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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana , Department of Economics Assistant Professor	2025–
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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin–Madison Ph.D. Economics M.S. Economics	2025 2021
Barcelona School of Economics M.S. Specialized Economic Analysis	2015
University of Costa Rica Lic. Economics <i>with honors</i> B.S. Economics	2014 2011

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public Economics, Development Economics, Health Economics, Labor Economics

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“The Impact of Climate Change on Economic Output Across Industries in Chile,” (with Carlos Madeira). *PLOS One*, 2022, 17(4): e0266811.

“Climate Change’s Impact on Real Estate Prices in Chile,” (with Carlos Madeira and Facundo Luna). *PLOS Sustainability and Transformation*, 2022, 1(11): e0000035.

“Association Between Assistance With Medicaid Enrollment and Use of Health Care After Incarceration Among Adults With a History of Substance Use,” (with Marguerite Burns, Steven Cook, et al.) *JAMA Network Open*, 2022, vol. 5.

“Impact Evaluation of the Conditional Cash Transfer Program for a Secondary School in Costa Rica (Avancemos),” (with Catherine Mata). *Revista de Ciencias Económicas*, 2015 vol. 33, no. 1.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Price of Formality: The Role of Social Insurance in Labor Market Choices.”

“The Challenges to Modernize G2P Payments: Reaching the Last-Mile in Financial Inclusion,” (with Bridget Hoffmann, Camilo Pecha and Diego Vera-Cossío). (Submitted).

“Firm Responses to Payroll Tax Increases: Evidence from Costa Rica.”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Effect of Maternity Leave Policies on Local Labor Market Outcomes,” (with Elizabeth Jaramillo)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“The Cost-Effectiveness of Air Pollution Information Provision Programs,” (with Bridget Hoffmann, Cristóbal Ruiz-Tagle, and Alejandra Schueftan). Inter-American Development Bank, Technical Note N°IDB-TN-2236, 2021.

“Evidencias del Impacto de la Factura Electrónica de Impuestos en América Latina,” (with Juan Robalino). In *Electronic Invoicing in Latin America*, edited by Alberto Barreix and Raul Zambrano. Inter-American Development Bank, 2017.

“How Does Avancemos Work? Best Practices on the Implementation of Conditional Cash Transfer Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean.” Inter-American Development Bank, 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Analytical Public Finance	Fall 2023, Spring 2024
TA for Prof. Rebecca Glawtschew	
Introduction to Microeconomics	Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Head TA for Prof. Steve Trost	
Intermediate Microeconomics	Spring 2022
TA for Prof. Rebecca Glawtschew	
Introduction to Microeconomics	Fall 2019, Spring 2020
TA for Prof. Rebecca Glawtschew	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Institute for Research on Poverty - UW–Madison, Research Assistant	2020–21
Inter-American Development Bank - Research Department, Research Fellow	2017–19
Inter-American Development Bank - Fiscal Sector, Research Assistant	2016–17
Innovations for Poverty Action, Research Associate	2015–16
Economic Research Institute - University of Costa Rica, Research Assistant	2012–13
Center for Economic and Environmental Studies, Research Assistant	2011–12

CONFERENCES

2025: Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bank of México, PUC Chile

2024: North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference, SEA 94th Annual Meeting, XIX RIDGE Forum, Society of Labor Economics (SOLE), Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Annual Meeting

2023: Inter-American Development Bank (Research Department), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

2022: IPA-GPRL Annual Research Gathering (Northwestern), Midwest Economics Association (MEA) Annual Meeting

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Richard A. Meese Dissertation Fellowship, UW–Madison Economics	2024
Juli Plant Grainger Outstanding TA Award, UW–Madison Economics	2023, 2024
Juli Plant Grainger Summer Fellowship, UW–Madison Economics	2022
Summer Fellowship, Central Bank of Chile	2021
Excellence Scholarship, University of Costa Rica	2012–14

Workshops

Behavioral Public Economics Bootcamp, NBER	2023
Health Economics Mentoring Workshop	2021

Travel Awards

Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison	2023, 2024
Department of Economics, University of Wisconsin–Madison	2022, 2024
SRGC Conference Presentation Award, University of Wisconsin–Madison	2023

SERVICE

Leadership team, Wisconsinites for Inclusion & Diversity in Economics (WIDE)	2022–23
Faculty Liaison, Wisconsin Economics Graduate Organization (WEGO)	2021–23

AFFILIATIONS

Graduate Research Fellow	2020–Present
Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison	