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EDUCATION

- PhD in Economics, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, December 2023.
- M.A in Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, August 2013.
- B.A in Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, March 2012.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Applied Microeconomics, Experimental Economics, Public Economics and Political Economy

PUBLICATIONS

- Carrillo, P. E., Castro, E., and Scartascini, C. (2021). Public good provision and property tax compliance: Evidence from a natural experiment. *Journal of Public Economics*, 198:104422. [Download](#)

WORKING PAPERS

- Castro Mendez, Edgar and Martinelli, César (2023). Price Distortions and Hoarding: An Experiment, GMU Working Paper in Economics No. 23-45. [Download](#)
- Castro, E and Scartascini, C (2019), Imperfect Attention in Public Policy: A Field Experiment during a Tax Amnesty in Argentina. [Download](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Hoarding and Price Restrictions” (with Cesar Martinelli)
- “How does flexibilization of public procurement affect its efficiency?” (with Anastasya Yarygina Udovenko)
- “Patronage Networks and Favoritism in Colombian Public Procurement” (with Hugo Diaz)
- “Collective Deliberation: Theory and Experiment” (with Mikhail Freer and Cesar Martinelli)
- “Exploring the Efficacy of AI Authorship Disclosure and Fact-Checking in Mitigating Risks to Democracies” (with Cesar Martinelli and Roulong Xiao)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Postdoc Fellow/Term Assistant Professor, George Mason University Korea, Incheon, South Korea, February 2024 – Present.
- Graduate Research Assistant, George Mason University, Virginia, August 2017 - present
- Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, March 2022 – December 2023. (IFD/FMM)
- Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, October 2021 – November 2021. (RES)
- Pre-doctoral fellow, CESED, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá August 2018 – May 2019.
- Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, May 2018 – October 2018.
- Research Fellow, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, September 2014 – August 2017. (RES)
- External Consultant, SENA, Bogota, Colombia, January 2014 – July 2014.
- Researcher, ECON ESTUDIO, Bogota, Colombia, December 2011 – January 2014.
- Intern, ECON ESTUDIO, Bogotá, Colombia, January 2011 – August 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- ECON 103 Principles of Microeconomics, George Mason University Korea, Spring 2024 – Fall 2024.
- ECON 445 Design and Analysis of Experiments, George Mason University Korea, Fall 2024.
- ECON 306 Intermediate Microeconomics, George Mason University Korea, Spring 2024.

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Graduate Math Camp, George Mason University, Summer 2022.
- Teaching Assistant, Game theory for Ph.D., George Mason University, Spring 2021 – Fall 2022.
- Teaching Assistant, Applied Econometrics, George Mason University, Spring 2021.
- Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics for graduates, George Mason University, Spring 2020 - Spring 2021.
- Lecturer, Introduction to Microeconomics for undergraduates, Universidad de los Andes, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014.
- Teaching Assistant, Regulation and Competition Policy for graduates, Universidad de los Andes, Fall 2012 and Spring 2013.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- The Association of Private Enterprise Education, annual meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, 2022.
- The Association of Private Enterprise Education, annual meeting, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 2021.

- The Shadow Economy, Tax Behavior, and Institutions, Brunel University London, Warsaw University, Online, 2021
- National Tax Association, annual meeting, Tampa, Florida, 2019.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Financial Aid Recipient for SAET Chile, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory, 2024 (Awarded but unable to attend).
- Graduate Research Assistant scholarship, ICES, George Mason University, 2017-present
- Young Scholar Program Award, The Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2022
- Young Scholar Program Award, The Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2021
- Undergraduate Full Scholarship “Quiero Estudiar”, Universidad de los Andes, 2007-2011.
- Best Standardized Test Score for college admission – Ranking: first place (“Mejores ICFES 2006”).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Co-advisor: University of Pacific, Lima, Peru. Advisee: Matias Villalba, 2023
- Referee for: Games and Economic Behavior, 2021, 2022, 2023
- Referee for: Journal of Public Economics, 2022
- Referee for: Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2022
- Participant at: ISEO Summer School of Economics, Iseo, Brescia, Italy, 2023.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- *Is the Colombian public services’ subsidy focalization system an electoral manipulation scheme?* M.A. Thesis. Manuscript, Universidad de los Andes. June 2013.
- Differentiation of Financial Institutions for Risk Deposit Insurance, Guide for methodological validation. September 2013.
- Design and Formulation of Electricity Demand Subsidies in Colombia [Spanish]: Background paper for the Energy Transformation Mission. By Marcela Eslava and Miguel Revolo. 2020
- The Legacies of Civil War on Citizens’ Preferences for Democracy and the Rule of Law: Co-authored with Ana Arjona (Northwestern U.), Juan C. Cardenas (Uniandes), Ana M. Ibañez (Uniandes), and Patricia Justino (IDS).
- Commitment to Equity Assessment (CEQ), Colombian Chapter: Authored by Nora Lustig and Marcela Meléndez, 2013.
- Public Development Banks and Access to Credit in Colombia: A study by Marcela Eslava, Marcela Meléndez, and Alessandro Maffioli, conducted between 2012 and 2013.
- Labor Productivity in Colombia: Authored by Marcela Meléndez for The World Bank, 2013.
- Formalization Policy Experiments [Spanish] by Marcela Melendez and Sebastian Galiani, funded by IDB-MAP in 2013.

- The Liquid Fuels Industry in Colombia [Spanish]: A collaborative project for the Colombian Association of Oil Companies (ACP) by Carlos Caballero, Marcela Meléndez, and Ricardo Paredes, between 2012 and 2013.
- Natural Gas Competitiveness in Colombia [Spanish]: Commissioned by Naturgas in 2012, with contributions from Alberto Brugman, Marcela Meléndez, Guillermo Perry, and Pablo Roda.
- Content Production for www.visioneconomica.com : Carried out under the guidance of Mariana Martínez and Marcela Meléndez from January 2011 to August 2011.
- The Textile/Apparel Sector in Colombia [Spanish]: A 2011 project for INEXMODA by Marcela Meléndez and María José Uribe.
- Baseline Design and Analysis for “Hogar Digital” [Spanish]: Authored by Raquel Bernal and Marcela Meléndez in 2011, for the Ministry of Technologies and Communications of Colombia.

OTHERS

- Spanish (native), English (fluent), Nationality: Colombian.