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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Professor of Economics**, Universidad EAFIT, Colombia. 2019 –
Director, Center for Research in Economics and Finance—CIEF, Universidad EAFIT, Colombia. 2019 –
Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Chicago Pearson Institute and Harris School of Public Policy & Innovations for Poverty Action Peace and Recovery Program. 2017 – 2019
Doctoral Fellow, Innovations for Poverty Action Peace and Recovery Program. 2016 – 2017

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics**, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia, Dissertation with distinction. 2018
M.A. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia. 2017
Visiting Doctoral Student, University of Chicago Pearson Institute and Harris School of Public Policy, Chicago, IL. 2016
M.A. Economics, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium, Magna Cum Laude. 2012
M.B.A., Universidad EAFIT, Colombia. 2011
B.Sc. Computer Science, Escuela de Ingeniería de Antioquia, Colombia. 2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Political Economy, Violence, Crime, Public Policy.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALS

- The role of land property rights in the war on illicit crops: Evidence from Colombia**, World Development, 103, p. 268-283, with: Juan Carlos Muñoz-Mora & Jesse D'Anjou. 2018

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES IN LOCAL JOURNALS

- El gasto fiscal de la guerra contra los portadores de drogas ilícitas: Una aproximación para Colombia**, Lecturas de Economía, 91 (forthcoming), with: Isabel Gutiérrez. 2019
The Rational Expectations Hypothesis: An Assessment on its Real World Application, Ecos de Economía: A Latin American Journal of Applied Economics, 18(37), p. 37-47. 2014
Impuesto predial y desarrollo económico. Aproximación a la relación entre el impuesto predial y la inversión de los municipios de Antioquia, Ecos de Economía: A Latin American Journal of Applied Economics, 17(36), p. 173-198, with: Juan Carlos Muñoz-Mora. 2013

PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

- La situación del narcotráfico en Colombia ad portas del posconflicto**, Contribuciones de la Universidad a la agenda de La Habana, Edited by: Jorge Giraldo. Universidad EAFIT, with: Isabel Gutiérrez & Gustavo Duncan. 2018
El Ciclo Criminal del Microtráfico y Consumo de Drogas: Contexto Nacional y Consecuencias en Entornos Locales, Territorios y Sociabilidades Violentas. Santo Domingo, San Juan, Sao Paulo, Cali y Medellín, Edited by: Jorge Giraldo. Universidad EAFIT, with: Isabel Gutiérrez. 2017
La inversión obligatoria y el crédito agropecuario en Colombia, El desarrollo equitativo, competitivo y sostenible del sector agropecuario en Colombia, Banco de la República, Edited by: Carlos Gustavo Cano, Ana María Iregui, Maria Teresa Ramírez & Ana María Tribín. Banco de la República, with: Dairo Estrada & Paula Zuleta. 2016

Instituciones y cultivos ilícitos, Economía criminal y poder político, Edited by: Jorge Giraldo. 2013
Universidad EAFIT.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

What works to prevent violence among youth? A white paper on youth violence, crime prevention and the Mexican context, USAID Report, AID-523-C-15-00002, with: Thomas Abt, Chris Blattman & Beatriz Magaloni. 2018

Evaluación y seguimiento a las actividades de la policía de vigilancia, Gestión Territorial de la Seguridad en el Posconflicto, Edited by: Isabel Gutiérrez. Universidad EAFIT y Escuela de Postgrados de Policía, Policía Nacional, with: Isabel Gutiérrez. 2017

Reincidencia criminal en Colombia y capacidades para la resocialización, Ministerio de Justicia y del Derecho, Observatorio de Política Criminal. 2017

Sector Wide Impact Assessment on Human Rights: Mining Unseen, Institute for Human Rights and Business - Regional Center for Responsible Businesses and Entrepreneurship (CREER), Bogotá, with: Luis Fernando de Angulo, Camila Miranda, Blanca Llorente, Natalia Torres, María Alejandra Castillo, Margaret Wachenfeld, Andreé Viana & Viviana Arango. 2016

Herramientas cuantitativas para la gestión del hacinamiento carcelario: Una aplicación para las reglas de equilibrio y equilibrio decreciente, Ministerio de Justicia y del Derecho, Observatorio de Política Criminal y Universidad EAFIT, with: Andrés Camacho. 2016

