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Employment

- 2023- Knowledge and Learning Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank.
- 2020-2023 Assistant Professor, School of Finance, Economics and Government, Universidad EAFIT, Colombia.
- 2022-2023 External Research Fellow for the Project RESPOND, BUILD–Department of the Built Environment, Aalborg University, Denmark.

Research Interests

Urban Economics • Economics of Organizations • Economic Geography • International Trade • Industrial Organization • Real Estate Economics.

Education

- 2014-2020 Ph.D. in Management, Concentration in Economic Analysis and Policy, University of Toronto
Dissertation: “Essays on the Spatial Organization of Firms and the Effects of Land Use Regulations.”
Committee: Nathaniel Baum-Snow (supervisor), William Strange, Ignatius Horstmann.
- 2012-2013 M.A. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.
- 2008-2012 B.A. in Economics, Minor in German Language, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.

Publications

- “Uncertainty and Immigrant Entrepreneurship: Evidence from Brexit,” with Astrid Marinoni. 2023. **Accepted - Organization Science**
- “The Internal Spatial Organization of Firms,” with Ditte Håkonsson Lyngemark. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 2021
- “Pobreza, Brechas y Ruralidad en Colombia,” with Parra-Peña, R.I., & Ordoñez, L. *Revista Coyuntura Económica de Fedesarrollo*, 2013, 43 (1), 15-36.
 - Policy brief: “Policies for bridging the urban-rural gap in Colombia.” CIAT Policy Brief. No. 7. Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT), Cali, Colombia, 2012.

Work in Progress and Working Papers

- “Quality of Communications Infrastructure, Local Structural Transformation, and Inequality” with Luis Baldomero Quintana. 2022. **Resubmitted - Journal of Economic Geography**
- “Spatial Wage Differentials, Geographic Frictions and the Organization of Labor within Firms,” with Ditte Håkonsson Lyngemark, 2023. **Submitted**
- “On the Tension Between Due Process Protection and Public Safety: The Case of an Extensive Procedural Reform in Colombia,” with Angela Zorro-Medina and Daniel Mejía, 2023. **Submitted**
 - Previous versions:
 - “The Unintended Consequences on Crime of the Latin American Criminal Procedure Revolution.” Documento de Trabajo CIEF 20-19, 2020.

- “Certainty vs. Severity Revisited: Evidence for Colombia.” Documento CEDE 21-2016.

“Superstar ZIP Codes,” with Fabian Eckert and Jack Liang, 2023.

“Are Free Trade Agreements being Used? Transaction Level Evidence for Colombia,” with Cindy Leal, 2022.

“The Incidence of Land Use Regulations.” Documento de Trabajo CIEF 21-04, 2021.

“Access to formal financial markets and firm formalization: evidence for Colombia”, with Manuela Acevedo and Andrés Angel. 2023.

“Birth Rates, Factor Shares and Growth.” with Andrés Alvarez, Camilo Gomez and Hernando Zuleta. Documento CEDE 2019-20. **Submitted**

Book Chapters

“Un Enfoque Económico de la Detención Preventiva. Crecimiento de la Población Reclusa y Hacinamiento Carcelario en el Tránsito del Sistema Penal Acusatorio Colombiano (2003-2008).” (with Hernandez, N., & Zorro-Medina, A.) In E. Lozano -Rodríguez (Ed.), *Teoría y Puesta en Práctica del Análisis Económico del Derecho Colombiano* (pp. 251-282) Bogotá: Ediciones Uniandes, 2016.

Teaching Experience

- 2020-2023 General Macroeconomics, Industrial Organization; Undergraduate, Universidad EAFIT.
- 2020-2023 Industrial Organization, Advanced Microeconomics, Topics in Urban Economics; Graduate, Universidad EAFIT.
- 2020-2023 Adviser for five undergraduate thesis and five master’s degree thesis, Universidad EAFIT.
- 2015-2019 Teaching Assistant, Real Estate Economics, Real Estate Investment, Managerial Economics, Model-Based Decision Making; MBA program, University of Toronto.
- 2015-2020 Teaching Assistant, Real Estate Markets, Advanced Macroeconomics and International Trade; Undergraduate, University of Toronto.
- 2009-2014 Teaching Assistant; Graduate and Undergraduate, Universidad de los Andes.

