

# Juan David Torres

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## Interests

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

## Education

2023-	<b>Stanford University</b> Ph.D. Economics
2019-2020	<b>Universidad de los Andes</b> M.A. Economics
2014-2018	<b>Pontificia Universidad Javeriana</b> 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*

- [“Law-Abiding Immigrants: The Incarceration Gap Between Immigrants and the US-born, 1850–2020”](#) (with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, Elisa Jácome, and Santiago Pérez). 2023. NBER Working Paper No. 31440
- [“Shaping Inequality? Property Rights, Landed Elites and Public Lands in Colombia”](#). 2022. Documento Cede 2022-40. Universidad de los Andes.

### *Work in Progress*

- Bourbon Reforms and State Capacity in the Spanish Empire (with Giorgio Chiovelli, Leopoldo Fergusson, Luis Martinez, and Felipe Valencia)
- Religious Syncretism and State-Building: Evidence From the Spiritual Conquest in Colonial Mexico
- The Economic Consequences of Astrological Beliefs: Evidence from Two Hundred Years of Agricultural Almanacs

### *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*

- [“Putting the Eggs in Multiple Baskets: Export Promotion in Colombia During the 1960s”](#). 2018.

## Honors and Awards

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

## Teaching

2019-2021	<b>Universidad de los Andes</b> Teacher Assistant: Introduction to Colombian Economics, Colombian Economic History
2016-2018	<b>Pontificia Universidad Javeriana</b> 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