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EDUCATION	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics (Expected May 2026) Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina M.A. in Economics. 2019 Universidad Católica Boliviana, Bolivia Licentiate in Economics. 2012	
WORKING PAPERS	Soft skills, Competition, and Hiring Discrimination (with Sarah Janzen, Yashodhan Ghorpade and Amanina Abdur Rahman). [link] The gender effects of the minimum wage under weak compliance with labour regulations: The case of Bolivia (with Jorge Davalos, Marcelo Claire, Alejandra Leyton and Vanessa Sanchez). <i>PEP Working Papers, 2017-10</i> . [link]	
PUBLICATIONS	Peer pressure: Experimental evidence from restroom behavior (with B. Cardinale Lagomarsino, M. Gutman, L. Freira, M. Lanzalet, M. Lauletta, L. Malchik, F. Montaña Campos, B. Pacini and M. Rossi). <i>Economic Inquiry</i> . Vol 55 (3), 2017. [link] Free of Illiteracy? Evaluating the Bolivian Experience with the National Literacy Program <i>Yo Si Puedo</i> (with Werner Hernani Limarino and Paul Villarroel). <i>Latin American Journal of Economic Development</i> . Special issue, February 2015. [link]	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	The World Bank, Social Protection and Labor <i>Short-Term Consultant</i>	Summer 2022-Spring 2023
	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign <i>Research Assistant for Professor Marieke Kleemans</i>	Summer 2020 - Spring 2022
WORK EXPERIENCE	CAF Development Bank of Latin America <i>Research Officer</i>	Buenos Aires - Argentina Aug 2017 - Jun 2019
	Ministry of Production <i>Technical Advisor</i>	Buenos Aires - Argentina Feb 2016 - Jul 2017
	Banco Mercantil Santa Cruz <i>Product Analyst</i>	La Paz - Bolivia Apr 2014 - Feb 2015
	Institute for Advanced Development Studies <i>Junior Researcher</i>	La Paz - Bolivia Jun 2013 - Nov 2013
	ARU Foundation <i>Research Assistant</i>	La Paz - Bolivia Nov 2011 - Feb 2013

TEACHING	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:	
	Global Agribusiness Management TA	Spring 2025
	Behavioral Economics TA	Spring 2025
	Environmental Justice and Food Security TA	Fall 2024
	Applied Statistics Methods and Data Analytics TA	Spring 2024
	Big Data Analytics in Finance TA (Graduate)	Fall 2023
	Environmental Economics TA	Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory TA.	Fall 2020 - Spring 2021
	Universidad de San Andrés:	
	Introductory Economics TA.	Fall 2016 - Fall 2018
	Labor Economics TA.	Spring 2016
GRANTS & HONOURS	2019: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Department of Economics Fellowship.	
	2015: PEP-PAGE. Evidence on the impacts of Minimum Wage on Labor Market Outcomes: The case of Bolivia (with Marcelo Claure, Alejandra Leyton and Vanessa Sanchez). Us\$. 22,000.	
	2012: Thesis dissertation distinguished with honours. “Evidence of pro-poor growth in Bolivia under different situations of economic growth”.	
CONFERENCES	Bogota Experimental Economics Conference	2025
	World Bank GSG	2024
	CAF Brown Bag Seminar	2018
	Argentinian Association of Political Economy	2015, 2016
	Bolivian Conference on Development Economics	2013
	Bolivian Economists Meeting	2013
OTHER ACADEMIC	Study Visit at Université Laval, Québec-Canada financed by PEP.	Jan 2016
	Arthur Lewis Association Roundtable at Santa Cruz-Bolivia financed by IEA.	Sep 2015
COMPUTER SKILLS	Python, R, Stata, QGIS, L ^A T _E X.	
LANGUAGES	Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), Portuguese (Fluent).	