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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Macroeconomics, Policy Evaluation, International Macroeconomics.

EDUCATION

PhD., Economics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI. August 2022.

Dissertation, "Evaluating Economic Policies in Ecuador: 2007 - 2017"

Advisor, Dr [Ruben Juarez](#)

MA, Economics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI. May 2018.

Certificate in Financial Management, University of Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2006.

MSc, Economics and Management, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain. August 2002.

BA in Economics with a major in Public Economics, ESPOL University, Guayaquil, Ecuador.
March 2000.

RESEARCH

Publications

"Mobile Money Networks with Tax Incentives: The Case of Ecuador," (with Dan Suthers & Ruben Juarez), *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, 9:62, 2022.

"The Schooling and Labor Market Effects of Eliminating University Tuition in Ecuador," (with Teresa Molina), *Journal of Public Economics*, 196, 2021.

"Structural Changes in Ecuador Competitiveness after Dollarization," (with Gustavo Solórzano & Luis Ángel Guamán), *Revista de Economía del Caribe*, No. 6, 2010.

"The Welfare Cost of Inflation in a Perfect Foresight Economy," (with Roberto Ayala), *Cuestiones Económicas*, Vol. 17, 3:3, 2001.

Working Papers

"Downward Nominal Wage Rigidity, Fixed Exchange Rate, and Unemployment: The Case of Dollarization with a Binding Minimum Wage," (with JaeBin Ahn and Jaerim Choi).
- Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of International Economics*.

“Labor Market Effects of a Minimum Wage: Evidence from Ecuadorian Monthly Administrative Data,” (with Jaerim Choi & Kenia Ramirez).
- Revise and Resubmit, *Southern Economic Journal*.

“Public Sector Wage Premium and Oil Shocks: Evidence and Theory,” (with Jaerim Choi & Liang Wang).

Research In Progress

“Minimum Wage Indexation and Downward Wage Rigidity in Emerging Markets,” (with Jaerim Choi and Johannes Matschke).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Certificate in Online Teaching Fundamentals

College of Social Sciences, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI, June 2022.

Instructor, Department of Economics

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI, 2019-2023.

International Macroeconomics (ECON 461, x4), Introduction to Statistics (ECON 321, x2), Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 131, x2), Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECON 300, x1), Principles of Microeconomic (ECON 130, x7), Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON 301, x1).

Instructor, Social Sciences Division

University of Hawai‘i - West O‘ahu, Kapolei, HI, 2022-2023.

Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 131, x3).

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI, 2018-2022.

Principles of Macroeconomics (ECON 131, x2), Intermediate Macroeconomics (ECON 300, x1), Graduate Macroeconomics Theory I and II (ECON 607 & 609, x4), Graduate Econometrics II (ECON 629, x1).

Spanish Language Assessor, College of Social Science - ACCESS

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI, Fall 2020-Fall 2022

Determine Spanish language proficiency for the H/SL graduation requirement in undergraduates.

Instructor, College of Social Sciences and Humanities

ESPOL University, Guayaquil, Ecuador, 2002-2016.

Principles of Macroeconomics (x10), Intermediate Macroeconomics (x10), Macroeconomics for Master’s Program in Management (x4).

Conferences and Seminar Presentations

Labor Market Effects of a Minimum Wage: Evidence from Ecuadorian Monthly Administrative Data.

Labor Economics Meeting of AEET, Online, July, 2021.

Computing in Economics and Finance (CEF), Online, June, 2021.

The IMF Western-Hemisphere’s Seminar, Online, August, 2021.

LACEA LAMES, Online, October, 2021.

Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association. Huston, Texas, November, 2021.

China's Short Run Impact on Open Economies.

Econ Seminars at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI, October, 2020.

Economic Networks with Incentives: The Mobile Money Case In Ecuador.

Joint Statistical Meetings by the American Statistical Association, Denver, CO, July, 2019.

Conference on the Economics of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) by the Bank of Canada and Riksbank, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, October, 2019.

Econ Seminars at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI, October, 2019.

Economic Networks with Incentives: The Mobile Money Case In Ecuador.

LACEA LAMES Guayaquil, Ecuador, October, 2018.

Econ Seminars University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Honolulu, HI, October, 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - ECONOMICS

Academic Journal Referee

Review of Economic Analysis (2023)

Humanities & Social Sciences Communications (2021)

Cuestiones Económicas (2014)

Project Management

Department of Economics, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, 2017-2019.

Organization and publicity for weekly Brown Bag Seminars on Economic Theory for the department.

Academic Director

ESPOL University, May 2014 – July 2016.

Direct the masters of arts in public policy degree program, student advising, course coordination, and faculty guidance.

Executive Director

Development Bank of Latin America – CAF & ESPOL University, January 2012 – December 2013.

Head the Leadership Training Program for Ecuador, networking with public and private organizations across the nation, fostering civil leadership and financial awareness outreach and education.

Economic Consultant

Engaged in In-Depth Economic Research and Analysis for Public and Private Organizations. 2004 – 2014.

Comprehensive economic research and analyses, serving as a vital catalyst for informed decision-making, for public and private institutions, including:

- The Central Bank of Ecuador,
- The National Secretariat of Planning and Development of Ecuador,
- The Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Society of Ecuador,
- Private enterprises within the metal-mechanical and automotive sectors.

HONORS AND AWARDS

TK Jayaraman and Family Prize for the Best Graduating PhD student,
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa ~ \$800. 2021-2022

Graduate Student Organization, Grant & Awards Program,
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa ~ \$1000. 2021-2022

Henry Mok & James Mak Scholarship Award,
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa ~\$800. 2020-2021
For a paper accepted for publication in respectable top-tier academic journals.

Frances Davis Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching,
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa ~Nominee. 2020-2021

The Bernie Campbell Fellowship Fund Award for Academic/Research Excellence, *University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa ~ \$2,000. 2019-2020*

Graduate Student Organization, Grant & Awards Program,
University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa ~ \$800. 2018-2019

Recognition of Honor for Excellence in Teaching,
Master of Business Management Program, ESPOL University. 2015

REFERENCES

Ruben Juarez, PhD. UHERO-HMSA Distinguished Professor Economics, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, (808) 233-9524, rubenj@hawaii.edu
Relationship: Dissertation Advisor and Co-author. Years known: 7.

Teresa Molina, PhD. Associate Professor of Economics, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, (650) 796-6137, tmolina@hawaii.edu
Relationship: Dissertation Advisor and Co-author. Years known: 6.

Pablo Guerron-Quintana, PhD. Professor of Economics, Boston College, (215) 817-3973, guerron@bc.edu
Relationship: Supervisor. Years known: 10.

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