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CURRENT POSITION

2017- Assistant Professor, Alberto Lleras Camargo School of Government, Universidad de los Andes

EDUCATION

2017 Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
2010 M.A. in Economics, National University of La Plata, Argentina
2006 B.A. in Economics, National Autonomous University of Honduras, Honduras

FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Violence and Citizen Security

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2018 “Does the Form of Delivering Incentives in Conditional Cash Transfers Matter over a Decade Later?” with H.C. Michelson. *Journal of Development Economics*, 134:96-108.
“Predicting School Dropout with Administrative Data: New Evidence from Guatemala and Honduras” with M. Adelman, F. Haimovich, and E. Vazquez. *Education Economics*, 26(4):356-372.
“The Consequences of Legal Minimum Wages in Honduras”. *World Development*, 102:135-157.
- 2015 “Minimum Wage Violations in Honduras”. *IZA Journal of Labor & Development*, 4(1):1-19.
- 2014 “Migration Patterns in Honduras: Evolution, Trends, and Socioeconomic Impact” with A. Martínez. *Revista de Economía & Administración*, 11(1):85-114, in Spanish.
“The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Educational Inequality of Opportunity”. *Latin American Research Review*, 49(3):153-175.
- 2012 “Assessing the Predictive Power of Vulnerability Measures: Evidence from Panel Data for Argentina and Chile” with M. Bérgolo and G. Cruces. *Journal of Income Distribution*, 21(1):28-64.
- 2011 “Inequality and Poverty in Honduras: A Descriptive Analysis of the Last Twenty Years”. *Revista Centroamericana de Ciencias Sociales*, VIII(2):123-165, in Spanish.
- 2010 “The Many Faces of Poverty: Quantifying the Deprivation Costs of the 2001-2002 Crisis in Argentina” with A. Conconi. *Económica*, LVI:39-77.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2010 “Well-Being at the Sub-City Level: The Buenos Aires Neighborhood Quality of Life Survey” with G. Cruces and M. Tetaz. Chapter 4 in E. Lora, A. Powell, B.M.S. van Praag and P. Sanguinetti (eds.), *The Quality of Life in Latin American Cities: Markets and Perception*. A co-publication of the Inter-American Development Bank and The World Bank.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Information Policies and Higher Education Choices: Experimental Evidence from Colombia” with Leonardo Bonilla and Nicolas L. Bottan (Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*).
- “Police Interactions with Youth at Risk: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Honduras” with Javier Osorio, Reynaldo Rojo and Michael Weintraub (Submitted).
- “Can’t Stop the One-Armed Bandits: The Effects of Video Gambling on Crime” with Nicolas L. Bottan and Ignacio Sarmiento-Barbieri.
- “When Money Can’t Buy Better Health: The Association Between Social Pensions with Health and Health-Related Behaviors in Colombia” with Philipp Hessel, Lina Bermeo, Laura López, Monica Pinilla-Roncancio, and Catalina González-Uribe.
- “How Important is Spatial Correlation in Randomized Controlled Trials?” with Kathy Baylis.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “The School-to-Work Transition in Latin America” (includes country studies for Colombia and Honduras).
- “Excessive Alcohol Consumption and Violent Brawls: A Randomized Controlled Trial with Bartenders in Bogotá, Colombia” with Andrés Felipe Camacho, Darío Maldonado, and Michael Weintraub. [AEA RCT Registry Number AEARCTR-0003845](#).
- “Estimating Economic Mobility with Cross-Sections using Machine Learning and Multiple Imputation Methods: A Validation Exercise with Panel Data” with Leonardo Lucchetti and Paul A. Corral-Rodas.
- “Exploring the Causes of Crime Reduction in Honduras” with Ignacio Sarmiento-Barbieri.

