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Research interests: macroeconomics, monetary economics, consumer finance

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Department of Economics, Pace University, Clinical Assistant Professor

2025 – Present

EDUCATION

American University

2020 – 2025

Ph.D. in Economics

M.A. in Economics

2022

Advisors: Xuguang (Simon) Sheng, Juan Montecino, Mieke Meurs

University of Pennsylvania

Spring 2024

Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics

Host: Dirk Krueger

University of Maryland, College Park

2015 - 2019

B.S. in Economics, Minors in International Development & Arabic

WORKING PAPERS

“Racial Differences in Consumption and Saving Behavior: New Survey Evidence and Quantitative Theory of Status Signaling.” *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.”

“Universal Long-Term Care Reform and Caregivers’ Labor Supply: Evidence from Korea,” with Selin Secil Akin, Sung Ah Bahk, Lídia Brun, Ignacio González.

“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*.

POLICY PAPERS

“Raising Capital Gains Taxes Would Reduce Inequality Without Economic Costs,” with Juan Montecino, Mary Hansen, and Ignacio González. (2025). *Inequality.org*.

“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

Aug. 2022 – May 2025

- Professors Ignacio Gonzalez Garcia & Juan Antonio Montecino

Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Dissertation Fellow

June – Sept. 2024

Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Graduate Economic Intern

May – Jul. 2023

International Monetary Fund, Intern

Jun. – Sept. 2022

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, Visiting Research Scholar

May – Jun. 2022

United Nations Department of Economic & Social Affairs, Intern

Sept. – Dec 2021

American University, Research Assistant
- Carework and the Economy project
- Professor Kelly Jones

May – Aug. 2021
Jan. – May 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pace University

Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics *Spring 2026*
MA Macroeconomic Analysis, MA Applied Econometrics, Principles of Macroeconomics *Fall 2025*

American University, Teaching Assistant

Economics for Business (Lead), PhD Macroeconomic Analysis, Intermediate Macro. *Spring 2022*
Introduction to Macroeconomics *Fall 2020, Fall 2021*

GRANTS

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

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

“Best paper in applied economic research”, Department of Economics, American University *2025*
Merit Graduate Assistantship & Fellowship, American University *2020 – 2023*
Unlocking Our Potential Essay Contest Winner, Federal Reserve Bank of SF *2022*
Multi-ethnic Academic Excellence Award, University of Maryland *2016 – 2019*
Outstanding Youth Achiever Award, United Nations Youth Assembly *2016*

CERTIFICATES

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

PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Macroeconomics Meeting (*scheduled*), FMM Conference Berlin (*scheduled*), *2025*
Southern Economic Association Meetings (*scheduled*), DC-MD-VA Econometrics Workshop,
Colby College, The City College of New York
Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Trinity College, Southern Economic Association Meetings, *2024*
Federal Reserve Board, University of Pennsylvania, American University,
Eastern Economic Association Meetings, ASSA Annual Meetings
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Howard University, Federal Reserve Board, *2023*
YSI Pre-Conference at IARIW-Bank of Italy Conference, IARIW-Bank of Italy Conference
(Discussant), Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, ASSA Annual Meetings
International Monetary Fund, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco *2022*
United Nations Association-NCA (Discussant) *2021*

SERVICE

Academic: Research Coordinator, Economics Department, Pace University *2025 – Present*
Referee: International Economic Review, Review of Political Economy, Economic Systems

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.)

REFERENCES

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