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## EDUCATION

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### University of Mannheim

2018 - 2023

PhD Economics

### Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

2013 - 2015

MA Economics

### University of Paris Dauphine

2012 - 2014

MRes Development Economics

2009 - 2012

BS Applied Economics

## RESEARCH FIELDS

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Macroeconomics, Family, Public, Urban and Development Economics

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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### Why Don't Poor Families Move? A Spatial Equilibrium Analysis of Parental Decisions with Social Learning

**Abstract:** In the United States, childhood neighborhood quality shapes adulthood economic opportunities. However, most children raised in bottom-quality neighborhoods still live in low-quality neighborhoods in adulthood. Could childhood neighborhood directly affect adulthood choices? I develop a quantitative spatial model of parental decisions that incorporates a novel mechanism: social learning about the technology of skill formation. Segregation generates information frictions that systematically distort parents' subjective beliefs and behaviors. I calibrate the model using several United States representative datasets. The calibrated model matches targeted and non-targeted parental behaviors and generates an endogenous distribution of subjective beliefs. I find a relatively modest level of delusion that increases inequality by 3% and decreases intergenerational mobility by 12%. A housing voucher policy improves the neighborhood quality of eligible families, raising children's future earnings. When scaling up the policy, long-run and general equilibrium responses in subjective beliefs amplify the policy effects. Inequality reduces, and intergenerational mobility improves.

## OTHER RESEARCH

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### Published Paper

**Machine Learning and Mobile Phone Data Can Improve the Targeting of Humanitarian Assistance**, with Emily Aiken, Dean Karlan, Christopher R. Udry and Joshua Blumenstock. Nature 2022.

### Working Papers

**The Impact of Cash Transfers in Togo: Digital Data Do Not Recover Treatment Effects Found in Survey Data**, with Emily Aiken, Joshua Blumenstock, Dean Karlan and Christopher R. Udry.

**Teacher Training Program, Teacher Practices and Student Performance in Science: Evidence from a Randomized Study in French Primary Schools**, with Adrien Bouguen, Marc Gurgand, Valerie Munier and André Tricot

## Work in Progress

Macroeconomic Consequences of Early Education Tracking, with Lukas Mahler

Employment Transitions: Mechanisms For Gender Earnings Gap, with Valentina Melentyeva

## **RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD**

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### Teaching Assistant

#### **STEG Virtual Course**

2021, Demographic Transition and Development lecture

#### **J-PAL Europe, Executive Education Programs**

2018 - 2019, Randomized Control Trials

#### **Sciences Po Paris**

2016 - 2017, Public Economics

#### **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile**

2014, Macroeconomics

### Research Assistant

#### **University of Mannheim**

since 2019, Research Assistant to Professor Michèle Tertilt

#### **J-PAL Europe**

2015 - 2018, Senior Research Manager

#### **J-PAL Latin America and the Caribbean**

2015, Research Associate

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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**2022:** XXV Workshop on Dynamic Macroeconomics 2022 (Vigo) - Summer School in Urban Economics 2022 - UCL - Spring Meeting of Young Economists 2022 - CRC retreat - ENTER Jamboree 2022 - Frankfurt-Mannheim Macro Workshop - CRC TR 224 Family & Gender Economics Workshop - University of Mannheim

**2021:** The Causes and Consequences of Inequality Workshop (CRC) - Young Researchers Workshop (CRC) - University of Mannheim

## **SCHOLARSHIP, WORKSHOP AND AFFILIATION**

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### **CRC Member**

since 2019

### **DAAD Scholarship**

2019 - 2023

### **WOVEN Pro**

2019 - 2020

## **REFERENCES**

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