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EMPLOYMENT

Universidad Alberto Hurtado <i>Assistant Professor, Department of Economics</i>	Santiago, Chile 2024 -
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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <i>PhD Agricultural and Applied Economics</i> <i>Fields: Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics</i>	Illinois, USA 2024
Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Business School <i>Master of Science, Management</i>	Santiago, Chile 2014
Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Business School <i>Bachelor's Degree, Business Administration and Economics</i>	Santiago, Chile 2013

WORKING PAPERS

[Peer Influence and College Major Choices in Male-Dominated Fields.](#) *Job Market Paper*

[Migration of High School Graduates: How Relevant are the Degree Type and Field of Study?](#) *with Sandy Dall'Erba, Mary Arends-Kuenning, and William Ridley. (submitted)*

PUBLICATIONS

[Anukriti, Herrera-Almanza, Karra, Valdebenito \(2022\). Convincing the Mummy-ji: Improving Mother-in-Law Approval of Family Planning in India.](#) *AEA Papers and Proceedings*, 112, 568-72.

[Aroca, González, Valdebenito \(2017\). The heterogeneous level of life quality across Chilean regions.](#) *Habitat International*, 68, 84-98.

WORK IN PROGRESS

[Quality Certification in Higher Education: A Policy Evaluation from Chile.](#) *with Cristhian Molina.*

[The Effect of Transitory Environmental Factors on Human Capital Formation: Evidence from Chile.](#) *with Verónica Vienne, Ron Chan, Jeanne Tschopp, and Martino Pelli.*

[Assessing the Effect of Commuting on Students' Achievement: Evidence from Chile.](#) *with Esteban López and Patricio Aroca.*

[The effect of Vocational Education on Outcomes in Higher Education.](#) *with Patricio Aroca and Juan Eberhard.*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant
Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois 2021 – Present

- Social Networks and Women's Reproductive Outcomes: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Rural India. PIs: S Anukriti, Catalina Herrera-Almanza, Mahesh Karra.

Short-term Consultant World Bank
Development Economics Research Group. Task team lead: S Anukriti 2021, 2023

- Informational Barriers to Female Employment in India: Experimental Evidence from Vocational Training Students. PI: S Anukriti.

Associate Researcher
Center of Regional Economics and Policy, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez 2015 – 2018

- Competitiveness Index of the Chilean Regions. Ministry of Interior and Public Security, Chile.
- Regional Economic Elements of the Chilean Educational Policy. PI: Patricio Aroca, Professor, Universidad Andrés Bello, Chile.
- Methodology to Assess the Establishment of New Administrative Divisions. Ministry of Interior and Public Security, Chile.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor (Full responsibility)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Applied Statistics Lab using R, (Fall 2023)

Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, Business School

- Microeconomics (2016, 2017)
- Econometrics Laboratory (2017, 2018)
- Industrial Organization (2018)

Teaching Assistant

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- Applied Statistical Methods and Data Analytics II (Fall 2022)
- Data Science for Applied Economics (Python) - Graduate Level (Spring 2021)
- Applied Statistical Methods (Fall 2020).

Universidad Adolfo Ibañez, Chile

- Statistics I, Statistics II (2012)
- Operations Research (2013)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Spencer Foundation - Small Research Grant. “The Effect of Transitory Environmental Factors on Human Capital Formation: Evidence from Chile”, *with Verónica Vienne (PI), Ron Chan, Jeanne Tschopp, and Martino Pelli.*

Becas-Chile Scholarship 2018–2022: for Doctoral Studies. Chilean National Commission of Scientific and Technological Research (ANID).

Graduate Student Fellowship 2018–2019: Jean M and John F. Due Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

TECHNICAL SKILLS & SOFTWARE

Software/Programming: R, Stata, Python, QGIS

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent)

PRESENTATIONS: CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

2024 Virginia Commonwealth University, *Richmond* | Universidad de Santiago, *Chile* | Universidad de los Andes, *Chile* | Universidad Alberto Hurtado, *Chile.*

2023 Development Day, *Michigan State University* | North East Universities Development Consortium, *Harvard University* | Southern Economic Association, *New Orleans, LA.* | Department of Human Sciences, *The Ohio State University* | Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, *Washington DC.* | International Policy and Development Seminar, *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign* | Midwest Economics Association, *Cleveland, OH.* | Association For Education Finance and Policy, *Denver, CO.*

2022 Population Association of America, *Atlanta, GA.*

2020 Regional Economics Applications Laboratory Seminar | North American Regional Science Council, *Online.*

2014-2017 North American Regional Science Council, *Vancouver, Canada.* Chilean Society of Regional Studies, *Chillan, Chile.* | **2016** Chilean Society of Regional Studies, *Santiago, Chile.* | **2015** Regional Economics Applications Laboratory Seminar | **2014** Chilean Society of Regional Studies, *Chile.*

SERVICE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Abstract Reviewer: Agricultural and Applied Economics Association 2021-2022.

Local Organizing Committee of the Annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit: Applied Economics, Regional and Urban Studies, 2019.

Local Organizing Committee of the Pacific Regional Science Conference Organization, 2015.

REFERENCES

Mary Arends-Kuenning

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