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Undergraduate:

Universidad de los Andes

B.A. Economics

Bogota, Colombia

2007 –2011

Graduate Studies:

Universidad de los Andes

M.A. Economics

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2011 –2013

Brown University

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medical leave 2016-2017

Providence, RI, USA

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References

Professor **Andrew Foster**

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Teaching and Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Urban Economics and Development Economics

Teaching

Teaching Assistant at Brown University

- Labor Economics Spring, Fall 2020
Professor: Kenneth Chay
- Topics on Labor Economics PhD level Fall 2018, Spring 2021
Professor: Kenneth Chay
- Gender Inequality and Development Spring 2018
Professor: Ana Revenga
- Race Inequality Fall 2017
Professor: Glen Loury

Teaching Assistant at Universidad de los Andes

- Colombia Yesterday and Today 2009, 2010
Professor: Maria Eugenia Arango
- Monetary Theory and Policy Fall 2010
Professor: Marc Hofstetter
- Introduction to Macroeconomics 2011-2012
Professors: Maria del Pilar Lopez, Adriana Camacho, Pablo Querubin and Ximena Pena
- Advanced Econometrics (Graduate Level) Spring, Fall 2012
Professor: Adriana Camacho
- Impact Evaluation of Public Policies: Methods and Theories Summer 2012
Professors: Francisco Gallego and Ximena Pena
- Latin American Development in the Long Run Summer 2012
Professors: Camilo Garcia-Jimeno, Leopoldo Ferguson and Pablo Querubin

Research Experience and Other Employment

Brown University Economics Department Research Assistant for Matthew Turner	Providence, RI 2018
Econestudio Consultant for Marcela Melendez	Bogota, Colombia 2017
Inter America Development Bank Research Assistant for Julian Messina in the Research Department	Washington, DC 2015
World Bank Research Assistant for Julian Messina in the Chief Economist Office for LAC	Washington, DC 2013–2015
Universidad de los Andes Research Assistant for Marcela Eslava and Jorge Tovar	Bogota, Colombia 2009–2013

Scholarships and Awards

- S4 Graduate Student Paper Prize, Brown University 2021
- Third Year Paper Award, Brown University Department of Economics 2019
- Project on Income and Wealth Inequality Fellowship, Brown University Department of Economics 2018 -2019
- Graduate Student Scholarship, Brown University 2016 - 2021
- Lauchlin Currie Prize, Central Bank of Colombia Scholarship on doctoral studies 2015
- Special Mention on the Best Master Thesis Juan Luis Londono Award, Universidad de los Andes 2013

Job Market Paper

Subsidies and Market Equilibrium:

Evidence from a Notch in the Colombian Housing Market

In this paper, I study the effectiveness of a market-based approach to provide low-income housing. I study the expansion of a down payment subsidy and a mortgage interest rate discount to buy new housing in Colombia. I use a discontinuous policy cutoff, administrative and census data, and a housing market equilibrium model to estimate the relevant economic parameters of developers and households. I provide evidence of bunching at the price cutoff, suggesting that the housing market responds to subsidies' discontinuous incentives. The subsidy doubled during the study period and as a result, the bunching of houses sold at the maximum subsidy price increased from less than 1 percent to around 7 percent of the market share. Households buy housing units up to 30 percent smaller to benefit from the subsidy. Using the equilibrium model and estimated parameters, I find that the marginally subsidized households increased their utility by 9 percent by the end of the period. Developers receive a tax refund if they build housing below the price cutoff. Without this refund, their profits would be 14 percent lower.

Other Research Papers

Camacho, A., Messina, J., & Uribe, J. P. (2021). *The Expansion of Higher Education in Colombia: Bad Students or Bad Programs?*

Mehrotra, N., Turner, M. A., & Uribe, J. P. (2021). *Does the US have an Infrastructure Cost Problem? Evidence from the Interstate Highway System.*

Uribe, J. P. (2021). *The effect of location based subsidies on the housing market.*

Uribe, J. P., & Weisbrod, A. (2021). *Internet Expansion and School Performance: Evidence from Colombia.*

Uribe, J. P. (2013). Puede una expansión educativa reducir la desigualdad? un ejercicio de microsimulaciones para colombia. *Coyuntura Económica.*

Other

- **Conferences Participations:** UEA 2021, NEUDC 2020, , UEA Summer School 2019, LACEA Puebla 2019
- **Referee:** Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Revista Desarrollo y Sociedad.
- **Languages:** Spanish (native), English and French