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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan Postdoctoral Research Associate, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University	2024- 2023-2024
AFFILIATIONS	Faculty Research Fellow, NBER (Public Economics) Research Affiliate, IZA Institute of Labor Economics	2025- 2023-
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics, UC Berkeley M.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile B.A. in Business and Economics, Universidad de Chile	2023 2016 2013
TEACHING	At University of Michigan: Public Economics (Graduate, ECON 683, Fall 2024), Government Revenues (Undergraduate, ECON 482, Winter 2025)	
REFEREED PUBLICATIONS	Place-Based Redistribution (with C. Gaubert, P. Kline, and D. Yagan). <i>American Economic Review</i> , Accepted Workplace Litigiousness and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from a Workers' Compensation Reform (with M. Lauletta). <i>Journal of Law and Economics</i> , Accepted Do Policies and Institutions Matter for Pre-Tax Income Inequality? Cross-Country Evidence . <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i> , vol. 29(1), 20-52, 2022 Combining Discrimination Diagnostics to Identify Sources of Statistical Discrimination (with P. Domínguez and N. Grau). <i>Economics Letters</i> , vol. 212, 110294, 2022 Ambiguity and Long-Run Cooperation in Strategic Games (with M. Rojas). <i>Oxford Economic Papers</i> , vol. 73(3), 1077-1098, 2021 Using Small Businesses for Individual Tax Planning: Evidence from Special Tax Regimes in Chile (with C. Agostini, E. Engel, and A. Repetto). <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i> , vol. 25(6), 1449-1489, 2018	
WORKING PAPERS	Minimum Wages and Optimal Redistribution: The Role of Firm Profits Minimum Wages and the Distribution of Firm Wage Premia (with M. Bergolo, R. Ceni, and M. Fondo) Directed Search, Pay, and Non-Wage Amenities: Evidence from an Online Job Board (with V. Escudero and H. Liepmann) Optimal Tax Information with Privacy Concerns (with J. Slemrod) An Observational Implementation of the Outcome Test with an Application to Ethnic Prejudice in Pretrial Detentions (with N. Grau). R&R at <i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i> Discrimination Against Immigrants in the Criminal Justice System: Evidence from Pretrial Detentions (with P. Domínguez and N. Grau)	
SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS	A Sufficient Statistics Approach to Optimal Corporate Taxes (with D. Swonder) Equality of Opportunity vs Equality of Outcomes: A Theory of Optimal Predistribution (with R. Chetty, H. Kleven, and D. Yagan)	

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS	<p>A Simple Model of Corporate Tax Incidence (with D. Swonder). <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i> 114, 352-357, 2024</p> <p>Trends in US Spatial Inequality: Concentrating Affluence and a Democratization of Poverty (with C. Gaubert, P. Kline, and D. Yagan). <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i>, vol. 111, 520-525, 2021</p>
PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH AND POLICY PAPERS	<p>Diagnóstico Distributivo de Ingreso y Patrimonio, y Análisis de la Propuesta de Reforma Tributaria en Materia de Renta y Riqueza (in Spanish, with N. Bohme, I. Flores, P. Gutiérrez, R. Smith, and P. Valenzuela). <i>Ministry of Finance, Policy Report, Chile</i>, 2022</p> <p>Natural Resources and Educational Attainment: Evidence from Chile (with R. Álvarez). <i>Resources Policy</i>, vol. 76, 102573, 2022</p> <p>Análisis de la Implementación de las Nuevas Reglas de Financiamiento a la Política y Campañas Electorales (in Spanish, with E. Engel, M. Jaraquemada, and N. Campos). <i>Informe de Políticas Públicas, Espacio Público</i>, 2018</p> <p>Principios para una Reforma al Sistema de Pensiones (in Spanish, with E. Engel, E. Fajnzylber, P. Fernández, S. Gray, and A. Repetto). <i>Informe de Políticas Públicas, Espacio Público</i>, 2017</p> <p>Sistema de Pensiones: Opiniones y Demandas Ciudadanas (in Spanish). <i>Documento de Referencia, Espacio Público</i>, 2017</p>
BOOK CHAPTERS	<p>Cómo Diseñar Impuestos: Teoría Económica y Evidencia Empírica (in Spanish). In Impuestos Justos para el Chile que Viene, edited by J. Atria and C. Otero, FCE, Chile</p>
AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	<p>2022 O-Lab Initiative on Racial Equity in the Labor Market, Fellowship, UC Berkeley</p> <p>2021-2022 Law, Economics, and Politics Center (LEAP), Fellowship, UC Berkeley</p> <p>2021 Center of Equitable Growth (CEG), Fellowship, UC Berkeley</p> <p>2021 Strandberg Fund for Gender Equity in Economics, Grant, UC Berkeley</p> <p>2020 Burch Center, Fellowship, UC Berkeley</p> <p>2019 Institute of International Studies (IIS), Grant, UC Berkeley</p> <p>2017 Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings in Economic Sciences (selected participant), Lindau, Germany</p> <p>2016 Best Student of Class, M.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile</p> <p>2015 Chilean Engineers Association Award to the best undergraduate students</p> <p>2014-2015 Scientific Chilean Council (CONICYT), Fellowship for Master Studies, Chile</p> <p>2014 Top 1 % of Class, B.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile</p>
SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES (SCHEDULED *)	<p>2025 University of Michigan, PUC Chile, IMD Days*</p> <p>2024 ASSA Annual Meetings, Columbia Junior Micro-Macro Labor Conference, Princeton University, APEX Workshop (Australian National University), 7th Junior Applied Micro Conference (EIEF), Princeton Global Minimum Wages Conference, University of Michigan, 3rd M-NEW Annual Workshop (PUC Chile), Universidad de Chile</p> <p>2023 Bocconi University, OECD (CFE and ELS/JAI), Yale University, Princeton University, University of Chicago (Harris), Northwestern University, University of Chicago (Booth), University of Michigan, UCLA, LEAP Conference (Berkeley), IIPF Annual Congress, GRAPE-IMD Seminar, Brookings Economic Studies, Universidad de Chile</p> <p>2022 Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, UC Berkeley (x3), Universidad de la República de Uruguay, OPFS Workshop for Graduate Students, O-Lab Workshop for Graduate Students, LMF Job Market Workshop</p> <p>2021 UC Berkeley (x3), LACEA Workshop on the Economics of Crime, RIDGE Workshop on Public Economics, NTA 114th Annual Conference on Taxation</p> <p>2020 UC Berkeley, Universidad de Chile</p> <p>2017 NTA 110th Annual Conference on Taxation</p>

2016 16th SAET Conference, Universidad de Chile, Chilean Economists Association (SECHI) Annual Meetings, LACEA-LAMES Annual Meetings

REFEREE SERVICES American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Applied Economic Letters, Econometrica, Economic Journal, ILR Review, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Money Credit and Banking, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Structural Change and Economic Dynamics

CONFERENCE ORGANIZING 2024 North-East Labor Symposium, NELS (Princeton)

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Tax Policy Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Chile	2022
	Research Assistant, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley	2018-2020
	Researcher, Espacio Público, Santiago, Chile	2016-2017
	Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile	2012-2016
	Research Assistant, Chilean Antitrust Agency, Santiago, Chile	2012-2013
	Research Assistant, ECLAC, Economic Development Department, Santiago, Chile	2010-2011

OTHER Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)
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