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Citizenship: Colombian**Research Interests:** Macroeconomics, Wealth Inequality, Taxation

Employment

Assistant Professor, University of Western Ontario	2020 – present
Researcher (Forsker), University of Oslo	2019
Graduate Instructor, University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)	2016-2019
Consultant, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank	2014, 2016
Research Fellow, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank	2012-2013
Economist, Macroeconomic Modelling Department, Banco de la República	2010-2012
Research Assistant, Banco de la República	2009-2010

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)	2019
M.A. in Economics, University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)	2017
M.A. in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Bogotá)	2012
B.A. in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Bogotá)	2010

Published Papers

Use it or lose it: efficiency and redistributive gains from wealth taxation with Fatih Guvenen, Gueorgui Kambourov, Burhan Kuruscu, Daphne Chen The Quarterly Journal of Economics	2023
The macroeconomic consequences of subsistence self-employment with Juan Herreño Journal of Monetary Economics	2023
Robust contracts in common agency with Keler marku, Jean Baptiste Tondji The RAND Journal of Economics, forthcoming	2023

Working Papers

The evolution of U.S. retail concentration (R&R American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics)
with Dominic Smith

Taxing wealth and capital income with heterogeneous returns
with Fatih Guvenen, Gueorgui Kambourov, Burhan Kuruscu

Computing longitudinal moments for heterogeneous agent models (R&R Computational Economics)
with Baxter Robinson
Extending the range of robust PCE inflation measures
with Raphael Schoenle, Dominic Smith
A task-based theory of occupations

Research in Progress

The life cycle dynamics of wealth mobility
with Richard Audoly, Rory McGee, Gonzalo Paz Pardo
Fairness through markets
With Paolo Piacquadio

Research before PhD

Output gap and neutral interest measures for Colombia with Andrés González, Diego Rodríguez, Julian Pérez Monetaria	2013
An Introductory Review of a Structural VAR-X Estimation and Applications with Norberto Rodríguez Colombian Journal of Statistics	2012
Asimetrías del empleo y el producto, una aproximación de equilibrio general Asymmetries of the employment-output relation, a general equilibrium approach with Andrés González, Diego Rodríguez, Norberto Rodríguez Revista Ensayos sobre Política Económica (ESPE)	2012
Choques, instituciones laborales y desempleo en Colombia Shocks, institutions and unemployment in Colombia with Juan José Echavarría, Enrique López, Norberto Rodríguez Revista Ensayos sobre Política Económica (ESPE)	2011

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor – University of Western Ontario			
EC 221B: Intermediate Macroeconomics II	Undergraduate		2020-2023
EC 4400E: Senior Research Seminar	Undergraduate		2021-2022
EC 9614A: Advanced Macroeconomics II	Graduate		2020
EC 9619B: Computational Methods	Graduate	2023	
Course Instructor – University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)			
EC 4731: Macroeconomic Policy	Undergraduate		2018
EC 3102: Intermediate Macroeconomics	Undergraduate		2016-2017
Math Refresher Course	Graduate		2015, 2017
Course Instructor – Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Bogotá)			
Dynamic Games and Contracts	Graduate		2017

Graduate Student Advising

Student	My Role	Initial Placement	Years in Role
Fengfan Xiang	Committee Member	in progress	2023-present
Jihyun Kim	Committee Member	in progress	2021-present
Anastasiia Suvorova	Committee Member	in progress	2021-present

Emmanuel Murray	Committee Member	in progress	2021-present
Tomas Trivieri	Committee Member	in progress	2021-present
Javier Martinez	Committee Member	in progress	2021-present

Awards and Grants

SSHRC Insight Development Grant: Co-PI (\$62,000)	2022 - 2024
RCN FRIPRO Research Grant: Participant (NOK 11.8 Million)	2021-2026
Stephen A. Jarislowsky Research Grant (\$45,000)	2020 - 2026

Honors

Best undergraduate instructor 2022-2023, Department of Economics, University of Western Ontario
Distinguished undergraduate instructor 2018, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota
Distinguished graduate teaching assistant 2015, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota
Second place, third year paper competition 2018, Department of Economics, University of Minnesota

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2023 Conferences

Midwest Macro, Society for Economic Dynamics, Lisbon Macro, NARSC

Invited Talks

Toulouse School of Economics, University of St. Gallen, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Stony Brook University, CIREQ, University of Windsor

2022 Conferences

Econometric Society North American Summer Meetings, Canadian Economic Association Meetings, Society for Economic Dynamics

Invited Talks

Boston College, University of California Irving, Math+Econ+Code Seminar (NYU), MacMaster University

2021 Conferences

Econometric Society North American Summer Meetings, CMSG (Canadian Macro Study Group), Society for Economic Dynamics

Invited Talks

Singapore National University, Queen's University, University of Toronto, Boston College, University of Chicago (Centre for the economics of human development), University of Connecticut, Banco de la República (Colombian Central Bank)

2020 Conferences

World Congress of the Econometric Society

Invited Talks

University of Waterloo, University of Washington

2019 Conferences

Society for Economic Dynamics, CESifo 2019 11th Norwegian-German Seminar on Public Economics

Invited Talks

Oslo Macro Group, University of Oslo - Development Workshop, Statistics Norway (SSB), NHH Norwegian School of Economics, Bergen, University of Zurich; University of St. Gallen

Academic Service – University of Western Ontario

Departmental service

Co-Director of the Macro/Money Workshop	2023 - 2024
Editor, Economics Department's Research Report Series	2021 - 2023
Co-Director of the Macro/Money Workshop	2021 - 2022
PhD Comprehensive Macroeconomics Committee Member	2020 - present
Appointment's Committee Member	2020 - 2021
Co-Founder, Applied Micro and Macro Graduate Reading Group	2020 - present

Thesis defense examiner

Duhyeong Kim, Aldo Sandoval, Jafar El Armali, Hyeongsuk Jin

Refereeing

Journals:

Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, The Review of Economics Studies, The Economic Journal, Quantitative Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Canadian Journal of Economics, American Economic Review – Insights, Management Science, The RAND Journal of Economics, American Economic Journal – Macroeconomics, Journal of Political Economic Macroeconomics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Berkeley Electronic Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Public Economics, Computational Economics, Cuadernos de Economia, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Journal of Economic Studies, Journal of Business Cycle Research, Research in Labor Economics.

Count by year:

2019: 3
2020: 9
2021: 9
2022: 5
2023: 9

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