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## Education

- 2021 — **Ph.D in Economics**  
Southern Methodist University, USA
- 2019 — 2020 **M.A. in Economics**  
Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile
- 2015 — 2018 **B.A. in Economics**  
Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile

## Research

**Interests:** Cultural, Gender, and Political Economy

## Publications

1. [“Trade and Ethnolinguistic Differences: A Replication and Extension”](#) joint with Ömer Özak.  
Economic Inquiry, 2024
2. [“Aggregate Costs of a Gender Gap in Access to Business Resources”](#) joint with Francisco Parro.  
The B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, 2022

## Working Papers

1. “Does Watching Women Work, Work?: The Effect of Mexican Telenovelas on Female Labor Participation”
2. “Drama and Redistribution: The Impact of Telenovelas on Preferences for Redistribution in Latin America”

## Work in Progress

1. “The Institutional Roots of Cultural Preferences” joint with Klaus Desmet and Ömer Özak
2. “Green Screens: Telenovelas and Their Role in Shaping Environmental Accountability” joint with Ivan de la Heras and Leonardo Sepulveda
3. “Telenovelas as Cultural Mirrors: Revealing Social Values Through Generative AI”
4. “Multiple Talent Misallocation” with Rouzhi Liang
5. “Cesarean Informed Consents in Chile” joint with Nieves Valdes, Florencia Borrescio, and Gorka Navarrete

## Teaching

### Southern Methodist University

*Lecturer:* Intermediate Microeconomics (evaluation)

*Teaching assistant:* Macroeconomics (Ph.D.), Quantitative Economics (Ph.D.), Intermediate Macroeconomics, Urban Economics, Applied Econometric Analysis, Strategic Behavior, Financial Economics, and Economic Growth.

### Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (Chile)

*Teaching assistant:* Macroeconomics II (M.A.), Mathematical Methods for Economists (M.A.), Gender Economics, Game Theory, Econometrics II, Economic Growth, and Macroeconomics

### Universidad de los Andes (Chile):

*Teaching assistant:* Macroeconomics II

## Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

2025	Service Melody Rice Memorial Award, Southern Methodist University (\$250)
2024	Dedman College Interdisciplinary Institute's Inaugural Graduate Student Summer Research and Writing Fellowship, Southern Methodist University (\$3000)
2023 – 2026	Provost's Doctoral Candidacy Fellowship, Southern Methodist University
2021 – 2023	Full Tuition Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship, Southern Methodist University
2021	Poster Award at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Chilean Public Policy Society
2020	Highest GPA of the M.A. cohort, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez
2020	Best Thesis Award at the Annual Meeting of the Chilean Economic Association (SECHI)
2015 – 2020	Academic Excellence Scholarship "Pedro Luis Gonzalez", Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez

## Presentations

2025	Southern Economic Association 95th Annual Meeting R&I Week Graduate, Southern Methodist University
2024	Southern Economic Association 94th Annual Meeting
2021	12th Annual Meeting of the Chilean Public Policy Society, Poster Session
2020	Chilean Economic Association, Thesis Presentation (Only Speaker) Annual Meeting of the Chilean Economic Association (SECHI), Poster Session

## Academic Service

2025 –	Mentor, ISTC Mentor Matching Engine
2024 – 2025	Tutor, Academic SMU Development of Student-Athletes
2023 – 2025	President, SMU Economics Graduate Club
2022 – 2025	Organizer, SMU Graduate Student Mentorship Program

## Affiliations

2022 — Omicron Delta Epsilon National Honor Society in Economics

## Other

Citizenship	Spain, Chile, Guatemala, and Venezuela
Languages	English (fluent) and Spanish (native)
Software Skills	Julia, Python, MATLAB, Stata, Typst and $\text{\LaTeX}$
Certificates	NVIDIA: Fundamentals of Deep Learning NVIDIA: Fundamentals of Accelerated Data Science Constellate: Introduction to Vector Databases and Semantic Searching Constellate: Automated Text Classification Using LLMs Constellate: Large Language Models and Embeddings for Retrieval Augmented Generation Constellate: spaCy in the World of LLMs Constellate: Small Language Models