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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of San Diego 2022-

Education

University of California, Davis
Ph.D. Agricultural and 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

Refereed Publications

Vosti, S. A., Adams, K. P., Michuda, A., Ortiz-Becerra, K., Luo, H., Haile, D., Chou, V. B., Clermont, A., Teta, I., Ndjebayi, A., Kagin, J., Guintang, J., & Engle-Stone, R. (2023). Impacts of micronutrient intervention programs on effective coverage and lives saved: Modeled evidence from Cameroon. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 1519: 199 – 210.

Working Papers

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

Correcting Attrition Bias via Changes-in-Changes (with Dalia Ghanem, Sarojini Hirshleifer, and Désiré Kédagni) - *Revision submitted: 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

Expanding Healthcare Access through Drone Technology: Welfare Effects on Rural Households (with Aleksander Michuda and Adriana Molina Garzón)

Policy Reports

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

Published Software

Dalia Ghanem & Sarojini Hirshleifer & Karen Ortiz-Becerra, 2022. "ATTREGTEST: Stata module to implement the regression-based attrition tests proposed in Ghanem et al. (2022)," Statistical Software Components S459125, Boston College Department of Economics.

Awards and Fellowships	<p>UC Davis Bert & Nell Krantz Fellowship, 2021</p> <p>UC Davis Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship (tuition and stipend), 2019-2020</p> <p>UC Davis Henry A. Jastro Graduate Research Award, 2019</p> <p>UC Davis Graduate Student Association Travel Award, 2019</p> <p>UC Davis Nonresident Tuition Fellowship, 2015-2016</p> <p>Bursary Scholar, Global Violence Reduction Conf. University of Cambridge, 2014</p> <p>Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies from The Carvajal Foundation, 2006-2010</p>
Teaching Experience	<p><i>Instructor:</i></p> <p>Statistics for Business and Economics - F2022, S2023</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant:</i></p> <p>PhD. Econometrics III - S2019</p> <p>M.S. Economics of Agriculture - F2017</p> <p>B.A. Development Economics - W2019, W2021</p> <p>B.A Agricultural Labor - S2018</p> <p>B.A Econometrics for Business Decisions - S2021</p> <p>B.A Econometric Theory and Applications - F2018, F2020</p> <p>B.A Intermediate Microeconomics - W2017, S2018</p>
Professional Activities	<p>CONFERENCES</p> <p><i>Scientific Committee:</i> The Economics of Informality Conference (2022)</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i> Western Economics Association International Annual Conference (2023), Stata Economics Virtual Symposium (2022), 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>SEMINARS: UC Davis (Development 2021), Colombian Central Bank (Applied Economics 2020), UC Davis (Development 2020)</p> <p>MEMBER OF: American Economic Association, Western Economic Association International, National Association of Hispanic Economists, Agricultural & Applied Economics Association</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>
Languages	<p>English (fluent), Spanish (native)</p>