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Current Position

Aide to the Minister of Finance, Chile 2021 –

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, [University of Maryland College Park](#) 2018 – present
M.A. in Economics, [University of Maryland College Park](#) 2020
M.Sc. in Applied Economics (with honors), [Universidad de Concepción](#) 2014 – 2016
B.Sc. in Economics (with honors), [Universidad de Concepción](#) 2009 – 2013

Fields

Macroeconomics, International Finance, Trade

Past Experience

Macro Modeling Consultant, Interamerican Development Bank (IDB) 2020 – 2020
Young Researcher, [CLAPES UC](#), [PUC Chile](#) 2016 – 2018

Research

WORKING PAPERS

"Earnings Effect of Startup Employment"
with Gonzalo García-Trujillo and Nathalie González

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Commodity Shocks and Production Networks in Small Open Economies"
with Petre Caraini, Jorge Miranda-Pinto and Juan Olaya

PRE-PH.D. PUBLICATIONS

"[Price Controls, Hyperinflation, and the Inflation-Relative Price Variability Relationship](#)"
with Rodrigo Cerda and Rolf Lüders
Forthcoming at *Empirical Economics* (2021).

"[Impact of Economic Uncertainty in a Small Open Economy: The Case of Chile](#)"
with Rodrigo Cerda and José Tomás Valente
Applied Economics (2018), 50(26), pp. 2894 - 2908.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"[Towards Measuring Economic Policy Uncertainty in Latin America: A First Little Step](#)"
Latin American Policy Journal (2018), Volume 7, Spring: pp. 68-73.

"[El Financiamiento Escolar en Chile \(School Funding in Chile\)](#)"
with Sergio Urzúa
In *Ideas en Educación II: Definiciones en Tiempos de Cambio* (2018), Chapter 7 (In Spanish).

Referee Work

Economía (LACEA), Ecos de Economía.

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Professor Şebnem Kalemli-Özcan, University of Maryland	2020 –
Research Assistant, Professor Rodrigo Cerda, PUC Chile	2015 – 2016
Research Assistant, Professor Felipe Vásquez, UdeC	2014 – 2016

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Universidad de Concepción (UdeC)	2014 - 2018
<i>Graduate</i> : Introduction to Macroeconomic Theory (x2)	
<i>Undergraduate</i> : Topics in Macroeconomics (x3), Economic Policy (x3), International Economics (x3), Time Series Econometrics.	
Teaching Assistant	2011 - 2017
<i>Graduate</i> : International Economics (MBA, PUC Chile), Global Macroeconomic Environment (MBA, PUC Chile; x2), Topics in Macroeconomics (PUC Chile), Topics in Applied Economics (PUC Chile).	
<i>Undergraduate</i> : Macroeconomics I (UdeC), Macroeconomics III (UdeC, x3), Economics II (UdeC), International Macroeconomics (PUC Chile).	

Grants and Awards

Summer Research Fellowship, University of Maryland College Park	2021
Princeton Initiative: Macro, Money, and Finance, <i>Selected Student</i> , Princeton University.	2020
Becas Chile Scholarship, CONYCIT	2019 - 2022
Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland College Park	2018 - 2022
Fellowship for RIDGE, Summer School in Economics, <i>Selected Student</i> , Uruguay.	2016
Outstanding Thesis (Highest score), M. Sc. in Applied Economics, UdeC	2016
Graduate Student Fellowship, UdeC	2014 – 2016

Datasets

“*Chilean Economic Uncertainty Index*”, which tracks economic uncertainty in the Chilean economy. Reported monthly by CLAPES UC.

“*Chilean Economic Policy Uncertainty Index*”, which tracks economic policy uncertainty in the Chilean economy. Reported monthly at the [Economic Policy Uncertainty](#) website managed by Scott Baker (Northwestern-Kellogg), Nicholas Bloom (Stanford) and Steve Davis (Chicago-Booth).

Presentations (*: by Coauthor)

2017: Chilean Economists Association (SECHI) Annual Meeting, UdeC, UDD (Concepción)

2016: UDD* (Santiago), Universidad de los Andes* (Chile), SECHI*

2015: SECHI

Others

Languages: Spanish (Native). English (Fluent).

Softwares/Programming Languages: Stata, \LaTeX , MATLAB, Python, EViews, Julia, and HTML.

Status: Married; Citizenship: Chilean; Born: 1991