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Academic Positions

2025- Research Economist, Banco de México, Macroeconomics Analysis Division
2022-2025 Postdoctoral Researcher, Ghent University, Department of Economics

Education

2022 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Rochester, USA
2018 M.A in Economics, University of Rochester, USA
2015 M.A in Economics, Georgetown University, USA
2013 B.A. in Economics, Universidad Mayor de San Andres, Bolivia

Research Fields

Household Finance, Corporate Finance, International Macroeconomics

Working Papers

“Consumer Debt Moratoria”, [link](#) (**Job Market Paper**)
with Bulent Guler, Yasin Kürşat Önder and Mauricio Villamizar-Villegas
“Debt Moratoria and Macroeconomics”, [link](#)
with Yasin Kürşat Önder and Mauricio Villamizar-Villegas
“Credit Guarantees and the Price of Credit in Crises: Evidence from Belgium”, [link](#)
with Yasin Kürşat Önder
“Sovereign Debt and Grace Periods” [link](#)
with Yasin Mimir and Yasin Kürşat Önder
“Employment Fluctuations, Real Estate Prices and Property Taxes” [link](#)
“Investment, Capital Structure and Default Risk” [link](#)

Work In Progress

“Labor Market Frictions, Employment Costs, and Sovereign Default Risk”

Research Visits

2023: Banco de la República, Bogotá Colombia

- Research visit to employ administrative loan-granular data for project on the effect of Debt Moratorium on firms and households (Dr. Mauricio Villamizar)

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2024: 15th SEBOL Meeting, Universidad Catolica Boliviana

2024: EEA-EES Meeting, Erasmus School of Economics

2024: Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

2024: Belgian Financial Research Forum, National Bank of Belgium

2024: International Conference on Empirical Economics, Penn-State Altoona (Online)

2023: Macroeconomics Seminar, KU Leuven

2023: Macroeconomics Seminar, Banco de la República (Colombia)

2023: International Symposium, National Bank of Belgium

2022: Workshop on Empirical Macroeconomics, Ghent University

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

Graduate Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship, University of Rochester, 2016-2020

Summer Research Grant, University of Rochester Summer, 2017, 2018

Student Fellowship - ILADES/Georgetown University, 2014-2015

First Prize Research Paper, 7th National Meeting of Economists, Central Bank of Bolivia, 2014

Graduation with Honors, Second Highest GPA, Universidad Mayor de San Andres, 2013

Excellence Award, Three Highest GPA Economics Dep., Universidad Mayor de San Andres, 2009

Excellence Award, Highest Freshman GPA, Universidad Mayor de San Andres, 2009

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Anáhuac University

Microeconomics I (Undergraduate) – (Summer 2025)

Instructor, Ghent University

Applied Econometrics II (Master) – (Spring 2025)

Instructor, University of Rochester

Economic Statistics (Undergraduate) – (Summer 2019, 2020)

Teaching Assistant, University of Rochester

Economic Statistics (Undergraduate) – Professor Bin Chen (Spring 2019, 2020, Fall 2020)

Economics of Globalization (Undergraduate) – Professor Gaston Chaumont (Fall 2018, 2019)

Econometrics (Undergraduate) – Professor Tan Kegen (Spring 2021)

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) – Professor Hamid Firooz (Spring 2022)

Instructor, Universidad Alberto Hurtado

Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate) – (Spring 2016)

Teaching Assistant, Universidad Alberto Hurtado (Ilades-Georgetown)

Microeconomics I (Graduate) – Professor Lucas Navarro (Fall 2015)

Macroeconomics I (Graduate) – Professor Mauricio Tejada (Fall 2015)

Microeconomics II (Graduate) – Professor Carlos Ponce (Spring 2016)

Econometrics II (Graduate) – Professor Marcela Perticara (Spring 2016)

Others

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)

Computer Skills: Stata, R, Python, Matlab, Fortran, Latex.

References

Professor Yan Bai

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