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## EDUCATION

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### Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

Ph.D. in Regional Science (*Urban and Regional Economics*)

Anticipated Graduation May 2023

– Committee: Ravi Kanbur (Chair), Lawrence Blume, Stephen Coate, Michèle Belot

M.Sc. in Regional Science (*Urban and Regional Economics*)

2022

### Universidad del Rosario

Bogotá D.C., Colombia

M.A. in Economics of Public Policy

2017

B.Sc. in Economics

2016

B.A. in Political Science and Government

2016

## EXPERIENCE

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### Confecámaras

Bogotá D.C., Colombia

Consultant

Jun 2019–Aug 2019

– Developed a proposal to reform the structure of business registration tax

### Fedesarrollo

Bogotá D.C., Colombia

Junior Researcher

Jan 2018–Jul 2018

– Conducted research on the economic and fiscal effects of the recent Venezuelan immigration to Colombia

Research Assistant & Economic Analyst

Aug 2015–Dec 2018

– Conducted research and analysis on the state of the global economy, employment and labor formalization, financing of higher education, decentralization and regional development, taxation and public spending

Intern, *Department of Macroeconomic and Sectorial Analysis*

Feb 2015–Jul 2015

– Assisted in the analysis of sectoral trends and macroeconomic forecasting; compiled detailed economic data to be used in statistical appendices

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] “The Effect of Minimum Wages on Rural Employment: Theory and Evidence from Colombia”, 2020, *Coyuntura Económica*, 50(1-2): 169–209.
- [2] “Elementos para una política pública frente a la crisis de Venezuela” (with M. Reina & T. Ramírez), 2018, *Cuadernos de Fedesarrollo*, No 69, 192p.
- [3] “De la política pública a la política gremial: el Fondo de Estabilización de Precios de la Palma de Aceite en Colombia”, 2018, *Revista Palmas*, 39(1), 91–119.

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Estimating the Effect of Immigration on Public Finances: Evidence from the Influx of Venezuelan Migrants to Colombia” (with T. Ramírez), SSRN Working Paper 3927396.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“The Fiscal Impact of Immigration: Labor Displacement, Wages, and the Allocation of Public Spending” (with A. Castaño)

“Immigrant Networks in the Labor Market”

“Carrying the Weight of Autonomy? Growth and Spatial Inequality among Local Governments in Colombia”

## POLICY REPORTS

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- [1] “Revisión de gasto sector comercio, industria y turismo” (with N. Salazar, M. Barragán & V. Sánchez), Fedesarrollo, August 2017, [www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3505](http://www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3505)
- [2] “La estructura de las tarifas de registro en las Cámaras de Comercio y beneficios de sus servicios: impacto sobre la competitividad y la formalidad empresarial” (with N. Salazar & N. Navarrete), Fedesarrollo, June 2017, [www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3445](http://www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3445)
- [3] “Financiación de la educación superior a través del ICETEX: estimación de necesidades de recursos a futuro y propuestas de mecanismos de fondeo” (with N. Salazar & C. Correa), Fedesarrollo, November 2016, [www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3303](http://www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3303)
- [4] “Transferencias intergubernamentales y descentralización de la educación: revisión de la literatura y lineamientos para una propuesta de esquema de distribución de los recursos del SGP orientados a educación” (with N. Salazar & O. Gracia), Chapter 5, Fedesarrollo, March 2016, [www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/2919](http://www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/2919)

## TEACHING

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<b>Teaching Assistant</b> at Cornell University	Winter/Summer 2022
Undergraduate: <i>Introduction to Business Management (AEM1200)</i>	
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> at Cornell University	Summer 2021
Undergraduate: <i>Introduction to Business Management (AEM1200)</i>	
<b>Adjunct Professor</b> at Universidad del Rosario	Fall 2016–Spring 2018
Undergraduate: <i>Economics for Lawyers</i>	
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> at Universidad del Rosario	Fall 2017
Graduate: <i>Political Economy</i>	
<b>Adjunct Professor</b> at School of Business-CESA	Spring 2016–Fall 2017
Undergraduate: <i>Current Economic Problems</i>	

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- Lourdes Benería Award, Cornell-LACS 2020
- Fulbright-MinCiencias Scholarship 2018–2022
- Magna Cum Laude, Universidad del Rosario 2017
- Best University Student (Top 5), Portafolio (*newspaper*) Prize 2016
- Colegial de Número, Universidad del Rosario 2016
- Undergraduate Fellowship, Universidad del Rosario 2010–2016
- Member, The National Society of High School Scholars 2010

## PRESENTATIONS IN SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

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**2022.** APPAM 2021 Fall Research Conference (*rescheduled*).

**2021.** Fedesarrollo.

**2020.** APPAM 2020 Fall Research Conference, NARSC 2020 Fall Conference.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Programs:** Stata, R, MATLAB, ArcGIS, Microsoft Office

**Languages:** Spanish (Native), English (Proficient), French (Basic)