RESEARCH PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

WORKING PAPERS

Place-based interventions at scale: The direct and spillover effects of policing and city services on crime, NBER Working papers, No 23941, with: Christopher Blattman, Donald Green, & Daniel Ortega (Submitted). 2018

Prison conditions and criminal recidivism: Evidence from a prison construction program, Documentos CEDE Universidad de los Andes, No 2017-7, (Submitted). 2018

Hot spots policing in a high crime environment: An experimental evaluation in Medellín, with: Daniela Collazos, Eduardo García, Daniel Mejía & Daniel Ortega (Submitted). 2018

The deterrent effects of surveillance cameras on crime, Documentos CEDE Universidad de los Andes, No 2017-9, with: Santiago Gómez & Daniel Mejía (Submitted). 2018

Gangs of Medellín: How Organized Crime is Organized, with: Christopher Blattman, Gustavo Duncan & Ben Lessing. 2018

OTHER WORK IN PROGRESS (NO WORKING PAPERS AVAILABLE)

Contesting Criminal Gang Governance in Medellín: Experimental Impacts of Intensive Municipal Governance and Community Organization on Gang Governance. With: Chris Blattman, Gustavo Duncan & Benjamin Lessing.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

LECTURER AND TEACHING ASSISTANT

2016 –: Lecturer at the Colombian Police Academy, Curso Estratégico de Seguridad Pública

2017 –: Lecturer at the American University in Washington, D.C., Policing in a Global Context

2015: Teaching Assistant at Universidad de los Andes, Teoría Económica de Conflictos

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2019: Economic Development and Institutions Annual Conference, Paris, France; Ministério Público do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; RIDGE Forum: Political Economy Workshop, Medellín, Colombia; America Latina Crime and Policy Network – AL CAPONE, Medellín, Colombia; Cities and Development Workshop, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, DC; Seminario Hacia Ciudades Más Seguras, International Republican Institute, Panamá; Seminario CEDE CESED – Departamento de Economía Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia; Departamento de Economía – Universidad EAFIT, Medellín, Colombia; Taller de Investigación, Departamento de Gobierno y Ciencias Políticas – Universidad EAFIT, Medellín, Colombia

2018: Encuentro Internacional de Observatorios del Delito, Policía Nacional, Bogotá, Colombia; Households in Conflict Network – HiCN Workshop, Medellín, Colombia; Gestión Estratégica del Servicio de Policía, Escuela de Posgrados de la Policía Nacional, Bogotá, Colombia; Fundación para el Desarrollo de Antioquia – Proantioquia, Medellín, Colombia

2017: Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association – LACEA, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Economic Development and Institutions Annual Conference, Namur, Belgium; Economics of Organized Crime, Bogotá, Colombia; Seminario de Economía, Banco de la República, Medellín, Colombia; America Latina Crime and Policy Network – AL CAPONE, Santiago, Chile; Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting ESOC, Washington, DC; Evidence in Governance and Politics EGAP 20, Bogotá, Colombia; Seminario CEDE, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia; Focus, Prevention and Legitimacy in the Context of International Violence, National Network for Safe Communities, Tarrytown, NY; Seminario de Economía Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia

2016: Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, CA; Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association – LACEA, Medellín, Colombia; University of Chicago Crime Lab, Chicago, IL; America Latina Crime and Policy Network – AL CAPONE, Buenos Aires, Argentina; American Law and Economics Association – ALEA, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA; Seminario sobre desarrollo equitativo, competitivo y sostenible del sector agropecuario en Colombia – Banco de la República, Bogotá, Colombia

2015: Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association – LACEA, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

2014: Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association – LACEA, Sao Paulo, Brazil; Seminario de Economía, Banco de la República, Bogotá, Colombia

2012: Economías criminales y poder político, Universidad EAFIT, Medellín, Colombia

REFEREEING

Defence and Peace Economics; Economia: The Journal of LACEA; Latin American Economic Review; Lecturas de Economía

NON-ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS / CONSULTING

2019: Advisor to the Director for Justice, Security and Government. National Planning Department

2019: Consultant, Innovation in Citizen Services Division. Inter-American Development Bank

