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<b>Current Appointment</b>	<b>Universidad Andrés Bello</b> Assistant Professor, Institute for Economic Policy	2025-
<b>Previous Employment</b>	<b>Northwestern University</b> Lead Economist and Lecturer, School of Education and Social Policy	2023-25
	<b>Boston University</b> Postdoctoral Associate, Wheelock College of Education and Human Development	2021-23
	<b>Fiscalía Nacional Económica (Chilean Antitrust Agency)</b> Economist, Cartels Unit and Regulated Markets Unit	2013-15
	<b>Universidad de Chile</b> Lecturer, Department of Industrial Engineering	2014-15
<b>Education</b>	<b>University of Rochester</b> • Ph.D. in Economics	2021
	<b>Universidad de Chile</b> • M.Sc. in Applied Economics	2013
	• B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering	2010
<b>Research Interests</b>	Labor Economics, Economics of Education	
<b>Published and Accepted Papers</b>	“Two Years Later: How COVID-19 Has Shaped the Teacher Workforce” (2023) (with Andrew Bacher-Hicks and Olivia Chi) - <i>Educational Researcher</i> , 52(4): 219-229 “Licensure Tests and Teacher Supply” (with Marcus Winters) - <i>Accepted at the Journal of Human Resources</i>	
<b>Working Papers</b>	“College Majors and Earnings Growth” (with Woosuk Choi, Josh Kinsler, and Ronni Pavan) - <i>R&amp;R at Journal of Labor Economics</i> “Neighbors’ Effects on High School Choice” (with Juan Matta) - <i>R&amp;R at Journal of Human Resources</i> “Whole-School Inclusion Programs and Student Academic and Behavioral Outcomes” (with Garima Siwach and Michelle Yin) - <i>Conditionally accepted at AERA Open</i>	

	<p>“Skills, Aspirations, and Occupations” (with Kegen Tan)</p> <p>“Rethinking the Disability Pay Gap” (with Regina Seo and Michelle Yin)</p> <p>“Teacher Misassessments and High School Outcomes: Heterogeneous Effects by Race and Gender”</p>
<b>Work in Progress</b>	<p>“College Major Choice and Labor Market Matching” (with Josh Kinsler and Ronni Pavan)</p> <p>“The Distributional Effects of Centralized School Systems”</p> <p>“Who Enrolls in Teaching Majors when Entry Requirements Decrease?”</p>
<b>Seminars and Conferences</b>	<p>2025: Universidad Andrés Bello (Economics), AEEP</p> <p>2023: Universidad Alberto Hurtado (Economics), Northwestern University (School of Education and Social Policy), Boston College (School of Education and Human Development), Eastern Economic Association, AEEP, SOLE</p> <p>2022: AEEP, SOLE, Boston University (Wheelock College of Education), Boston University (Applied Micro Workshop)</p>
<b>Teaching</b>	<p>Economics of Public Policy (Northwestern University, master’s)</p> <p>Economics of Education (Northwestern University, master’s)</p> <p>Econometrics (University of Rochester, undergraduate)</p> <p>Mathematics for Economists (Universidad de Chile, master’s)</p>
<b>Policy Briefs</b>	<p>Orellana, A. and Winters, M. (2023) “Licensure Tests and Teacher Quality in Connecticut” <i>WEPC Policy Brief</i></p> <p>Bacher-Hicks, A., Chi, O., and Orellana, A. (2021) “COVID-19 and the Composition of the Massachusetts Teacher Workforce” <i>WEPC Policy Brief</i></p>
<b>Fellowships, Scholarships, and Honors</b>	<p><b>Thomas B. Fordham Institute and American Enterprise Institute</b> Emerging Education Policy Scholar 2023</p> <p><b>W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research</b> Early Career Research Award 2022</p> <p><b>University of Rochester</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer research grant. Department of Economics 2016-17</li> <li>• Fellowship and tuition scholarship. Department of Economics 2015-20</li> </ul> </p> <p><b>Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica (CONICYT)</b> Scholarship for master’s degree studies in Chile 2012-13</p> <p><b>Fundación Moisés Mellado (Universidad de Chile)</b> Fellowship based on academic excellence 2006-09</p>

	<b>Universidad de Chile</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honor List. Department of Electrical Engineering 2009</li> <li>• Scholarship for undergraduate studies based on academic excellence and socioeconomic background 2004-09</li> </ul>
<b>Professional Activities</b>	Referee for <i>Journal of Human Resources, Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Education Finance and Policy, Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i> Conference Proposal Reviewer for <i>AERA Conference</i> (x3), <i>AEFP</i> (x2) U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status (2022-25)
<b>Advising</b>	<b>Northwestern University</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Capstone advisor</i>, Yuchen Song, M.Sc., 2025 (Econ Ph.D. student at UVA)</li> <li>• <i>Capstone advisor</i>, Yonghao Ma, M.Sc., 2025</li> <li>• <i>Capstone advisor</i>, Leshan Ouyang, M.Sc., 2025</li> <li>• <i>Academic advisor</i>, Chenchen Xue, M.Sc., 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native) Computer Skills: Stata, Matlab, C, Fortran

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