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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. in Economics [Fields: Labor and Development]

Fall 2021-Spring 2027

University of Costa Rica

B.A. in Economics (with honors, Class Rank: first)

Fall 2020

WORKING PAPER

Disrupting Education's Old Guard: The Labor Market Effects of Replacing Traditional In-Class Exams with Group Projects, with Alonso Alfaro-Ureña (BCCR).

Senior Migration, Local Economic Development and Spatial Inequality, with Benjamin Faber (UC Berkeley), Antoine Levy (UC Berkeley) and Mathilde Muñoz (UC Berkeley).

WORK IN PROGRESS

Skill Measurement, Returns and Mismatch: Evidence from Narrative Evaluations

Talent Heterogeneity and Misallocation, with Alonso Alfaro-Ureña (BCCR).

PUBLISHED WORK

Alfaro, A., Badilla, M.A., Manelici, I. y Vásquez, J. (2021). **Importancia relativa de los beneficios intangibles de la Inversión Extranjera Directa (IED) en Zonas Francas en Costa Rica**. Documento de investigación DI-08-2021, Departamento de Investigación, Banco Central de Costa Rica.

Badilla, M.A. (2020). **The Role of the Gender Wage Gap in Overall Wage Inequality: A quantitative exercise**. *Journal Economía-LACEA*, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Volume 21, Number 1, Fall 2020, pp. 169-207.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Research assistant (UC Berkeley)

Bargaining and Inequality in the Labor Market

Fall 2021 - Spring 2023

Researcher: Sydnee Caldwell, PhD (UC Berkeley) and Ingrid Haeghele, PhD (LMU)

Research assistant (BCCR-UC Berkeley)

Responsible Sourcing

Summer 2020 - Summer 2021

Researchers: Benjamin Faber, PhD (UC Berkeley), Cecile Gaubert, PhD (UC Berkeley), José Vásquez, PhD (LSE), Isabela Manelici, PhD (LSE) and Alonso Alfaro, PhD (BCCR)

Research assistant (UC Berkeley)

New-Keynesian Trade

Summer 2019 - Summer 2021

Researchers: Andrés Rodríguez-Clare, PhD (UC Berkeley), Mauricio Ulate, PhD (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco) and José Vásquez, PhD (UC Berkeley)

HONORS

Highest Annual GPA, School of Economics, University of Costa Rica (2016 - 2018)

Academic Excellence Scholarship at the University of Costa Rica (2016 - 2019)

Top 5 National Admission Scores to the University of Costa Rica (2015): 795.55/800

RESEARCH GRANTS

IRLE Graduate Student Research Award: Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley (2025)

CLACS Tinker Field Grant: Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, UC Berkeley (2024)

CONFERENCES

Gardner Seminar Series (2025-26), UC Berkeley Center for Studies in Higher Education (CSHE)

All California Labor Conference, ACLC (2025): Poster Session

All Costa Rica Econ Conference, EconCR (2022)

TEACHING

Econometrics (Lead GSI-TA)

Spring 2023 - Fall 2025

Professor: Benjamin Faber, PhD (UC Berkeley), Ryan Edwards, PhD (UC Berkeley)

Macroeconomic Policy (GSI-TA)

Fall 2022

Professor: Regis Barnichon, PhD (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Internship at the Ministry of Finance of Costa Rica

Spring 2020 - Summer 2020

Drafted Policy Briefs, prepared Financial Reports and collaborated on Budget Proposals

Internship at the Central Bank of Costa Rica

Winter 2018 - Summer 2019

Price Indices Area: Led the development of Dynamic Forecast Models for several price indices

Department of Economic Research: Analyzed the Evolution of Wage Inequality in Costa Rica

SKILLS

Software & Programming

STATA, R, Latex, Matlab

Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent)

Statistics/Methods Grad Courses

ECON240A-B Econometrics, ECON244 Applied Econometrics

REFERENCES

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Christopher Walters, PhD

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Sydnee Caldwell, PhD

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Benjamin Faber, PhD

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