2018 – 2019: Advisor on Monitoring and Evaluation. International Organization for Migration

2017 – 2018: Advisor to the Deputy Minister for Crime Policy. Ministry of Justice of Colombia

2017 – 2018: Advisor to the Secretary. Secretariat of Security of Bogotá

2017: Consultant, Innovation in Citizen Services Division. Inter-American Development Bank

2015 – 2016: Consultant. CAF – Latin American Development Bank

2015 – 2016: Consultant. CREER-IHRB Institute for Human Rights and Business

2014 – 2015: Chief of Staff. Senator in the 4th Committee on Economic Affairs – Colombian Congress

2013 – 2014: Advisor. FINAGRO – Rural Development Bank, Colombia

2009 – 2011: Director. Cadastre and Territorial Development. Government of Antioquia, Colombia

2008 – 2009: Director. Economic Development. Government of Antioquia, Colombia

RESEARCH GRANTS (\$1,605,000)

2019 – 2020: National Science Foundation. Contesting Criminal Gang Governance in Medellín: Experimental Impacts of Intensive Municipal Governance and Community Organization on Gang Governance (\$450,000)

2019: JPAL Crime and Violence Initiative. Contesting Criminal Gang Governance in Medellín: Experimental Impacts of Intensive Municipal Governance on Gang Governance (\$100,000)

2019: Fundación para el Desarrollo de Antioquia – Proantioquia. Gangs of Medellín: A proposal to map order and violence at the micro level (\$70,000)

2018: Secretaría de Seguridad de Medellín. Gangs of Medellín: A proposal to map order and violence at the micro level (\$33,000)

2018: Fundación para el Desarrollo de Antioquia – Proantioquia. Gangs of Medellín: A proposal to map order and violence at the micro level (\$70,000)

2017 – 2018: JPAL Latin America and Caribbean. Strategies and programs to prevent violence among youth (\$32,000)

2017 – 2018: Economic Development and Institutions – EDI. Gangs of Medellin: A proposal to understand variation in non-state provision of order and justice (\$100,000)

2017 – 2018: Call for Proposals Postobon and CESED, Universidad de los Andes. Gangs of Medellin: A proposal to map order and violence at the micro level (\$10,000)

2017 – 2018: Call for Proposals Open Society Foundations and CESED, Universidad de los Andes. Gangs of Medellin: A proposal to map order and violence at the micro level (\$10,000)

2016 – 2017: Development Priorities Window – 3ie. Increasing state and police presence in the least governed areas of Bogotá: A hot spot policing approach (\$280,000)

2016 – 2017: Governance Initiative – JPAL. State-Building on the Intensive and Extensive Margins: Testing Urban Violence Reduction through Policing and Public Services in Bogota (\$360,000)

2016 – 2017: CAF – Development Bank of Latin America. The Impact of Hotspot Policing and Municipal Services on Crime: Experimental Evidence from Bogotá (\$50,000)

2016 – 2017: Government Partnership Initiative – JPAL. The Impact of Hotspot Policing and Municipal Services on Crime: Experimental Evidence from Bogotá (\$20,000)

2016: Call for Proposals Postobon and CESED, Universidad de los Andes. Prison Overcrowding and Recidivism: Evidence from Colombia (\$10,000)

2016: Call for Proposals Open Society Foundations and CESED, Universidad de los Andes. El Sistema de Justicia Criminal en la lucha contra el consumo de drogas ilícitas: Gasto público en Colombia y costos sociales (\$10,000)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2017: Nominated to the Juan Luis Londoño Prize to best paper on social issues by a young researcher at the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association – LACEA annual meeting.

2017: Ph.D. Economics. Dissertation with distinction.

2016: Doctoral Student Award for best presentation in the Doctoral Workshop at Universidad de los Andes.

2016: Doctoral Student Scholarship awarded by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

2014 – 2017: Scholarship, Doctoral Studies awarded by Colciencias.

2012: Grande Distinction. Université catholique de Louvain. M.Sc. in Economics.

2011 – 2012: Scholarship, Masters Studies awarded by Fundación Colfuturo.

2002: Honors, Computer Science. Escuela de Ingeniería de Antioquia.

LANGUAGES

SPANISH: native speaker
ENGLISH: fluent