Consulting Experience

“Evaluación de impacto y creación del sistema de monitoreo para el programa Hogares Saludables,” 2022-2023, with J.C. Muñoz and G. García, for Grupo Argos.

“Valoración socioeconómica e implementación de un piloto de apropiación social del conocimiento del proyecto Campus Manizales,” 2022, with C. Cadena and S. Bohorquez, for Alcaldía de Manizales.

“Diseño de una ruta de formalización laboral y empresarial gradual.” 2021, with A. Torres, for Proantioquia, Cámara de Comercio de Medellín para Antioquia, Comfama, Interactuar, Fondo de Garantías de Antioquia.

Previous Research Experience

- 2016-2019 Research Assistant for Professors Nathaniel Baum-Snow, William Strange, Lu Han, and Mitchell Hoffman. University of Toronto.
- 2013-2014 Research Assistant for Professors Marcela Eslava, John Haltiwanger, Hernando Zuleta and Hernán Vallejo. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.

Honors & Awards

- 2022-2023 Runner-up, Excellence in Teaching Award, School of Finance, Economics and Government, Universidad EAFIT.
- 2020-2022 Internal Research Funding, Universidad EAFIT.
- 2020 Hartle Award (for outstanding graduate scholarship on a policy-relevant topic), Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto.
- 2019-2020 University of Toronto Fellowship (UTF).
- 2014-2019 PhD Fellowship, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto.
- 2016-2019 Myron J. Gordon Fellowship. Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto.

- 2017 CRESSE Fellowship in Competition Policy.
 2008-2013 “The Best Students”, SAB Miller - Bavaria S.A, Bogotá, Colombia.

Conferences & Talks

- 2013 North American Regional Science Council Meetings (Atlanta).
 2018 Canadian Economic Association Meetings (Montreal), Urban Economic Association Meetings (New York), Kraks Fond (Copenhagen).
 2019 Canadian Urban Economics Conference (Montreal), 2nd Urban and Regional Economics Workshop - U Javeriana (Bogota), University of Toronto.
 2020 ENSAE - CREST (Paris), Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Bogota), Universidad EAFIT (Medellin), Online Urban Economics Seminar (organized by Philadelphia FED), Virtual Urban Economic Association Meetings.
 2021 Banco de la República (Medellín), American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association Annual Meetings (Virtual), ICESI (Cali), Zoning Bylaw Renewal Team (Edmonton).
 2022 American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association Annual Meetings (Washington, D.C.), Workshop on Strategy and Structure of Business Groups (CEPR - Milan), (Scheduled) Congreso Anual de la Red de Investigadores de Economía (Cali).
 2023 University of North Texas, Universidad ICESI (Cali), AREUEA Online Seminar, 4th Urban and Regional Economics Workshop - U Javeriana & RSAI (Bogota), SEA Meetings (New Orleans - Scheduled).

Professional Service

REFEREE

Journal of Urban Economics, Real Estate Economics, Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Economics and Management Strategy, Journal of Housing Economics, IADB Working Paper Series, European Journal of International Management, Desarrollo y Sociedad, Built Environment.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Urban Economics Association Meetings, 2022; The Economics of Informality Conference, Universidad del Rosario, 2022; Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association (LACEA), 2021; 5th RES Symposium of Junior Researchers - Royal Economic Society, 2019.

OTHER

- 2019-2020 Advisory Board Member, TD Management Data and Analytics Lab, Rotman School of Management.
 2021-2023 Job Market Hiring Committee (at EAFIT), Undergraduate Reform Committee (at EAFIT).

Other Courses

- 2018 Economics & Catholic Social Thought: A Primer. University of Notre Dame, Indiana.
 2017 CRESSE Summer School on Competition Policy and Regulation.

Additional Skills

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), German (intermediate), Portuguese (intermediate).
 Softwares: Stata, GIS, Python, R, \LaTeX