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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	Research Affiliate, IZA Institute of Labor Economics	2023-
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 2016 2013
WORKING PAPERS	Minimum Wages and Optimal Redistribution: The Role of Firm Profits Place-Based Redistribution (with Cecile Gaubert, Patrick Kline, and Danny Yagan) <i>Conditionally Accepted at American Economic Review</i> Minimum Wages and the Distribution of Firm Wage Premia (with Marcelo Bergolo, Rodrigo Ceni, and Mathias Fondo) Directed Search, Pay, and Non-Wage Amenities: Evidence from an Online Job Board (with Verónica Escudero and Hannah Liepmann) Workplace Litigiousness and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from a Workers' Compensation Reform (with Maximiliano Lauletta) <i>Accepted at Journal of Law and Economics</i> An Observational Implementation of the Outcome Test with an Application to Ethnic Prejudice in Pretrial Detentions (with Nicolás Grau) <i>R&R at Journal of the European Economic Association</i> Discrimination Against Immigrants in the Criminal Justice System: Evidence from Pretrial Detentions (with Patricio Domínguez and Nicolás Grau)	
SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS	Equality of Opportunity vs Equality of Outcomes: A Theory of Optimal Predistribution (with Raj Chetty, Henrik Kleven, and Danny Yagan)	
REFEREED PUBLICATIONS	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 Patricio Domínguez and Nicolás Grau). <i>Economics Letters</i> , vol. 212, 110294, 2022 Ambiguity and Long-Run Cooperation in Strategic Games (with Marco 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 Claudio Agostini, Eduardo Engel, and Andrea Repetto). <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i> , vol. 25(6), 1449-1489, 2018	

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS	A Simple Model of Corporate Tax Incidence (with Dustin Swonder). <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i> 114, 352-357, 2024
	Trends in US Spatial Inequality: Concentrating Affluence and a Democratization of Poverty (with Cecile Gaubert, Patrick Kline, and Danny Yagan). <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i> , vol. 111, 520-525, 2021
PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH AND POLICY PAPERS	Diagnóstico Distributivo de Ingreso y Patrimonio, y Análisis de la Propuesta de Reforma Tributaria en Materia de Renta y Riqueza (in Spanish, with Nicolás Bohme, Ignacio Flores, Pablo Gutiérrez, Raimundo Smith, and Patricio Valenzuela). <i>Ministry of Finance, Policy Report, Chile</i> , 2022
	Natural Resources and Educational Attainment: Evidence from Chile (with Roberto Álvarez). <i>Resources Policy</i> , vol. 76, 102573, 2022
	Análisis de la Implementación de las Nuevas Reglas de Financiamiento a la Política y Campañas Electorales (in Spanish, with Eduardo Engel, María Jaraquemada, and Nicolás Campos). <i>Informe de Políticas Públicas, Espacio Público</i> , 2018
	Principios para una Reforma al Sistema de Pensiones (in Spanish, with Eduardo Engel, Eduardo Fajnzylber, Patricio Fernández, Sebastián Gray, and Andrea Repetto). <i>Informe de Políticas Públicas, Espacio Público</i> , 2017
	Sistema de Pensiones: Opiniones y Demandas Ciudadanas (in Spanish). <i>Documento de Referencia, Espacio Público</i> , 2017
BOOK CHAPTERS	Cómo Diseñar Impuestos: Teoría Económica y Evidencia Empírica (in Spanish). In <i>Impuestos Justos para el Chile que Viene</i> , 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
SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES (SCHEDULED *)	2014-2015 Scientific Chilean Council (CONICYT), Fellowship for Master Studies, Chile
	2014 Top 1% of Class, B.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile
	2025 PUC Chile*
	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
	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
	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	<i>In alphabetical order:</i> Applied Economic Letters, Economic Journal, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Inequality, 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)	
TEACHING	<p><i>At University of Michigan:</i> Public Economics (Graduate, ECON 683, Fall 2024), Government Revenues (Undergraduate, ECON 482, Winter 2025)</p> <p><i>At UC Berkeley</i> (2018-2022, as Graduate Student Instructor): Mathematical Tools for Economics (Graduate, x4), Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate, x1)</p> <p><i>At Universidad de Chile</i> (2009-2015, as Teaching Assistant): Mathematical Methods (Graduate, x1), Macroeconomics I (Graduate, x2), Macroeconomics II (Graduate, x2), Microeconomics I (Graduate, x1), Calculus I (Undergraduate, x2), Development Economics (Undergraduate, x2), Econometrics I (Undergraduate, x2), Econometrics II (Undergraduate, x1), Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate, x1), Mathematical Methods for Economics (Undergraduate, x1), Microeconomics I (Undergraduate, x2), Microeconomics II (Undergraduate, x3)</p>		
PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE		<p>Tax Policy Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Chile</p> <p>Research Assistant, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley</p> <p>Researcher, Espacio Público, Santiago, Chile</p> <p>Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile</p> <p>Research Assistant, Chilean Antitrust Agency, Santiago, Chile</p> <p>Research Assistant, ECLAC, Economic Development Department, Santiago, Chile</p>	<p>2022</p> <p>2018-2020</p> <p>2016-2017</p> <p>2012-2016</p> <p>2012-2013</p> <p>2010-2011</p>
OTHER	<p>Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)</p> <p>Citizenship: Chilean</p>		

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