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EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Ph.D. in Economics, Aug 2019 – Jun 2024

- Fields: International trade, macroeconomics, and industrial organization.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

M.A. in Economics, Mar 2017 – Dec 2017

- Full scholarship; Maximum Distinction.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

B.A. in Business and Economics, Mar 2012 – Jul 2016

WORK/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Amazon.com

Economist I, Amazon Prime Tech, Sep 2024 – Present

Simulated the impact of different interventions using large-scale demand model estimation and synthetic matching techniques to boost long-term customer acquisition value as part of strategic recommendations to guide various teams in the Amazon ecosystem.

Guided the experiment launch decision-making process for higher-level executives by quantifying the addition of new guardrails and predicting their impact using datasets from a random set of past experiments; identified and resolved discrepancies in A/B testing metrics and then partnered with both science and product teams to implement improved measurement practices as part of this endeavor.

Applied synthetic matching to estimate price elasticities and guide business teams' pricing strategies across different international markets.

Mentored two interns. One on a forecasting project. Met with them weekly to go over their assignments and helped them with their career goals.

Amazon.com

Intern, Amazon Prime Tech, Jun 2023 – Sep 2023

Used forecasting techniques to inform pricing strategies for decision-making.

Amazon.com

Intern, Amazon Prime Video, Jun 2022 – Sep 2022

Applied time-series models to large-scale data for content investment decisions.

University of Chicago

Research Assistant, Sep 2020 – Oct 2021

Research for Professor Fernando Álvarez: Managed research assistant and worked with detailed ATM data finding a decrease in cash usage during Covid.

Research for Professor Felix Tintelnot: Checked model convergence using Matlab.

World Bank Group

Consultant, Office of the Chief Economist for LAC, Jan 2018 – May 2019

Analyzed automation's impact on Latin American labor markets, finding low unemployment risk but need for up-skilling and education reform for long-term adaptability.

Conducted quantitative analysis on de-industrialization and productivity patterns using sectoral data from the Groningen Growth and Development Centre, highlighting policies to foster competition and productivity growth.

Delivered technical policy-oriented analysis used in regional economic reports.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Research Assistant, Nov 2016 – Dec 2017

Research for Professor David Kohn: Ran regressions using international trade data work.

Research for Professor Raimundo Soto: Wrote policy proposals for growth.

CLAPES UC

Research Assistant, Jul 2015 – Jan 2017

Assisted Professor Felipe Larraín, Professor Rodrigo Cerda, and Senior Macroeconomist Juan Bravo.

Obtained different measures of unemployment which were later added to the national unemployment statistics.

Proof-reading and fact-checking book "The Economics of Contemporary Latin America".

WORK IN PROGRESS

Supply chain uncertainty and diversification. *Joint with Thomas Bourany and Gustavo González. (R&R Journal of International Economics) [Link]*

We develop a quantifiable model of sourcing with uncertainty in which firms have to choose where to source from before shocks are realized. We show that uncertainty introduces a positive option value, that favors diversification. However, country-specific uncertainty creates hedging motives for firms, yielding on net ambiguous predictions about sourcing decisions. We estimate the model on Chilean Customs data and we study how the recent increase in trade risk affected firms' sourcing strategies. We find that the observed change in sourcing patterns results from both changes in expected costs and increased risk. Findings informed policy discussions at the Central Bank of Chile.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago

Teaching Assistant, 2021–2024

Assisted in graduate and undergraduate courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics, and international economics, including MBA and EMBA programs.

Supported course delivery, developed teaching materials, graded, and mentored students in quantitative and applied economics topics.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Teaching Assistant, 2015–2017

Assisted in courses across econometrics, microeconomics, macroeconomics, finance, and international macroeconomics at both undergraduate and graduate levels.

Supported instructors in grading, discussion sessions, and student mentoring.

ACADEMIC AWARDS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| • Data Acquisition Grant (\$3,000), University of Chicago | 2023 |
| • Social Sciences Division Fellowship, University of Chicago | 2019–2024 |
| • M.A. Economics, Academic Excellence Award, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile | 2018 |
| • Academic Excellence Scholarship for Master's Studies, CONICYT Chile | 2017 |
| • M.A. Economics, Maximum Distinction, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile | 2017 |
| • M.A. Economics Thesis granted with Maximum Distinction, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile | 2017 |
| • Diego Schmidt-Hebbel Prize, Best Teaching Assistant, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile | 2017 |

SOFTWARE, LANGUAGES, & OTHERS

Software: Python, PySpark, MATLAB, Julia, R, Git, Dynare, Stata, L^AT_EX, Excel, Power Point.

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (fluent), French (fluent).

Citizenship: Chilean and French (with H1B visa)

Others: [Political Economy Club](#) (PEC) co-president, 2021-2022. We organized bi-weekly social events for the Economics PhD program at the University of Chicago.