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Appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Houston, September 2013-Present.

Research Associate, Globalization and Monetary Policy Institute, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, December 2013-Present

Researcher, Central Bank of Uruguay, July 2010-August 2013.

Adjunct, Department of Economics, College of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República (Uruguay), July 2010-August 2013.

Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Iowa, July 2010.

M.A. Economics, University of Iowa, 2007.

B.A. Economics, Universidad de la República (Uruguay), 2002.

Major Fields of Concentration

Macroeconomics, Growth and Development, Labor Economics.

Experience

Professional

Visiting Scholar, CASEE, Arizona State University, Spring 2012.

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Spring 2012, Summer 2017.

Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Summer 2009, Summer 2010, Summer 2011, Summer 2012, Winter 2013, November 2014, February 2015.

Research Assistant, John Geweke, Institute for Economic Research, Summer 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Summer 2008.

Research Assistant, B. Ravikumar, Summer 2006.

Consultant, Department of Economics, Direccion General de Impositiva, Uruguay, 2004-2005.

Teaching

Department of Economics, University of Houston

Professor, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Undergraduate, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2016.

Macroeconomics, Graduate, Spring 2015, Spring 2017.

Department of Economics, Universidad de la República (Uruguay)

Professor, International Economics, Graduate, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012.

Department of Economics, University of Iowa

Instructor, Undergraduate, Principles of Microeconomics, Spring 2009.

Instructor, Ph.D., Math Camp, Summer 2007, Summer 2008.

Teaching Assistant, Ph.D. core, Macroeconomics II, Spring 2007.

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate, International Economics, Fall 2006.

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate, Principles of Macroeconomics, Spring 2006.

Department of Quantitative Methods, Universidad de la República (Uruguay)

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Econometrics, Fall 2004, Spring 2005.

Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Statistics, Fall 2004, Spring 2004, Spring 2005.

Research

Refereed Publications

“Career Choice and the Risk Premium in the Labor Market” (with Pedro Silos). *Review of Economic Dynamics*, Volume 26, October 2017, Pages 1-18

“Distortions, Infrastructure and Female Labor Supply in Developing Countries”. *European Economic Review*, Volume 87, August 2016, Pages 194-215.

“Talent, Labor Quality and Economic Development” (with B. Ravikumar and Gustavo Ventura). *Review of Economic Dynamics*, Volume 21, July 2016, Pages 160-181

“Analysing Labour Productivity in Ecuador” (with Anson T. Y. Ho, Kim P. Huynh and David Jacho-Chavez). Chapter 7, pp. 109-117, 2016; in *Productivity and Efficiency Analysis*, edited by William H. Greene, Robin Sickles, Lynda Khalaf, Michael Veall and Marcel Voia. Springer Proceedings in Business and Economics.

Non-Refereed Publications

“Pruebas PISA y Desarrollo Económico”. *Revista de Negocios, IEEM, Universidad de Montevideo*, Año XVIII, número 3, Junio 2015, revista número 77.

Working Papers

- “Lack of Infrastructure? Public Capital and Economic Development (submitted)”.
- “Social Insurance and Occupational Mobility” (with Pedro Silos).
- ‘Coordinated Work Schedules and the Gender Wage Gap’ (with Chinhui Juhn and Pedro Silos)

Work in Progress

- “Comparative Advantages and the Risk Premia in Labor Markets” (with Pedro Silos).
- “Education Quality, Occupations and Economic Development: Is there a Skill-Technology Mismatch?” (with Michelle Rendall and Elisa Keller).
- “Demographic Change and Productivity” (with Julio Garin and Pedro Silos).
- “Capital-Skill Complementarity and Economic Development” (with B. Ravikumar and Gustavo Ventura).

Other Work

- “A DSGE Model for Policy Analysis in Uruguay”, Central Bank of Uruguay, November 2011.
- “Bayesian Methods to Forecast Uruguayan Macroeconomic Variables” (with Nicolas Arroyo) (IN SPANISH), Central Bank of Uruguay, November 2011.
- “Methods to measure the efficiency of the DGI in collecting tax revenue” (with Gustavo Gonzalez) (IN SPANISH), DGI (Uruguay), December 2004.
- “Optimal Taxation on Gasoline and Diesel: An Empirical Analysis for Uruguay 1988-2001” (with Dante Amengual and Adrian Fernandez)(IN SPANISH), Universidad de la República (Uruguay), April 2002.

Discussions

- Discussion of “Global Imbalances and Structural Change in the United States” by T. Kehoe, K. Ruhl and J. Steinberg, The Canon Institute for Global Studies (CIGS) Conference on Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, Tokyo, June 2013.

