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EDUCATION

* PhD in Economics, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia, (Expected: 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](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpubeco.2021.104422)

WORKING PAPERS

* Castro, E and Scartascini, C (2019), Imperfect Attention in Public Policy: A Field Experiment during a Tax Amnesty in Argentina. [Download](http://dx.doi.org/10.18235/0001661)

WORK EXPERIENCE

* 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

* 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 2020m 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.

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)

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

* Graduate Research Assistant scholarship, ICES, George Mason University, 2017-present
* 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: Co-authored with 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](http://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

* Stata, R, Python, Otree
* Spanish (native), English (fluent)