POLICY WORKING PAPERS

- 2012 “Are there Ethnic Inequality Traps in Education? Empirical Evidence for Brazil and Chile” with M. Bérgolo, A. Conconi, and G. Cruces, PMMA Working Paper 2012-05, Partnership for Economic Policy.
- 2012 “Scarring Effects of Youth Unemployment and Informality: Evidence from Argentina and Brazil” with G. Cruces and M. Viollaz, International Development Research Centre Project *Labour Markets for Inclusive Growth in Latin America*.
- 2010 “Labor Market Flexibility in Latin America: Past Reforms and Future Perspectives” with G. Cruces. Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean Project Document No. 291, in Spanish.
- 2008 “A Social Protection Floor for Latin America: Fiscal Costs and Social Impact” with L. Gasparini, F. Crosta, F. Haimovich, B. Alvarez, and R. Sánchez. CEDLAS Working Paper Series No. 71, in Spanish.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2016 Graduate Student International Research Grant for “*The Consequences of Legal Minimum Wages in Honduras*”, Office of International Programs, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois, \$1,500.
- 2013 Field Research Grant for “*Information Policies and Higher Education Choices: Experimental Evidence from Colombia*” with Leonardo Bonilla and Nicolas Bottan, Department of Economics, University of Illinois, \$15,000.
- 2012 Tinker Field Research Grant for “*The Consequences of Legal Minimum Wages in Honduras*”, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois, \$2,000.
- 2008-11 Research Grant, National Scientific and Technical Research Council, Argentina.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- 2019 Short-term Consultant, The World Bank, Project: “Estimating Economic Mobility with Cross-Sections Using Machine Learning and Multiple Imputation Methods”.
- 2016 Short-term Consultant, The World Bank, Project: “School Dropout in Honduras”.
- 2016 Short-term Consultant, The World Bank, Project: “Accelerating Growth through Skills and Knowledge: An Evaluation of the World Bank Group’s Support for Higher Education”.
- 2014 Short-term Consultant, The World Bank, Project: “The Impact of Private Sector Internship and Training on Urban Youth in Kenya”.
- 2009 Consultant, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Project: “Labor Market Flexibility in Latin America”.
- 2008 Consultant, United Nations Population Fund, Project: “Changes in the Composition of Honduran Households”.
- 2008-11 Junior Researcher, Center for Distributional, Labor, and Social Studies, Argentina.
- 2006-08 Research Assistant, Center for Distributional, Labor, and Social Studies, Argentina.
- 2004-06 Junior Analyst, Technical Support Unit for the Presidency, Honduras.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018- Instructor, *Economic Analysis for Decision Making* (graduate), Universidad de los Andes.
- 2018- Instructor, *Quantitative Methods for Public Affairs I* (undergraduate), Universidad de los Andes.
- 2017- Instructor, *Behavior and Public Policy* (undergraduate), Universidad de los Andes.
- 2017 Instructor, *Workshop on Impact Evaluation for Public Policies*, Guatemala, SIEF-World Bank.
- 2014-17 Head Teaching Assistant, *Microeconomic Principles* (undergraduate), University of Illinois.
- 2012-14 Teaching Assistant, *Microeconomic Principles* (undergraduate), University of Illinois.
- 2009-11 Teaching Assistant, *Labor Economics* (graduate), National University of La Plata.
- 2009 Guest Lecturer, *Topics in Poverty* (graduate), National University of La Plata.

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2018 Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation, Class of 2017, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois
- 2017 Robert E. Demarest Memorial Teaching Award, Department of Economics, University of Illinois
- 2017 Travel Grant, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois
- 2015 *Best Research Paper Award* for “*The Consequences of Legal Minimum Wages in Honduras*”, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois
- 2014 Travel Grant, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois
- 2013-17 *List of teachers ranked as excellent: Outstanding*, University of Illinois
- 2012 *List of teachers ranked as excellent*, University of Illinois
- 2011-12 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Illinois

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDES UPCOMING EVENTS)

- 2018 APPAM International Conference.
- 2017 Pacific Conference for Development Economics.
- 2016 Universidad de los Andes; Pontificia Universidad Javeriana; Universidad del Rosario; Banco de la República; Ninth Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network (LACEA).
- 2015 LACEA Labor Network: Are labor markets in Latin America prepared for the new challenges?; Universidad Adolfo Ibañez; AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting; Midwest International Economic Development Conference.
- 2014 Reforming Minimum Wage and Labor Regulation Policies in Developing Economies; North American Regional Science Conference; Midwest Graduate Student Summit on Applied Economics, Regional, and Urban Studies.
- 2007-14 Universidad Sergio Arboleda; Mind the Gap: From Evidence to Policy Impact; Human Development and Capabilities Association Regional Meeting; Argentine Association for Political Economy.

OTHER INFORMATION

Referee World Development, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Latin American Research Review, Económica (National University of La Plata), Emerging Themes in Epidemiology, Ensayos sobre Política Económica, Revista de Economía Política de Buenos Aires, Revista Sociedad y Equidad, Cuadernos de Economía.

Member American Economic Association (AEA), Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Latin American Economic Association (LACEA), Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM).

Languages Spanish (native), English (proficient)

Software Stata, R, L^AT_EX, GIS

PERSONAL

Birth date February 18, 1983

Citizenship Honduras

Supporter Arsenal Football Club (UK) and Gimnasia y Esgrima de la Plata (Argentina)