

Juan David Torres

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Interests

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

Education

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| 2023- | Stanford University
Ph.D. Economics |
| 2019-2020 | Universidad de los Andes
M.A. Economics |
| 2014-2018 | Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
B.A. Economics (<i>Highest Honors</i>) |

Research

Published and Accepted Work

- “Law-Abiding Immigrants: The Incarceration Gap Between Immigrants and the US-born, 1870–2020” (with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, Elisa Jácome, and Santiago Pérez). (Conditionally accepted at **American Economic Review: Insights**) [[NBER Working Paper No. 31440](#)]
- “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.

Working Papers

- “Bourbon Reforms and State Capacity in the Spanish Empire” (with Giorgio Chiovelli, Leopoldo Fergusson, Luis Martinez, and Felipe Valencia). (August 2023)
- “Shaping Inequality? Property Rights, Landed Elites and Public Lands in Colombia”. (October 2022). Documento Cede 2022-40. Universidad de los Andes.

Work in Progress

- Religious Syncretism and State-Building: Evidence From the Spiritual Conquest in Colonial Mexico

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

- “La Banca Nacional de Desarrollo en Colombia” (with Jose Antonio Ocampo and Paola Arias). 2018. **Ensayos sobre Política Económica**, 88, 1-36.
- “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

- “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 rd 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, \LaTeX , Python, ArcGIS, Git.

Other Relevant Coursework

Real Analysis, Universidad de los Andes
Latinx Literature, Stanford University