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## EDUCATION

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### Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

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

Anticipated Graduation, August 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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### Universidad del Rosario

Bogotá D.C., Colombia

Consultant

Aug 2022–Present

– Lead the research on the relationship between immigration and the labor market

### 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 2017

– 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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“A Model of Spatial Job Referral Networks”

“Immigrant Networks in the Labor Market”

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

“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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“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	Summer 2021–2023
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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**2023.** 4th Urban and Regional Economics Workshop, Fedesarrollo.

**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)