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Professional Profile

I hold a bachelor's and master's degree in economics, with complementary studies in public policy, from the University of Los Andes (Colombia). I am currently a quantitative research assistant at Young Lives (University of Oxford). I was previously a research fellow at the Inter-American Development Bank. My main research interests are migration, poverty and inequality in developing countries.

Education

Master's Degree in Economics

University of Los Andes

GPA: 4.22/5

Thesis: Gender and perceptions of migration: a mirror of our predisposing factors.

My thesis was nominated for the Juan Luis Londoño Award for the best thesis of the PEG 2022.

Available in Spanish: <https://repositorio.uniandes.edu.co/handle/1992/66505>

Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a Minor in Public Policy

University of Los Andes

GPA: 4.44/5

Working papers

“Responses to Temperature Shocks: Labor Markets and Migration Decisions in El Salvador”, with Ana Maria Ibáñez, Jimena Romero and Andrea Velasquez. (Second Revise & Resubmit at the American Economic Journal: Economic Policy) Previous version: [IDB Working Paper Series #01268](#)

“Preferences for Redistribution in Latin America”, with Matias Busso, Ana Maria Ibáñez and Julián Messina. [Coming Soon at the Oxford Open Economics. Previous version: IDB Working Paper Series #01536](#)

“Direct and Indirect Effects of Lockdown Policies on Poverty and Inequality in Latin America” (2021), with Andrés Álvarez, Oscar Becerra, Catalina Bernal, Julio Daly and

Yyannu Cruz Aguayo. [Documento CEDE No. 19235](#)

Work experience

University of Oxford

Quantitative research assistant at Young Lives

January 2024- Present.

My main activities are preparing and archiving Young Lives survey data, analyzing it using appropriate statistical models, and merging it with external sources when applicable. Currently, I am working with other team members on research papers using the latest cleaned data of Young Lives participants. So far, I have contributed to preparing fieldwork documents (e.g., a fieldwork manual, a consent form, and training materials), and reports regarding the latest collected data.

Supervisors:

Marta Favara

Director

Alan Sanchez

Senior Quantitative Researcher

Inter-American Development Bank

Research fellow at Vice presidency of Sectors and Knowledge

January 2021- December 2023.

I assisted on projects focused on migration, inequality, and preferences for redistribution. My primary responsibilities included data preparation and conducting econometric analysis to support the impact evaluation of research initiatives. I conducted background studies, literature reviews, and other research support activities. I also supported data collection activities, including preparing questionnaires and presentations for seminars and workshops.

Supervisor:

Ana Maria Ibañez

Vice-president of Sectors and Knowledge at the Interamerican Development Bank (IDB)

University of Los Andes

Professional in Research Projects at the Center for Economic Development Studies (CEDE)

Semester:2020-II

I supported the project “Future of Jobs in LA, poverty and inequality. Uniandes-BID” through literature review, data processing, coding, and structuring of inputs for calculating changes in poverty and inequality in Latin America.

Project Supervisors:

Andrés Álvarez

Director of the PhD program in Economics at the University of Los Andes

Oscar Becerra

Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics of the University of Los Andes

University of Los Andes

Teacher assistant of History of Economic Thought

Semester: 2020-II

I assisted the course in preparing and grading assignments and supervising small groups of students as they prepared their final projects during the semester. I also supervised the pedagogical team and facilitated the assignment of roles, ensuring efficient collaboration among team members.

Supervisor:

Jimena Hurtado

Tenured Professor in the Department of Economics of the University of Los Andes

University of Los Andes

Research assistant at the Center for Economic Development Studies (CEDE)

Semester: 2020-I

I supported the "Beginning of the Formation of the Technocracy in Colombia" project by transcribing, digitizing, and systematizing oral sources.

Supervisors:

Jimena Hurtado

Tenured Professor in the Department of Economics of the University of Los Andes

Andrés Álvarez

Director of the PhD program in Economics at the University of Los Andes

Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
Intern in the area of Macroeconomic Studies for Colombia and Panama

Semester: 2019-II

I supported the leading economist in updating databases with macroeconomic information of Colombia and Panama for the analysis of the economic performance of these countries. I worked on the strengthening of the models for forecasting macroeconomic variables. I also prepared graphs, tables, and presentations for the Unit of Macroeconomic Studies reports.

Supervisor:

Carolina Camacho

Country Economist for Colombia and Panamá.

University of Los Andes
Undergraduate teacher assistant in History of Economic Thought
Semesters: 2017-II; 2018 –I; 2019-I; 2020-I

I assisted the course in preparing and grading assignments. I also supervised small groups of students preparing their final projects during the semester.

Supervisors:

Jimena Hurtado

Andrés Felipe Sierra

Presentations

4th CReAM/RWI Workshop on the Economics of Migration (Germany)

Other projects

University of Los Andes
Contrafactual Part 1: From the Gimnasio Moderno to the University of Los Andes

Semester: 2020-II

Contrafactual is a project that presents the beginnings of the Faculty of Economics at the University of Los Andes, the professionalization of the career, and the origin of the CEDE. I participated in the research team and elaboration of the script for the audiovisual version,

and I contributed to its recording, editing, and presentation.

First part available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3dzduigYHQ>

Relevant coursework

Real analysis applicable to Economics

University Colegio Mayor de Nuestra Señora del Rosario.

GPA: 4.7/5

Behavioral economics for better public policies

Inter-American Development Bank

Approved with honors.

Workshops on programming tools

Python Workshop: Statistics and Programming (University of Los Andes)

R Workshop: Statistics and programming (University of Los Andes)

MATLAB Workshop (University of Los Andes)

ArcGIS Spatial Analysis Workshop (University of Los Andes)

Excel Workshop (University of Los Andes)

Languages

Spanish: mother tongue.

English: Spoken, read, and written.

Academic Achievements

Scholarship Awarded for Undergraduate Studies: 100% Tuition Coverage due to Andrés Bello Distinction.