Presentations

- 2017: SAIS John Hopkins University; CIDE Mexico; Banco de Mexico; University of Georgia; Arizona State University; Midwest Macro Meetings; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society; Society Economic Dynamics; CEA Universidad de Chile.
- 2016: Midwest Macroeconomic Meetings, Purdue University; Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Philadelphia; University of Cincinnati; Texas Theory Conference; LACEA-LAMES 2016, Medellin.
- 2015: Banco Central de Chile; Instituto de Economia FCE-UDELAR; Universidad ORT; Society for Economic Dynamics, Warsaw; CEF Meeting, Taipei, Tsinghua Workshop in Macroeconomics; Midwest Macroeconomic Meetings, St. Louis; RIDGE Workshop on Growth and Development in Macroeconomics.

2014: Taxation and Aggregate Economy Conference, CASEE, ASU; Texas A&M University; University of Texas, Austin; Virginia Commonwealth University; Association for Public Economic Theory Conference, Seattle; Southern Economic Association, Atlanta; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Minneapolis; Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas; Texas Camp; ASSA Meetings, Philadelphia.

2013: Tsinghua Workshop in Macroeconomics; Society for Economic Dynamics, Seoul; North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, USC; QSPS Summer Workshop, Utah State University; Dept. of Economics, FCS-UDELAR; Universidad de Montevideo; University of Houston; Universidad de Los Andes; ITAM.

2012: NBER Summer Meetings, EFACR; Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; Dept. of Economics, FCS-UDELAR; University of Iowa; Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

2011: Society for Economic Dynamics, Gent; Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society, Santiago; Universidad Torcuato Di Tella; Universidad de Montevideo; University of Iowa.

2010: LAEF Conference on Growth and Development, UC Santa Barbara; SITE at Stanford University; Dept. of Economics, FCS-UDELAR; Universidad ORT; Central Bank of Uruguay.

2009: Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Indiana University; CINVE; Central Bank of Uruguay; Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

2008: Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society, Rio de Janeiro; Missouri Economic Conference, University of Missouri; Iowa Alumni Conference, University of Iowa.

2007: Washington University Economics Graduate Students' Conference, St. Louis.

Professional Activities

Refereeing

American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, Economics Bulletin, European Economic Review, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Labour Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Southern Economic Journal.

Conferences Organization

Co-organizer of RIDGE Workshop on Growth and Development in Macroeconomics, 2016, 2017.

Program Committee member, Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society, Medellin, 2016

Co-organizer of RIDGE Workshop on Growth and Development in Macroeconomics, 2015

Co-organizer of RIDGE Workshop on Productivity Growth, Resource Misallocation and Development, 2014.

Co-organizer of Montevideo Meeting of Economics, 2012.

Memberships

American Economic Association, Econometric Society, European Economic Association, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Sociedad de Economistas del Uruguay.

Advising

Reader

in course: Gautham Udupa, Sergiy Kasyanenko.

2015: Edson Sobrinho, member, first placement: Treasury Department, Brazil.

2016: Jacob Smith, member (first placement: Ouray Energy Management).

2016: Mike Hsu (first placement: Hamilton College, lecturer).

2017: Bocong Du, member, (first placement: Discover Bank).

Service Activities

Co-Organizer, Macroeconomics Seminar Series, Department of Economics, University of Houston, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Hiring Committee, Department of Economics, University of Houston, 2014, 2015.

Presenter at the seminar series for young faculty members organized by the Faculty Senate.

Honors and Awards

Scholarships and Fellowships

Fulbright Scholarship for graduate studies in the U.S., 2005-2007 (two year requirement of home country residency met by December 2012).

Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Iowa, 2009-2010.

Department of Economics, University of Iowa Fellowship, Fall 2008.

Department of Economics, University of Iowa Summer Fellowship, Summer 2006.

Awards

University of Houston, Global Development Fund, USD 1.500.

University of Houston, Provost Travel Grant, USD 1.200.

University of Houston, Provost Travel Grant, USD 1.200.

University of Houston, New Faculty Grant, USD 6.000.

University of Houston, Provost Travel Grant, USD 1.000.

Fondo Clemente Estable, Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación, \$U 511.769 (USD 26.000).

Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Student, University of Iowa, Scholarly Presentation Award, Fall 2008.

Selected participant and NSF Award - 3rd Lindau Meeting of Nobel Laureates in Economic Sciences. Lindau, Germany, 2008.

Special Mention, National Prize in Economics Prof. Raul Trajtenberg, Uruguay, 2010.

References

Upon request.

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