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### EDUCATION

**Aug 2020 - Present**      **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**  
*PhD in Agricultural and Applied Economics*

**Jan 2015-Jul 2016**      **Universidad EAFIT**, Medellín, Colombia  
*Master of Science in Economics*

**Feb 2008-Dec 2012**      **Universidad Santo Tomás**, Bucaramanga, Colombia  
*B.Sc. in Economics (Honors)*

RESEARCH INTERESTS      Health Economics, Labor Economics, Development Economics, Environmental Economics, Applied Econometrics.

PUBLICATIONS      

- “Unintended consequences of conservation: Estimating the impact of protected areas on violence in Colombia”, with Gustavo Canavire-Bacarreza and Merlin Hanauer in *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, Vol 89. (2018)

CONTRIBUTIONS      

- Flagship report Latin America and Caribbean Chief Economist Office (LCRCE): “*Going Viral: COVID-19 and the Accelerated Transformation of Jobs in Latin America and the Caribbean*” (2021).
- The Economy in the Time of Covid-19. Semiannual Report of the Latin America and Caribbean Region (2020).

WORK IN PROGRESS      

- “*Trade Effects on Substance Abuse: Evidence from Colombia’s Liberalization*”
- “*Industrial Robots and Infant Health in Mexico*”
- “*Welfare Effects of Land Mines in Colombia*”

### ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**

**Aug 2020-**      *Teaching/Research Assistant (Champaign, IL).*

- Provided research assistance to Professor Yilan Xu on research project using spatial econometrics methods.
- Teaching Assistance for ACE 449 Retirement and Benefit Planning; ACE 240 Personal Financial Planning; ACE 349 Risk Management and Financial Planning.

### The World Bank

**Jul 2017-Jul 2020**      *Research Analyst, Latin America and the Caribbean Chief Economist Office (Washington, DC).*

- I provided research assistance to the Regional Chief Economist Office of Latin America and the Caribbean. My main focus of analysis was labor economics and its relation

with structural transformation patterns in Latin American countries. My main activities included: managing and cleaning household surveys and censuses, estimating econometric models and writing analytical reports.

**Nov 2016-  
Jul 2017**

*Consultant, South Asia Poverty Global Practice (Washington, DC).*

- I was in charge of maintaining the South Asia Micro-database (the region's main source of household surveys to measure poverty and inequality). This includes the harmonization and systematic check of poverty and socioeconomic variables for the entire region, as well as the expansion of the current stock of data. I also provided support to the Poverty Global Practice in just-in-time analytical requests.

**Apr 2016-  
Jun 2016**

*Consultant, South Asia Poverty Global Practice (working remotely from Colombia).*

- I was in charge of updating the computation of Harmonized (using ICP conventions) and National Consumption Aggregates for countries in the South Asia Region (SAR): Afghanistan, Bhutan, Pakistan and Nepal; as well as performing a systematic check for the entire regional data-base collection available in the South Asia Micro-data Catalogue.

#### **Universidad EAFIT, Center for Research on Economics and Finance (CIEF)**

**Jan 2015-  
Jun 2016**

*Research Assistant.*

- I assisted professor Gustavo Canavire-Bacarreza in different academic activities, such as data management, literature reviews and econometric estimations.

#### **Centro de Estudios Regionales del Magdalena Medio (CER)**

**Jan 2014-  
Sept 2014**

*Research Professional.*

- I carried out research and consultancy activities in education, labor economics and regional development projects in the Colombian Middle Magdalena region. My main activities required data collection and administration; econometric modeling and analytical writing.

**Apr 2013-  
Dec 2013**

*Research Assistant.*

- I was in charge of supporting in-field collection, data manipulation and the final report analysis for the project *Characterization of Human Resource Demand for the Sectors: Commerce, Services, Construction and Transportation* in Barrancabermeja, Colombia. The project aimed at finding labor supply and demand mismatches in the city and assess its competitiveness capacity.

#### **CONFERENCES/ACADEMIC REPRESENTATION**

**2023**

- “Trade Effects on Substance Abuse: Evidence from Colombia’s Liberalization”. AAEA Annual Meeting. Washington, DC, June 2023.

**2018**

- “Unintended consequences of conservation: estimating the causal effect of protected areas on violence in Colombia”. 6th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economics. Sweden, June 2018.

2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Unintended consequences of conservation: estimating the causal effect of protected areas on violence in Colombia”. Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Economics Association (LACEEP). Chile, November 2017.</li> </ul>
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Individual, family and school determinants of secondary education quality in Barrancabermeja-Santander”. IX Iberoamerican Meeting on Education, Universidad Autónoma de Bucaramanga (UNAB), Colombia. November 5-8, 2014.</li> </ul>
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Concurso Académico Nacional de Economía (CANE)</i>. University representation (Econometrics). Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia.</li> </ul>
ACADEMIC AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best second-year paper. PhD program in Agricultural and Applied Economics at University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2023).</li> <li>• Masters Full Scholarship at <a href="#">Universidad EAFIT</a> (2015-2016)</li> <li>• Graduation with Honors in Economics. Top student in his cohort at <a href="#">Universidad Santo Tomás, Bucaramanga</a> 2012</li> <li>• Partial Scholarship at <a href="#">Universidad Santo Tomás, Bucaramanga</a> 2009-2011</li> </ul>
GRANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program in Arms Control &amp; Domestic and International Security (ACDIS) Summer Research Fellowship (US 6,000)</li> <li>• Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Economics Program (US 7,500), joint with Gustavo Canavire-Bacarreza and Merlin M. Hanauer.</li> <li>• Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Economics Program travel grant (US 1,200).</li> </ul>
AFFILIATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA).</li> <li>• Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (AAEA).</li> </ul>
LANGUAGES & OTHER SKILLS	<p><i>Software:</i> Stata, R , Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Gretl, ArcGIS, QGIS, Microsoft Office</p> <p><i>Languages:</i> Spanish (native), English (fluent).</p>
REFERENCES	<p>Mary Arends-Kuenning, Ph.D. Associate Professor Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign E-mail:marends@illinois.edu Urbana,IL, USA Phone:+1 (217) 333-0753</p> <p>Gustavo Canavire-Bacarreza, Ph.D. Senior Economist World Bank Washington, DC, USA. Phone:+1 (240) 310-6765 E-mail: gcanavire@gmail.com</p> <p>Merlin M Hanauer, Ph.D. Associate Professor Department of Economics Sonoma State University Rohnert Park, California, USA Phone:+1 (707) 664-2410 E-mail:hanauer@sonoma.edu</p>