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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, School of Economics and Finance, Universidad EAFIT

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EDUCATION

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

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. *Under revision in Journal of African Economies*

“Can Community Based Incentives Improve Antenatal Care?” with Maria Laura Alzua, Chitalu Miriam Chama-Chilibaa, and Peter Hangomab *Under review in Studies in Family Planning*

“Efectos de la violencia doméstica en la toma de decisiones de las mujeres en Colombia” with Laura Quintero and Manuela Santella *Under review in Cuadernos de Economía*

“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

“Does maternal schooling lead to improvements in child health? Evidence from Ethiopia”.

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

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Women’s value of decision-making: Experimental evidence from Colombia with Tatiana Orozco, Marcela Ibanez and Gerhard Riener

Determinants of Target Margins and female entrepreneurship, with Brian Feld

Schools during the Colombian Social Economic Crisis with Leonardo Orihuela

Mining, Land Use, and Wellbeing Carlos Adrian Saldarriaga, Marcela Ibanez and Juan Carlos Munoz Mora

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

“Shifts and high-school graduation” with Carolina Lopez, Santiago Hermo, and Juan Pedro Ronconi

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

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

2022: The social effects of mining reforms and deforestation in Colombia with Carlos Adrian Saldarriaga, Marcela Ibanez, Juan Carlos Munoz Mora, Mauricio Oyarzo and Sergio Alonso Orrego Suaza

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional Memberships

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

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

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, PEP

Other Services

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

AWARDS

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

Universidad EAFIT

- Spring 2022: Quantitative Methods (Masters in Behaviour Science)
- Fall 2020 & Spring 2022: Introduction to Microeconomics
- Fall 2021: Masters Rural Development Economics (Applied Economics Masters)
- Spring - Fall 2021: Development Economics and Growth
- Fall 2020 - Spring 2021: Microeconomics Seminar
- Fall 2020: Intermediate Microeconomics

ADVISING

Masters Thesis Supervision (In Process)

Leonardo Orrihuela (Chair)

Laura Maria Quintero Vazquez (chair)

Undergraduate Thesis supervisor

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

Citizenship: American, Argentine.

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

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