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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2012-2017. (Expected).
M.A. Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2015.
M.A. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, 2011.
B.Sc. Economics, *Cum Laude*. Minor: History. Univesridad de los Andes, 2009.
Econometrics Certificate, Tilburg University, Spring 2008.

Research and Teaching Fields

Labor Economics, Household Economics, Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics

Teaching Experience

Instructor:

University of Pennsylvania: Introduction to Microeconomics (Summer, 2015)

Universidad de los Andes: Stata workshop (Spring, 2010)

Teaching Assistant:

University of Pennsylvania: Introduction to Microeconomics (Fall, 2014), Introduction to Statistics (Fall 2014, Spring 2015) , Intermediate Microeconomics (Fall, 2013)

Universidad de los Andes: Statistics I for Social Sciences (Spring 2009), Integral Calculus (Spring 2009), Microeconomics III (Spring 2010), Differential Calculus (Fall 2008), Game Theory Fall (2007), Introduction to Economic Theory (Graduate level-Spring, 2009), Econometrics for Impact Evaluation (Graduate level-Spring, 2009)

Universidad Externado de Colombia: Math for Lawyers (Fall, 2006-Fall, 2007)

Publications

Schady, N; Azuero, R *et al.* (2015). "Weatlh gradients in early childhood cognitive development in five Latin American countries". *Journal of Human Resources*, 50(2):446-463.

Working Papers

Azuero, R. (2011). "Wealth and the construction of non-cognitive skills". Documento CEDE 011950, Universidad de los Andes.

Work in Progress

Parents and Children: a Collective Model of Household Behavior and Child Development

Inefficiencies in Household Decision-making: The case of Rural Uganda. With Angel Iglesias.

The Role of Maternal Education in the Cognitive Development of Young Children: A Nonparametric Approach in four Developing Countries

Presentations

2015

University of Pennsylvania, Empirical Micro group

Universidad Catolica de Chile

ECONCON

LACEA, (Scheduled, October)

Employment

Inter-American Development Bank: (Washington DC)

Consultant: June-August 2013; July-August 2015

Research Fellow: May 2010-May 2012

Universidad de los Andes: (Bogota, Colombia). Research Assistant: January 2009-April 2010.

Ferro Consulting group: (Bogota, Colombia). Consultant: June 2006-January 2009.

Student advising

Graduate Program in Impact Evaluation. Universidad de los Andes

Rojas, L. A. & Casas, C. The Impact of “Comedores Comunitarios” on Nutritional Outcomes. Grade: 5.0/5.0

Grants

Penn Institute for Economic Research. Research Assistant Stipend Matching Grant. (\$6,350). Fall 2015.

Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) grant. (\$700.00). Grant to present at the annual LACEA meetings in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, 2015.

Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA) Travel Grant. University of Pennsylvania. 2015. (\$380.00)

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD R01HD065436). Travel grant. 2015. (\approx \$3,000.00)

Tilburg University study abroad program. Econometrics Certificate. (90% of tuition). 2008.

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

University of Pennsylvania Fellowship. 2012.

Cum Laude. Universidad de los Andes. Awarded to students with GPA located in the top 3% of the department during the last 5 years. 2009.

Graduate Dissertation in Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia. Grade: 5.0 / 5.0. Chosen for publication.

Professional activities:

Referee for *Economia*. (Journal of LACEA).

Empirical Micro Lunch organizer. University of Pennsylvania. (Fall 2014-Spring 2015)

Languages

English (Fluent), Spanish (Native), French (Advanced)

Programming skills

Fortran, Matlab, Python, Stata, R, Rcpp, C++, Julia

Software

[gmapsdistance](#): R-package to compute distance and travel time between multiple points from Google Maps.

[Github website](#)

Last updated: December 4, 2015