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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 Crime, Poverty and Inequality

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2021 “Recent trends in the youth labor market in Colombia: Diagnosis and policy challenges” with D. Maldonado and C.S. Guzmán-Gutiérrez, *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, 11(7).
- 2020 “Association between social pensions with depression, social and health behaviors among poor older individuals Colombia” with P. Hessel, L. Bermeo, L. López, M. Pinilla-Roncancio, and C. González-Urbe. *The Journals of Gerontology: Series B (Social Sciences)*, 75(5): 968-973.
- 2019 “Information Policies and Higher Education Choices: Experimental Evidence from Colombia” with L. Bonilla and N.L. Bottan. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 83, 101468.
- 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. Bérngolo 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

- 2020 “Social and Economic Impact of COVID-19 and Policy Options for Honduras”. Chapter 2 in L.F. López-Calva and M. Meléndez (eds.), *The Socio-Economic Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Ideas for Policy Action (Volume 2: Country Notes)*. United Nations Development Programme, New York, USA.
- 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, Washington DC, USA.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Reducing Alcohol-Related Violence: A Field Experiment with Bartenders” with D. Maldonado, M. Weintraub, A.F. Camacho, and D. Gualtero. AEA RCT Registry #[AEARCTR-0003845](#) (*Conditionally accepted at the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*).
- “Lassoing Welfare Dynamics with Cross-Sectional Data” with L. Lucchetti, P. Corral, and S. Garriga. [World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 8545](#) (*Under Review*).
- “Reducing Pretrial Detention: A Randomized Intervention with Public Defenders in El Salvador”, with J. Osorio and M. Weintraub. (*Under Review*)
- “Can’t Stop the One-Armed Bandits: The Effects of Access to Gambling on Crime” with N.L. Bottan and I. Sarmiento-Barbieri.
- “How Important is Spatial Correlation in Randomized Controlled Trials?” with K. Baylis.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “Social Protection Responses to Forced Displacement in Colombia”, joint between Uniandes and Overseas Development Institute.
- “The Labor Market Effects of Drug-Related Violence in a Transit Country: Evidence from Honduras”, with J. Ruiz.
- “Police Interactions with Youth at Risk: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Honduras” with J. Osorio, R. Rojo, and M. Weintraub.
- “Wages and Political Selection in Colombia” with L. Bonilla-Mejía, E. Londoño, and K. Mojica.
- “The Economic Consequences of Divorce and Separation for Women in Colombia” with A. Guarín.
- “How Does Relaxing Presidential Term Limits Affect Voting Behavior and Attitudes towards Democracy?”

POLICY WORKING PAPERS

- 2021 “[How Effective is the Honduran Social Protection System?](#)” with Sergio Membreño-Cedillo. UNDP Working Paper No. 21. UNDP Latin America and the Caribbean, in Spanish.
- 2020 “[Targeting Social Transfers to Vulnerable Individuals from COVID-19](#)” with Monica Pinilla-Roncancio. Policy Notes No. 1. Report for UNDP Honduras Office. UNDP Latin America and the Caribbean, in Spanish.
- 2020 “[Social and Economic Impact of COVID-19 and Policy Options in Honduras](#)”. COVID-19 Policy Documents Series, UNDP-LAC-C19-PDS No. 4. UNDP Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 2012 “Are there Ethnic Inequality Traps in Education? Empirical Evidence for Brazil and Chile” with M. Bérgholo, 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

- 2020 Social Protection Responses to Forced Displacement. Funded by the World Bank. Joint with Overseas Development Institute, UK; Centre for Applied Social Sciences Research and Training (CASS-RT), Cameroon; and National Centre of Social Research (EKKE), Greece, \$168,967.19.
- 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 Botton, 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

- 2020 Short-term Consultant, The World Bank, Project: “North Macedonia: Environmental Tax Reform”.
- 2020 Short-term Consultant, United Nations Development Program, Project: “Regional Human Development Report 2020: Escaping from the High-Inequality Low-Growth Trap”.
- 2020 Short-term Consultant, United Nations Development Program, Project: “The Socio-Economic Implications of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Ideas for Policy Action”.
- 2020 Short-term Consultant, The World Bank, Project: “Estimating Economic Mobility with Cross-Sections Using Machine Learning and Multiple Imputation Methods: Application to Turkey”.
- 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**Current**

- 2020- Instructor, *Causal Inference for Public Policy Evaluation* (undergraduate), Universidad de los Andes.
- 2019- Instructor, *Quantitative Methods for Public Affairs II* (undergraduate), Universidad de los Andes.

Past

- 2017-21 Instructor, *Behavior and Public Policy* (undergraduate), Universidad de los Andes.
- 2020 Instructor, *Research seminar in Public Affairs* (undergraduate), Universidad de los Andes.
- 2018-19 Instructor, *Quantitative Methods for Public Affairs I* (undergraduate), Universidad de los Andes.
- 2018-19 Instructor, *Economic Analysis for Decision Making* (graduate), 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, 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 AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDES UPCOMING EVENTS)

- 2021 UNDP (virtual).
- 2020 LACEA BRAIN (virtual), Fedesarrollo (virtual).
- 2019 Seminario CEDE - Universidad de los Andes, Banco de la República.
- 2018 APPAM International Conference.
- 2017 Pacific Conference for Development Economics.
- 2016 Seminario CEDE - 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 Review of Economic Studies, World Development, Food Policy, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, The Journal of Development Studies, Review of Development Economics, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, Education Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Oxford Development Studies, Latin American Research Review, Journal of Economic Inequality, Environmental Science and Pollution Research, Applied Economic Analysis, *Económica* (National University of La Plata), Labor History, Emerging Themes in Epidemiology, *Ensayos sobre Política Económica*, *Cuadernos de Economía*, *Revista de Economía Política de Buenos Aires*, *Revista Sociedad y Equidad*.
- Member American Economic Association (AEA), Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA), Latin American Economic Association (LACEA), Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM), Red de Investigadores de Economía (Banco de la República).
- Languages Spanish (native), English (proficient)
- Software Stata, R, L^AT_EX, GIS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Birth date February 18, 1983
- Citizenship Honduras
- Supporter Arsenal Football Club (UK) and Gimnasia y Esgrima de la Plata (Argentina)
- Current rig Gibson Les Paul or Fender Telecaster into a Katana 100-MkII with pedals