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RESEARCH INTEREST

Macroeconomics, Labor Economics, Public Economics and Development Economics.

EDUCATION

Ph.D.(c), Economics, **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**, expected May 2022.

M.A., Economics, **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**, 2018.

M.Sc., Economics and Management, **Universitat Pompeu Fabra**, 2002.

B.A. in Economics with a major in Public Economics, **ESPOL University**, 2001.

RESEARCH

Publications

- “The Schooling and Labor Market Effects of Eliminating University Tuition in Ecuador,” (with Teresa Molina), *Journal of Public Economics*, 2021.
- “Structural Changes in Ecuador Competitiveness after Dollarization,” (with Gustavo Solórzano & Luis Ángel Guamán), *Revista de Economía del Caribe*, 2010.
- “The Welfare Cost of Inflation in a Perfect Foresight Economy,” (with Roberto Ayala), *Cuestiones Económicas*, 2001.

Working Papers

- “Public Sector Wage Premium and Oil Shocks: Evidence and Theory,” (with Jaerim Choi & Liang Wang).
- “Labor Market Effects of a Minimum Wage: Evidence from Ecuadorian Monthly Administrative Data,” (with Jaerim Choi & Kenia Ramirez).
- “Mobile Money Networks with Tax Incentives: The Case of Ecuador,” (with Dan Suthers & Ruben Juarez).

Research In Progress

- “Downward Nominal Wage Rigidity, Fixed Exchange Rate, and Unemployment: The Case of Dollarization with a Binding Minimum Wage,” (with JaeBin Ahn and Jaerim Choi).
- “China’s Short Run Impact on Small Open Economies”.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020-2021 the Henry Mok & James Mak Scholarship Award in 2021 nomination for a paper accepted for publication in respectable top-tier academic journals, **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa** ~ \$800.
- 2019-2020 The Bernie Campbell Fellowship Fund Award for Academic/Research Excellence, **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa** ~ \$2,000.
- 2015 Honor Recognition for Excellence in Teaching in the Master of Management, **ESPOL University**.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2021: Labor Economics Meeting of AEET, Computing in Economics and Finance (CEF) on the SCE, The IMF Western-Hemisphere's Seminar, LACEA LAMES 2021, Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association.

2020: Econ Seminars University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

2019: Joint Statistical Meetings by the American Statistical Association, Conference on the Economics of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) by the Bank of Canada and a Riksbank, Econ Seminars University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

2018: LACEA LAMES 2018, Econ Seminars University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- **Referee:** *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications* (2021), *Cuestiones Económicas* (2014)
- **Management:** Organize weekly Economic theory seminars at UHM. (2017-2019)

TEACHING

- **Instructor, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa:** International Macroeconomics (x3), Introduction to Statistics (x1), Principles of Microeconomic (x2), Intermediate Microeconomics (x1).
- **Teacher Assistant, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa:** Principles of Macroeconomics (x2), Intermediate Macroeconomics (x1), Graduate Macroeconomics Theory I and II (x4), Graduate Econometrics II (x1).
- **Instructor, ESPOL University:** Principles of Macroeconomics (x10), Intermediate Macroeconomics (x10), Macroeconomics for Master Program in Management (x4).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Director of the master's in public policy degree program, **ESPOL University**, May 2014 – July 2016.
- Director of the Leadership Training Program, **Development Bank of Latin America-CAF and ESPOL University**, Jan 2012 – Dec 2013.

REFERENCES

- Ruben Juarez, Ph.D. Professor of Economics, UH-Mānoa, 808 233-9524, rubenj@hawaii.edu, Relationship: Advisor.
- Liang Wang, Ph.D. Professor of Economics, UH-Mānoa, 808 725-0269, liang.wang@hawaii.edu, Relationship: Advisor.
- Teresa Molina, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Economics, UH-Mānoa, 650 796-6137, tmolina@hawaii.edu, Relationship: Co-author.

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