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## CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, School of Economics and Finance, Universidad EAFIT

July 2020 -

## EDUCATION

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL 2020  
*Ph.D. in Economics*

**Universidad Nacional de la Plata**, La Plata, Buenos Aires 2014  
*M.S. in Economics*

**Universidad Torcuato Di Tella**, Buenos Aires, Argentina 2010  
*B.S. in Economics*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary: Development Economics, Health, Education

Secondary: Applied Econometrics, Microeconomics

## WORKING PAPERS

“Mental Health Effects of an Old Age Grant: Experimental Evidence for Ekiti State in Nigeria”, with Maria Laura Alzua, Ana C. Dammert and Damilola Olajide. *Revisions requested at EDCC*

“Does maternal schooling lead to improvements in child health? Evidence from Ethiopia”. *Submitted at Health Economics*

“Premarital Fertility in Liberia: Exploring Predictors of Early Sexual Debut and Pregnancy Among Adolescent Girls in Monrovia”. with Shelley Clark, Tricia Koroknay-Palicz, and Michelle Poulin

“Can Community Based Incentives Improve Antenatal Care?” with Maria Laura Alzua, Chitalu Miriam Chama-Chilibaa, and Peter Hangomab

“The Effect of Teenage Pregnancy on Schooling and Labor Force Participation: Evidence From Urban South Africa”

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Determinants of Target Margins and female entrepreneurship, with Brian Feld

Schools during the Colombian Social Economic Crisis

Mining, Land Use, and Wellbeing

The social effects of mining reforms and deforestation in Colombia (Second stage EfD proposal)

Community participation on school management, with Clara Delavallade, Alan Griffith, and Rebecca Thornton

The Colombian Peace Process at the local level: an evaluation of the PDET program

## PRESENTATIONS

2021: Ministerio de Salud, Uruguay

2020: 2020 AAEA Virtual Meeting; American Economics Association and CSMGEP session, San Diego CA

2019: Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Mo; University of Illinois, Department of Economics; LACEA's Health Network Workshop, Universidad del Pacífico; Sustainability and Development Conference, University Of Michigan; Washington University Economics Graduate Student Conference, Washington University in St.

Louis, MO; Illinois Economics Association Annual Meeting, DePaul University; Southern Economics Association Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale FL.

2018: Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting, Evanston IL; Midwest International Development Conference, University of Minnesota

2017: Missouri Valley Economics Association Annual Conference, Kansas City MO.

## EXTERNAL GRANTS

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2021-2022: ANDE-IDRC Experience of women entrepreneurs participating in venture accelerator programs (Co-I, with Brian Feld)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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**Professional Memberships** 2021 - Present: Mentor, Scientific Support Team, Policy Impact Evaluation Research Initiative (PIERI), Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP)

### Department Academic Services

2021 - Present: Academic advising for EAFIT and the Ministry of Education - Evaluation of technology usage in Colombian primary schools

2021: Universidad EAFIT - Internal committee to review and reform the Ph.D. program

### Referee Activity

Refereeing: Economics of Education Review

### Other Services

April 6-8, 2017: World Bank Course Facilitator Evaluating the Impact of Education and Health Policy in Guatemala

## AWARDS

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Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP) Travel Grant. 2020

Summer research award, University of Illinois. 2016

Merit-based full scholarship for graduate studies, University of Illinois. 2014-2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Universidad EAFIT

- Fall 2021: Masters Rural Development Economics
- Spring - Fall 2021: Development Economics and Growth
- Fall 2020 - Spring 2021: Microeconomics Seminar
- Fall 2020: Intermediate Microeconomics
- Fall 2020: Introduction to Microeconomics

## ADVISING

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### PhD Advising (In Process)

Grey Yuliet Ceballos Garcia (Chair)

### Masters Thesis Supervision (In Process)

Leonardo Orrihuela (Chair)

### Undergraduate Thesis supervisor

Ana Maria Vinasco Ciro and Valentina Lopez Arango (2021)

Maria Camila Laverde Gonzalez and Daniel Gomez Perez (2021)

Catalina Valencia Restrepo (2020)

Carlos Felipe Munera Alzate and Ana Elizabeth Bustamante Serrano (2020)

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Citizenship: American, Argentine.

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent).

Programming skills: Stata (Advanced), R (basic)