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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
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics, UC Berkeley <i>Committee:</i> Danny Yagan (chair), Patrick Kline, Emmanuel Saez M.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile <i>Committee:</i> Eduardo Engel (chair), Andrea Repetto, Claudio Agostini B.A. in Business and Economics, Universidad de Chile	2023 (expected)   2016  2013
WORKING PAPERS	<a href="#">Minimum Wages and Optimal Redistribution</a> <i>Job Market Paper</i>  <a href="#">Place-Based Redistribution</a> with Cecile Gaubert, Patrick Kline, and Danny Yagan <i>R&amp;R at the American Economic Review</i>  <a href="#">An Observational Implementation of the Outcome Test with an Application to Ethnic Prejudice in Pretrial Detentions</a> with Nicolás Grau <i>R&amp;R at the Review of Economics and Statistics</i>  <a href="#">Workplace Litigiousness and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from a Workers' Compensation Reform</a> with Maximiliano Lauletta  <a href="#">Discrimination Against Immigrants in the Criminal Justice System: Evidence from Pretrial Detentions</a> with Patricio Domínguez and Nicolás Grau	
SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS	Directed Search, Minimum Wages, and Job Applications: Evidence from an Online Job Board with Verónica Escudero and Hannah Liepmann  Sectoral Minimum Wages, Firms, and Wage Inequality: Evidence from Uruguay with Marcelo Bergolo, Rodrigo Ceni, and Mathias Fondo	
PUBLICATIONS	<a href="#">Do Policies and Institutions Matter for Pre-Tax Income Inequality? Cross-Country Evidence</a> <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i> , vol. 29(1), 20-52, 2022  <a href="#">Combining Discrimination Diagnostics to Identify Sources of Statistical Discrimination</a> with Patricio Domínguez and Nicolás Grau <i>Economics Letters</i> , vol. 212, 110294, 2022  <a href="#">Trends in US Spatial Inequality: Concentrating Affluence and a Democratization of Poverty</a> with Cecile Gaubert, Patrick Kline, and Danny Yagan <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i> , vol. 111, 520-525, 2021  <a href="#">Ambiguity and Long-Run Cooperation in Strategic Games</a> with Marco Rojas <i>Oxford Economic Papers</i> , vol. 73(3), 1077-1098, 2021  <a href="#">Using Small Businesses for Individual Tax Planning: Evidence from Special Tax Regimes in Chile</a> with Claudio Agostini, Eduardo Engel, and Andrea Repetto <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i> , vol. 25(6), 1449-1489, 2018	

PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH AND POLICY PAPERS	<a href="#">Diagnóstico Distributivo de Ingreso y Patrimonio, y Análisis de la Propuesta de Reforma Tributaria en Materia de Renta y Riqueza</a> (in Spanish) with Nicolás Bohme, Ignacio Flores, Pablo Gutiérrez, Raimundo Smith, and Patricio Valenzuela <i>Ministry of Finance, Policy Report, Chile, 2022</i>	
	<a href="#">Natural Resources and Educational Attainment: Evidence from Chile</a> with Roberto Álvarez <i>Resources Policy, vol. 76, 102573, 2022</i>	
	<a href="#">Análisis de la Implementación de las Nuevas Reglas de Financiamiento a la Política y Campañas Electorales</a> (in Spanish) with Eduardo Engel, María Jaraquemada, and Nicolás Campos <i>Informe de Políticas Públicas, Espacio Público, 2018</i>	
	<a href="#">Principios para una Reforma al Sistema de Pensiones</a> (in Spanish) with Eduardo Engel, Eduardo Fajnzylber, Patricio Fernández, Sebastián Gray, and Andrea Repetto <i>Informe de Políticas Públicas, Espacio Público, 2017</i>	
	<a href="#">Sistema de Pensiones: Opiniones y Demandas Ciudadanas</a> (in Spanish) <i>Documento de Referencia, Espacio Público, 2017</i>	
BOOK CHAPTERS	<a href="#">Cómo Diseñar Impuestos: Teoría Económica y Evidencia Empírica</a> (in Spanish) In <a href="#">Impuestos Justos para el Chile que Viene</a> , edited by Jorge Atria and Cristóbal Otero, FCE, Chile	
AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS	2022	O-Lab Initiative on Racial Equity in the Labor Market, Fellowship, UC Berkeley
	2021-2022	Law, Economics, and Politics Center (LEAP), Fellowship, UC Berkeley
	2021	Center of Equitable Growth (CEG), Fellowship, UC Berkeley
	2021	Strandberg Fund for Gender Equity in Economics, Grant, UC Berkeley
	2020	Burch Center, Fellowship, UC Berkeley
	2019	Institute of International Studies (IIS), Grant, UC Berkeley
	2017	Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings in Economic Sciences (selected participant), Lindau, Germany
	2016	Best Student of Class, M.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile
	2015	Chilean Engineers Association Award to the best undergraduate students
	2014-2015	Scientific Chilean Council (CONICYT), Fellowship for Master Studies, Chile
	2014	Top 1 % of Class, B.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile
SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES	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 (scheduled), IIPF Annual Congress (scheduled)
	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
	2021:	UC Berkeley (x3), LACEA Workshop on the Economics of Crime, RIDGE Workshop on Public Economics, NTA 114th Annual Conference on Taxation
	2020:	UC Berkeley, Universidad de Chile
	2017:	NTA 110th Annual Conference on Taxation
	2016:	16th SAET Conference, Universidad de Chile, Chilean Economists Association (SECHI) Annual Meetings, LACEA-LAMES Annual Meetings
REFeree SERVICES	Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley	2008-2022
	<i>Graduate:</i> Mathematical Tools for Economics - “Math camp” (x4, Prof. Chris Shannon) <i>Undergraduate:</i> Intermediate Microeconomics	
	Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile	2009-2015
	<i>Graduate:</i> Mathematical Methods - ”Math camp”(Prof. Jorge Rivera), Macroeconomics I (x2, Prof. Eduardo Engel), Macroeconomics II (x2, Prof. Eduardo Engel), Microeconomics I (Prof. Juan Pablo Torres-Martínez) <i>Undergraduate:</i> Calculus I (x2), Development Economics (x2), Econometrics I (x2), Econometrics II, Introduction to Economics, Mathematical Methods for Economics, Microeconomics I (x2), Microeconomics II (x3)	
PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Tax Policy Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Chile	2022
	Research Assistant for Danny Yagan, UC Berkeley	2018-2020
	Research Assistant for Alexander Gelber, UC Berkeley	2018
	Researcher, Espacio Público, Santiago, Chile	2016-2017
	Research Assistant for Roberto Álvarez, 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)	
	Citizenship: Chilean	

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