

# Juan David Torres

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## Interests

Development Economics, Economic History, Political Economy, Organizational Economics, Behavioral Economics

## Education

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| 2019-2020 | <b>Universidad de los Andes</b><br>M.A. Economics                                   |
| 2014-2018 | <b>Pontificia Universidad Javeriana</b><br>B.A. Economics ( <i>Highest Honors</i> ) |

## Research

### *Publications*

- [“Urban Wage Gaps in Colombia and the Impact of a National Payroll Tax Policy”](#) (with Paula Herrera-Idárraga and Pablo Adrián Garlati). 2021. **Regional Studies**, 1-15.
- [“La Banca Nacional de Desarrollo en Colombia”](#) (with Jose Antonio Ocampo and Paola Arias). 2018. **Ensayos sobre Política Económica**, 88, 1-36.

### *Working Papers*

- [“Shaping Inequality? Property Rights, Landed Elites and Public Lands in Colombia”](#). 2022. Documento Cede 2022-40. Universidad de los Andes.

### *Work in Progress*

- Immigration and Incarceration in the US: 1870–2020 (with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, Elisa Jacome, and Santiago Perez)
- Bourbon Reforms and State Capacity in the Spanish Empire (with Giorgio Chiovelli, Leopoldo Fergusson, Luis Martinez, and Felipe Valencia)
- The Economic Consequences of Astrological Beliefs: Evidence from the Bristol Almanac

### *Book Chapters*

- [“Cambio Estructural y Dinámica Macroeconómica: Los Retos Colombianos”](#). (with José Antonio Ocampo). (2022). In Jose Antonio Ocampo & Maria Fernanda Valdez (Eds.), *Políticas de desarrollo productivo: una agenda para el futuro* (pp. 31-62). Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)
- [“El Papel de la Banca de Desarrollo en la Promoción de la Innovación”](#). (with José Antonio Ocampo). (2022). In Jose Antonio Ocampo & Maria Fernanda Valdez (Eds.), *Políticas de desarrollo productivo: una agenda para el futuro* (pp. 223-266). Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

### *Policy Papers*

- [“Manejo y Resultados de la Bonanza Petrolera”](#) (with Jose Antonio Ocampo) 2018. *Economía Colombiana*. Edición 353, Agosto-Septiembre de 2018, pp. 80-108.

### *Old Working Papers*

- [“Skin in the Game: Labor Shocks and Redistributive Preferences in Colombia”](#). 2020
- [“Putting the Eggs in Multiple Baskets: Export Promotion in Colombia During the 1960s”](#). 2018.

## Honors and Awards

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| 2020      | Master’s Thesis Honors, Universidad de los Andes                |
| 2019      | Xaverian Order of Merit Medal, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana |
| 2019      | Highest Department GPA Award, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana  |
| 2015-2018 | Highest Cohort GPA Awards, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana     |
| 2018      | National Economics Contest (CANE), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place        |

## Research Grants (as Co-PI)

- 2023 Research and Innovation Fund, The Pearson Institute, University of Chicago (\$20,000)
- 2022 Summer Development Economics Research Fund, BFI, University of Chicago (\$35,000)
- 2020 Small Grants in Innovative Data CIDER, University of British Columbia CIDER (\$13,500)

## Conferences and Seminars

- 2022 Economic History Workshop, Ridge December Forum, Bogota, Colombia  
Workshop on Economic Governance and Legitimacy, Tilburg University, Netherlands  
Canadian Network for Economic History Conference, University of New Brunswick (Virtual)
- 2019 Economic History Workshop, Ridge December Forum, Montevideo, Uruguay
- 2018 1st Annual Colombian Economics Conference, Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia  
Seminario 537, Banco de la República, Bogota, Colombia

## Research Experience

- 2021-2023 **Stanford University**  
Predoctoral Research Fellow to [Ran Abramitzky](#) at [SIEPR](#)
- 2020-2021 **Universidad de los Andes/University of Chicago**  
Predoctoral Research Assistant to [Luis R. Martinez](#) (Chicago Harris) and [Nelson Ruiz](#) (Oxford)
- 2019-2021 **Universidad de los Andes**  
Research Assistant to [Leopoldo Fergusson](#) (Andes), [Felipe Valencia](#) (UBC-VSE),  
[Giorgio Chiovelli](#) (Montevideo) and [Luis R. Martinez](#) (Chicago Harris)
- 2019 **Fedesarrollo**  
Research Assistant to [Mauricio Cardenas](#) (Columbia SIPA)
- 2018 **Central Bank of Colombia - Board of Directors**  
Research Assistant to [Jose Antonio Ocampo](#) (Columbia SIPA)
- 2017 **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana**  
Research Assistant to [Paula Herrera-Idarraga](#)

## Teaching

- 2019-2021 **Universidad de los Andes**  
Teacher Assistant: Introduction to Colombian Economics, Colombian Economic History
- 2016-2018 **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana**  
Teacher Assistant: Time Series Analysis, Intermediate and Advanced Microeconomics,  
International Economics, Public Economics

## Languages and Skills

Spanish (native), English (advanced)  
R, Stata, EViews,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Python, ArcGIS, Git.

## Other Relevant Coursework

Real Analysis, Universidad de los Andes  
Latinx Literature, Stanford University  
Mapping Poverty, Colonialism and Nation Building in Latin America, Stanford University