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Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA, expected 2020.

M.S., Economics, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina, August 2014.

Licentiate, Economics, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina, 2009.

Work in Progress Welfare effects of a non-contributory old age pension: experimental evidence for Ekiti State in Nigeria (with Maria Laura Alzua, Ana Dammert and Damilola Olajide) (May 2018 -)

> Parent Attitudes and Educational Investment in their Children: Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation Jason Kerwin, Katie Pollman, and Rebecca Thornton (May 2018 -)

> Does maternal schooling lead to improvements in Child health? Evidence from Ethiopia (June 2017 -)

> Efecto del ayuno materno sobre el peso al nacer: Evidencia de Africa (Effect of Maternal Fasting: Evidence from Africa) M.S. Thesis, (with Professor Maria Laura Alzua).

Research Experience

Research Assistant for Professor Rebecca Thornton (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign) (August 2016 - August 2017)

Northern Uganda Literacy Program (NULP) - Early Grade Primary Education Intervention - Mango Tree, Lira, Uganda (January 2016 - August 2016) Research Assistant for Professor Rebecca Thornton (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign). Based in Lira, Uganda

Randomized evaluation of unconditional cash transfer scheme for the elderly in Ekiti State, Nigeria (Partnership for Economic Policy - PEP). (March 2013- January 2015) Research Assistant for Professor Maria Laura Alzua (CEDLAS, Universidad de La Plata).

Impact of Vocational Training Programs on Youth Employment in Mongolia (PEP). (March 2014- June 2014) Research Assistant for Professor Maria Laura Alzua (CED-LAS, Universidad de La Plata).

Impact Evaluation of Community Led Total Sanitation Programs in Mali (UNICEF). (December 2012- March 2014) Research Assistant for Professor Maria Laura Alzua (CEDLAS, Universidad de La Plata).

Teaching Experience

Econ 302: Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Illinois - Professor Dilanni (Spring 2019)

Econ 302: Intermediate Microeconomics, University of Illinois - Professor Miller (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

Econ 451: Topics in Economics: Evaluating what Works in Economic Development (Fall 2018)

Economics 102, Principles of Microeconomics, University of Illinois - Professor DiIanni (Spring 2018)

Econ 490: Topics in Economics: Evaluating what Works in Economic Development (Spring 2017, Fall 2018)

ECON 590-MSPE Development Economics, University of Illinois - Professor Richard Akresh (Spring 2018)

ECON 590-Development: Theory & Evidence, University of Illinois - Professor Rebecca Thornton (Fall 2017)

Evaluating the Impact of Education and Health Policy in Guatemala - World Bank (April 6-8) Course facilitator

Economics 102, Principles of Microeconomics, University of Illinois - Professor Vazquez (Fall 2015 - Fall 2016)

Development Economics, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina (2013-July 2014).

Presentations at Conferences

Midwest International Development Conference. 2018, 201

Midwest Economics Association Annual Meeting. 2018

Awards and **Fellowships**

Summer research fellowship 2016, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2014-present: Merit-based full scholarship for graduate studies.

Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent).

Computing skills Stata (Proficient), R (Basic).

References

Rebecca Thornton, Ph.D.: Associate Professor of Economics at University of Illinois. E-mail: rebeccat@illinois.edu

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