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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign</b> Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics	<i>2020-present</i>
<b>Universidad EAFIT</b> , Colombia Master of Science in Economics	<i>2015-2016</i>
<b>Universidad Santo Tomás</b> , Colombia B.A. in Economics (with honors)	<i>2008-2012</i>

## FIELDS OF RESEARCH

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Health Economics, Labor Economics, International Trade.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign</b> Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics	<i>2020-present</i>
<b>The World Bank</b> Research Analyst, Latin America and the Caribbean Chief Economist Office	<i>2017-2020</i>
<b>The World Bank</b> Consultant, South Asia Poverty Global Practice	<i>2016-2017</i>
<b>Universidad EAFIT</b> Research Assistant, Department of Economics	<i>2015-2016</i>
<b>Centro de Estudios Regionales del Magdalena Medio (CER)</b> Research Assistant	<i>2013-2014</i>

## PUBLICATIONS

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Canavire-Bacarreza, G., Diaz-Gutierrez, J. E., & Hanauer, M. M. (2018). Unintended consequences of conservation: Estimating the impact of protected areas on violence in Colombia. *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, 89, 46-70.

## WORKING PAPERS

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### **Industrial Robots and Infant Health in Mexico (*Job Market Paper*)**

**Abstract:** This paper examines the impact of increasing robotics in the United States on infant mortality in Mexico by leveraging variation in industrial robot usage within manufacturing industries and the baseline composition of employment in export-oriented *maquiladoras*, which are predominantly staffed by women. The analysis reveals that regions with greater exposure to U.S. automation experienced a more significant rise in infant mortality rates. Exploring the underlying mechanisms, I find that women

in manufacturing industries suffered greater employment losses compared to men, which also led to a relative decline in household income. These job losses resulted in reduced access to employer-provided healthcare and less time available for childcare, as women sought to offset the loss of manufacturing jobs by moving into self-employment within the same sector. Additionally, I provide suggestive evidence that automation may increase risky behaviors, such as drinking and smoking, among uninsured women of childbearing age. These findings are consistent with the countercyclical pattern of infant mortality observed in developing countries.

## Trade Effects on Substance Abuse: Evidence from Colombia’s Liberalization

**Abstract:** This paper investigates the effect of a structural tariff reform on substance abuse in Colombia. Using administrative data on the universe of emergency room visits and hospitalizations, I find that municipalities potentially more exposed to trade exhibit relative increases in total substance abuse. I show that these results are not explained by pre-trends in substance abuse rates, and that increases in substance abuse may be mediated by a stress channel through losses in the labor market. The findings hold when employing a broad array of robustness checks.

## Welfare Effects of Landmines in Colombia (with *Gustavo Canavire-Bacarreza* and *Erdal Tekin*)

## SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND HONORS

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ACDIS Summer Research Fellowship, UIUC (U.S. \$6,000) (2023)  
 Travel Grant, Department of ACE UIUC (U.S. \$500) (2022)  
 Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Economics Program Research Grant (U.S. \$7,500) (2016)  
 Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Economics Program travel grant (U.S. \$1,200) (2017)  
 Master’s full scholarship at Universidad EAFIT (2015-2016)  
 Best second-year paper, Ph.D. program in Agricultural and Applied Economics, UIUC (2023)  
*Cum Laude* Distinction, Universidad Santo Tomás (2012)

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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**2024-** International Policy and Development (IPAD) Workshop, UIUC  
**2023-** AAEA Annual Meeting. Washington, DC  
**2018-** 6th World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economics. Gothenburg Sweden  
**2017-** Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Economics Association (LACEEP). Viña del Mar, Chile.

## SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

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<b>Statistical Programming</b>	Stata, R, Python
<b>Software &amp; Tools</b>	ArcGIS, QGIS, LaTeX, Excel
<b>Languages</b>	Spanish (native), English (proficient)

## REFERENCES

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