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Main Professional Experience

Inter-American Development Bank

Washington, DC

Economics Consultant in Education

June 2021 - Current

- Advised on major projects from design to implementation, and review phase involving causal inference using observational, experimental and quasi-experimental methods.
- Worked both independently and as a part of a team researching and solving complex problems in education by combining economic theory and empirical analysis.
- Managed multiple project agendas involving topics in *smart spending*, learning loss, and centralized assignment mechanisms.
- Supervised multiple consultants across several projects as well as participated in making budgetary decisions.
- Contributed the team in communicating effectively with both public and private key counterparts.

Georgetown University

Washington, DC

Ph.D. Researcher

Aug. 2015 - May 2021

- Investigated the relationship between distance to the polling place and turnout, and how social protection policies affect the poorest of the poor
- Employed econometric analysis in Stata and R to conduct causal estimation
- Performed data-collection projects using Python
- Executed geospatial analysis using PostGIS, ArcGIS and QGIS
- Presented research projects in multiple seminars to broad audiences
- Compiled and analyzed multiple novel datasets in PostgreSQL

Instructor / Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2016 - May 2020

- Taught graduate-level instruction in mathematics and statistical software as well as undergraduate-level courses in econometrics and microeconomics in courses ranging between 30 and 150 students
- Assisted in teaching undergraduate courses on: game theory, behavioral economics, and economics of sports.

DC Political Economy Center - Georgetown - Johns Hopkins University

Washington, DC

Center Coordinator

May 2019 - May 2020

- Created and maintained the online presence of the initiative
- Organized conferences and workshops for members of local universities
- Aided and monitored webinars of up to 600 participants

Education

Georgetown University

Washington, DC

Ph.D. in Economics

Aug. 2015 - May 2021

Master of Arts (MA) in Economics

Aug. 2015 - May 2017

Loyola Marymount University

Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Science (BSc) in Economics,

Aug. 2011 - Dec. 2014

Minor in Pure Mathematics, Magna Cum Laude

Skills and Languages

Technical: R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS/QGIS, MATLAB, PostgreSQL, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX, Github

Languages: English (Fluent) and Spanish (Native)

Selected Publications & Working Papers

“Lifting the Floor? Economic Development, Social Protection and the Developing World’s Poorest”,
with Martin Ravallion. (*Journal of Development Economics* 139 (2019): 97–108)

“Polling Place Location and the Costs of Voting” (R&R *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*),
with Gaurav Bagwe and Allison Stashko

“Food Stamps and America’s Poorest”, with Dean Jolliffe and Martin Ravallion. (Accepted at *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *NBER WP 26025*)

Featured in: [Vox](#), [VoxEU.org](#), [WJS Blog](#), [Real Time Economics](#), [Quartz](#), [World Economic Forum](#)

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

Maloof Fellowship Recipient, Georgetown University	2020 - 2021
Outstanding Scholar Award for Economics Department at LMU	2014
Wall Street Journal Award - Economics Department at LMU	2014 - 2015
Global Citizen Award - Office for International Students and Scholars	2013 - 2014
RAINS Research Fellow	2012 - 2014
John and Nelly Llanos Kilroy Foundation International Scholarship	2011 - 2014
Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow at Loyola Marymount University	2014
Father Alfred Kilp S. J. Award for Leadership and Service	2013
Emmons Award for Business Ethics	2013
1st place at 2013 International Business Ethics Case Competition (IBECC)	2013
Omicron Delta Epsilon, Economics Honor Society	2012