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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of San Diego 2022-

Education

University of California, Davis
Ph.D. Agricultural & Resource Economics, 2022
Fields: Development, Econometrics, Labor

Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia
M.S., Economics, 2012
B.A., Economics, 2010

Other Professional Experience

Graduate Student Researcher, University of California Davis, 2021-2022
Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC, 2013-2015
Consultant, The World Bank, Washington DC, 2012-2013
Research Assistant, Center for Economic Development Studies, Colombia, 2011-2012
Research Assistant, Fedesarrollo, Colombia, 2010-2011

Working Papers

Testing Attrition Bias in Field Experiments (with Dalia Ghanem and Sarojini Hirshleifer) - *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Human Resources*

Correcting Attrition Bias via Changes-in-Changes (with Dalia Ghanem, Sarojini Hirshleifer, and Désiré Kédagni) - *Revise and Resubmit at Journal of Econometrics*

Large-Farm Consolidation and Structural Transformation: Theory and Evidence from Colombia

Work in Progress

Large-Farm Consolidation and Welfare in Rural Economies

Forced Displacement and Early Nutritional Development

The Economic Impacts of Medical Drone Delivery (with Oscar Barriga-Cabanillas and Aleksander Michuda)

Policy Publications

An Analysis of Urban Crime in Colombia (with Daniel Mejia and Daniel Ortega), Inter-American Development Bank and Development Bank of Latin America, 2015

Innovation and Employment: Evidence from Colombian Manufacturing Firms (team led by Alejandro Caballero and Monica Parra), The World Bank, 2011

Awards and Fellowships

UC Davis Bert & Nell Krantz Fellowship, 2021
UC Davis Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship (tuition and stipend), 2019-2020
UC Davis Henry A. Jastro Graduate Research Award, 2019
UC Davis Graduate Student Association Travel Award, 2019
UC Davis Nonresident Tuition Fellowship, 2015-2016
Bursary Scholar, Global Violence Reduction Conf. University of Cambridge, 2014
Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies from The Carvajal Foundation, 2006-2010

Teaching Experience	<p>PhD. Econometrics III, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Spring 2019</p> <p>M.S. Economics of Agriculture, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 2017</p> <p>B.A. Development Economics, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Winter 2019 & Winter 2021</p> <p>B.A Agricultural Labor, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Spring 2018</p> <p>B.A Econometrics for Business Decisions, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Spring 2021</p> <p>B.A Econometric Theory and Applications, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Fall 2018 & Fall 2020</p> <p>B.A Intermediate Microeconomics, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Winter 2017 & Summer 2018</p>
Professional Activities	<p>CONFERENCES</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i> LACEA-RIDGE Job Market Showcase (2021), LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting (2021), 14th Annual Meeting Impact Evaluation Network of The Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (2021), International Association for Applied Econometrics (2021), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (2021), 1st Workshop in Applied Microeconomics from the Association for Mentoring & Inclusion in Economics (2021), Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (2020), Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting (2019), Global Violence Reduction Conference (2014)</p> <p><i>Scientific Committee:</i> The Economics of Informality Conference (2022)</p> <p>SEMINARS</p> <p>UC Davis (Development 2021), Colombian Central Bank (Applied Economics 2020), UC Davis (Development 2020)</p>
Service	<p>UC Davis Applied Econometrics Reading Group, Co-founder and Co-organizer, 2017-2020</p> <p>UC Davis Development Seminar Series, Student Coordinator, 2017-2018</p>
Published Software	<p>ATTREGTEST: A Stata module to implement regression-based attrition tests</p>
Languages	<p>English (fluent), Spanish (native)</p>