

# NATALIA CANTET

Escuela de Finanzas, Economía y Gobierno, Universidad EAFIT  
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of South Carolina	August 2023 -
Assistant Professor, School of Economics and Finance, Universidad EAFIT	July 2020 - April 2023

## EDUCATION

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2020: **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**, Urbana, IL. *Ph.D. in Economics*  
2014: **Universidad Nacional de la Plata**, La Plata, Buenos Aires. *M.S. in Economics*  
2010: **Universidad Torcuato Di Tella**, Buenos Aires, Argentina. *B.S. in Economics*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Primary: Development Economics, Health, Education  
Secondary: Applied Econometrics, Microeconomics

## PUBLICATIONS

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“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. *Forthcoming in Journal of African Economies*  
**Monetary Incentives and Early Initiation of Antenatal Care: A Matched-Pair, Parallel Cluster-Randomized Trial in Zambia** with Maria Laura Alzua, Chitalu Miriam Chama-Chilibaa, and Peter Hangomab *Studies in Family Planning*, 53(4), 595-615.

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Does maternal schooling lead to improvements in child health? Evidence from Ethiopia”. *Revisions sent to Economics of Education Review*  
“Is There Discrimination Against Children of Same Sex Households?” with Brian Feld and Monica Hernandez *Revisions requested at Labour Economics*  
“The Effect of Teenage Pregnancy on Schooling and Labor Force Participation: Evidence From Urban South Africa”  
“Gender and Value of Decision-making Within the Household: Experimental Evidence from Colombia” with Marcela Ibanez, Tatiana Orozco-Garcia and Gerhard Riener  
“Do women-led ventures set different target margins? Evidence from emerging markets”, with Brian Feld and Estefany Peña *Under revision at Small Business Economics*  
“How Can Sports Events Alter Public Opinion on Politics? Evidence from Colombia” with Andres Ochoa and Juan Camilo Mujica *Under revision at Journal of Development Economics*  
“Financial Incentives for Maternal and Child Care: Impact of a National Program in Bolivia” with Leonardo Orihuela and Susana Mujica  
“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

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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The effects of mining on wellbeing in rural remote communities with Laura Quintero

The Covid vaccine take up in rural remote areas with Juan Carlos Muñoz and Laura Quintero

Schools during the Colombian Social Economic Crisis with Leonardo Orihuela and Daniel Cañizares

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

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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2023: Impact Evaluation Network of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association

2022: Universidad Nacional de La Plata; ANDE Network Seminar; Carolina Region Empirical Economics Day; Brown Bag Seminar at University of South Carolina

2021: Ministerio de Salud, Uruguay; University of Goettingen

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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2023 - 2026: FID Strengthening the National Community-Based Health Insurance (CBHI) in Ethiopia - with Maria Laura Alzua, Zewdie Birhanu, Desta Hiko and Morankar Sudhakar

2023 - 2024: IADB GDLab Gender-based violence against women, children, and adolescents - with Marcela Ibañez and Juan Carlos Muñoz

2023: EfD - All that glitters is not gold? Approaching the sub-national and spatial impact of a gold rush and policy changes with Marcela Ibañez, Carlos Adrian Saldarriaga and Mauricio Oyarzo

2022: IADB LGBTQ+ Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean: Measuring Population Sizes And Obstacles To Economic and Social Inclusion -with Brian Feld and Monica Hernandez

2021-2022: ANDE-IDRC Experience of women entrepreneurs participating in venture accelerator programs - 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)

2021 - 2022: Academic advising for EAFIT and the Ministry of Education - Evaluation of technology usage in Colombian primary schools

### **Department Academic Services**

2021- 2022: Evaluation of programs for Fundacion Mi Sangre with Prof. Elenora Davalos

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

### **Referee Activity**

Refereeing: Economics of Education Review, PEP

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

2016: Summer research award, University of Illinois.

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

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Fall 2022: Quantitative Methods (Masters in Applied Economics)

Fall 2022: Development Economics (Economics Ph.D.)

Spring 2022: Quantitative Methods (Masters in Behaviour Science)

Fall 2020 & Spring 2022: Introduction to Microeconomics

Fall 2021: Masters Rural Development Economics (Masters in Applied Economics)

Spring - Fall 2021: Development Economics and Growth

Fall 2020 - Spring 2021: Microeconomics Seminar

Fall 2020: Intermediate Microeconomics

### **ADVISING**

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#### **Masters Thesis Supervision**

Leonardo Orrihuela (Chair) - 2022

Laura Maria Quintero Vazquez (Chair) - 2023

#### **Undergraduate Thesis supervisor**

Manuel Buitrago - 2022

Isabel Restrepo - 2021

Sindy Piedrhita and Carolina Castellano - 2021

Pablo Moreno Herrera and Maria Antonia Restrepo Vazquez - 2021

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)