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Education

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics Rutgers University,	2022 (Expected)
MSc. Economics Universidad Nacional de Colombia	2013
BA Economics Universidad Nacional de Colombia	2010

Research Fields

Primary: public economics, economic of education, development economics.

Dissertation

Job Market Paper: Ticket to the middle class? Long term effects of Public Universities on Labor market and Financial outcomes. (with Christian Posso)

References

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Publications

Who's calling? The effect of phone calls and personal interaction on tax compliance. *International Tax Public Finance* (2021). with Daniel Ortega and Carlos Scartascini

Research in progress

Food assistance and mobility during COVID-19 lockdown 2021. with Juan Mogollon and Catalina Villamil.
Trends, Prevalence, and Correlates of Multiple-Partner Fertility in Colombia. 2021 with Laura Cuesta.

Research Experience

Research Fellow. The World Bank, Development Impact Evaluation (DIME).	2021-present
Research Assistant, Laura Cuesta, School of Social Work, Rutgers University.	2018-2021
Research Assistant, Milagros Nores, National Institute for Early Education	2020-2021
Research Assistant, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank	2015-2016

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant. Forecasting (Undergraduate), Rutgers University	2020-2021
Labor Economics (Undergraduate), Instructor, Rutgers University	Summer 2019
Principles of Economics. Instructor, CESA School of Business, Bogota, Colombia	2014
Teaching Assistant, Economic History, National University of Colombia,	2011-2012

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Peter Asch Memorial Scholarship, Department of Economics, Rutgers University	2021
Small research grant Colombian Institute for the Assessment of Education.	2020
Off-Campus Dissertation Development Award, Rutgers University.	2019
Center for Latin American Studies, Rutgers University, Small Grant	2019, 2021
University of Chicago Becker Friedman Institute Price Theory Summer Camp	2019
Fulbright-Colciencias Colombia Scholarship for PhD Studies	2016-2020
Central Bank of Colombia Scholarship for PhD Studies	2016-2020
Teaching Scholarship MSc. Economics, National University of Colombia.	2011-2012

Conference and Workshops

Southern Economic Association SEA 91st Annual Meeting.	Nov 2021.
LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting.	Oct 2021.
Red de Investigadores de Economia	Sep 2021.
Graduate Students in Economics of Education, PhD-Economics Virtual Seminar.	Sep 2021.
WIDER Development Conference 2021, Poster Session.	Sept 2021.
Third workshop in urban and regional economics. Bogota, Colombia.	June 2021.
5th International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5), Barcelona	July 2021
Annual Meeting, Population Association of America. Austin, TX	April 2019.

Service

Organizer. Applied Microeconomics Student Reading Group. Rutgers University	2018-2019
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Working Experience

Econometria Consultores Bogota, Colombia	Feb 2011 – Apr 2015
Project Coordinator/Quantitative Analyst	

Working papers

Ticket to the middle class? Long term effects of Public Universities on Labor market and Financial outcomes. with Christian Posso. Job Market Paper

This paper examines how public higher education affects later-life labor market and financial outcomes by employing the admission policies of a selective public university. To do so, we construct a novel dataset from administrative sources linking educational outcomes, labor market and credit market outcomes up to 18 years after college entry for applicants to a university in Colombia. The university admission is based solely on the national high school exit examination. We estimate the effects of being just above the university admission cutoff using a fuzzy regression discontinuity design. Students above the cutoff are 7 percent more likely to graduate and observe 27 percent earning returns by their mid-thirties. Moreover, scoring just above the admission cutoff has a persistently higher effect on accessing consumer credit and higher probabilities of homeownership as measured by outstanding mortgage loans in the mid-thirties. The results on financial indicators provide evidence on the impact on college education on dimensions such as asset accumulation and financial inclusion describing economic wellbeing in the long term.

Food assistance and mobility during COVID-19 lockdown 2021. with Juan Mogollon and Catalina Villamil.

This paper examines the effects of emergency food assistance on human mobility patterns between March and August of 2020. We study a large public-private initiative in Colombia, created to deliver food aid to one million households at risk of falling into poverty and previously not included in other assistance programs. The impact is estimated using the quasi-exogenous roll out of the food distribution within municipalities. The high-frequency data set links detailed daily deliveries with georeferenced food recipients' location and mobility indicators measuring out-of-home events. This information is then aggregated at the urban tract level. The estimation includes a rich set of fixed effects using sector, time and department-week trends. The main findings indicate that receiving food assistance delivered to the home reduced out-of-home mobility by 1.6 percent during a two-week window. The estimated coefficient after that window is imprecise, suggesting a short-term effect. The program reduced out-of-home activities by reducing visits to grocery stores. Delivering food assistance proved to be an effective intervention to reduce population movement, thus helping households in distress comply with national lockdown orders.