Gains Taxes Would Reduce Inequality Without Economic Costs,” with Juan Montecino, Mary Hansen, and Ignacio González. (2025). *Inequality.org*.
“Monetary Policy and Labor Market Gender Gaps,” with Valentina Flamini, Diego B. P. Gomes, Bihong Huang, Lisa Kolovich, Aleksandra Zdzienicka. (2023). *IMF Working Paper No. 23/211, International Monetary Fund*.
“The Unequal Effect of Interest Rates by Race, Gender.” (2022). *Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Economic Letter 2022-19*.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

American University, Research Assistant	<i>Aug. 2022 – Present</i>
- Professors Ignacio Gonzalez Garcia & Juan Antonio Montecino	
Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Dissertation Fellow	<i>June – Sept. 2024</i>
Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Graduate Economic Intern	<i>May – Jul. 2023</i>
International Monetary Fund, Intern	<i>Jun. – Sept. 2022</i>
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Visiting Research Scholar	<i>May – Jun. 2022</i>
United Nations Department of Economic & Social Affairs, Intern	<i>Sept. – Dec 2021</i>
American University, Research Assistant	
- Carework and the Economy project	<i>May – Aug. 2021</i>
- Professor Kelly Jones	<i>Jan. – May 2021</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economics for Business (Lecture-lead, TA), PhD Macroeconomic Analysis (TA), Intermediate Macroeconomics (TA)	<i>Spring 2022</i>
Introduction to Macroeconomics (TA)	<i>Fall 2020, Fall 2021</i>

GRANTS

Barbara Bergmann Prize, American University	<i>2023</i>
Student Travel Grant, Economics Department, American University	<i>2022, 2023</i>
Travel and Accommodation (Italy, Boston), Young Scholars Initiative	<i>2022, 2023</i>
Student Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, American University	<i>2022</i>

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

“Best paper in applied economic research”, Department of Economics, American University	<i>2025</i>
Merit Graduate Assistantship & Fellowship, American University	<i>2020 – Present</i>
Unlocking Our Potential Essay Contest Winner, Federal Reserve Bank of SF	<i>2022</i>
Multi-ethnic Academic Excellence Award, University of Maryland	<i>2016 – 2019</i>
Outstanding Youth Achiever Award, United Nations Youth Assembly	<i>2016</i>

CERTIFICATES

Numerical Summer School: The Essentials & Advanced Tools, London School of Economics	<i>2023</i>
Graduate Certificate on Gender Analysis in Economics, American University	<i>2022</i>
Ecological and Feminist Macroeconomics Course, Universitat de Barcelona	<i>2021</i>
Gender-Sensitive Macro Modeling for Policy Analysis Course, American University	<i>2021</i>
Foundational Primer on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UNSSC	<i>2021</i>
Graduate Fellow, United Nations Association-NCA	<i>2021</i>

PRESENTATIONS

Colby College, The City College of New York	<i>2025</i>
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Trinity College, Southern Economic Association Meetings, American University, Federal Reserve Board, University of Pennsylvania, Eastern Economic Association Meetings, ASSA Annual Meetings	<i>2024</i>
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Howard University, Federal Reserve Board, YSI Pre-Conference at IARIW-Bank of Italy Conference, IARIW-Bank of Italy Conference (Discussant), Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, ASSA Annual Meetings	<i>2023</i>
International Monetary Fund, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco	<i>2022</i>
United Nations Association-NCA (Discussant)	<i>2021</i>

REFeree SERVICE

International Economic Review, Review of Political Economy

SKILLS

Programming: STATA, Matlab, Python, Julia, R, Fortran, Mathematica
Other software: Git, Linux, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office
Languages: English (native), Spanish (native), Catalan (native), French (interm.), Arabic (interm.)

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