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Interests

Development Economics, Economic History, Public Economics, Behavioral Economics

Education

2023-	Stanford University Ph.D. Economics
2019-2020	Universidad de los Andes M.A. Economics
2014-2018	Pontificia Universidad Javeriana B.A. Economics (<i>Highest Honors</i>)

Research

Published and Accepted Work

- “[Law-Abiding Immigrants: The Incarceration Gap Between Immigrants and the US-born, 1870–2020](#)” (with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, Elisa Jácome, and Santiago Pérez). **American Economic Review: Insights**, Vol. 6, No. 4., December 2024.
- “[Urban Wage Gaps in Colombia and the Impact of a National Payroll Tax Policy](#)” (with Paula Herrera-Idárraga and Pablo Adrián Garlati). 2021. **Regional Studies**, 1-15.

Working Papers

- “[Bourbon Reforms and State Capacity in the Spanish Empire](#)” (with Giorgio Chiovelli, Leopoldo Fergusson, Luis Martínez, and Felipe Valencia). (March 2025)
- “[Shaping Inequality? Property Rights, Landed Elites and Public Lands in Colombia](#)”. (October 2022). Documento Cede 2022-40. Universidad de los Andes.

Book Chapters

- “[Cambio Estructural y Dinámica Macroeconómica: Los Retos Colombianos](#)”. (with José Antonio Ocampo). (2022). In Jose Antonio Ocampo & Maria Fernanda Valdez (Eds.), *Políticas de desarrollo productivo: una agenda para el futuro* (pp. 31-62). Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)
- “[El Papel de la Banca de Desarrollo en la Promoción de la Innovación](#)”. (with José Antonio Ocampo). (2022). In Jose Antonio Ocampo & Maria Fernanda Valdez (Eds.), *Políticas de desarrollo productivo: una agenda para el futuro* (pp. 223-266). Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES)

Policy Papers

- “[La Banca Nacional de Desarrollo en Colombia](#)” (with Jose Antonio Ocampo and Paola Arias). 2018. **Ensayos sobre Política Económica**, 88, 1-36.
- “[Manejo y Resultados de la Bonanza Petrolera](#)” (with Jose Antonio Ocampo) 2018. *Economía Colombiana*. Edición 353, Agosto-Septiembre de 2018, pp. 80-108.

Old Working Papers

- “[Putting the Eggs in Multiple Baskets: Export Promotion in Colombia During the 1960s](#)”. 2018.

Honors and Awards

2020	Master’s Thesis Honors, Universidad de los Andes
2019	Xaverian Order of Merit Medal, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
2019	Highest Department GPA Award, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
2015-2018	Highest Cohort GPA Awards, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
2018	National Economics Contest (CANE), 3 rd Place

Research Grants (as Co-PI)

- 2023 Research and Innovation Fund, The Pearson Institute, University of Chicago (\$20,000)
- 2022 Summer Development Economics Research Fund, BFI, University of Chicago (\$35,000)
- 2020 Small Grants in Innovative Data CIDER, University of British Columbia CIDER (\$13,500)

Conferences and Seminars

- 2025 Bay Area Economic History Workshop (scheduled)
- 2022 Economic History Workshop, Ridge December Forum, Bogota, Colombia
Workshop on Economic Governance and Legitimacy, Tilburg University, Netherlands
Canadian Network for Economic History Conference, University of New Brunswick (Virtual)
- 2019 Economic History Workshop, Ridge December Forum, Montevideo, Uruguay
- 2018 1st Annual Colombian Economics Conference, Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia
Seminario 537, Banco de la República, Bogota, Colombia

Research Experience

- 2024- **Stanford University**
Research Assistant to [Melanie Morten](#)
- 2021-2023 **Stanford University**
Predoctoral Research Fellow to [Ran Abramitzky](#) at [SIEPR](#)
- 2020-2021 **Universidad de los Andes/University of Chicago**
Predoctoral Research Assistant to [Luis R. Martinez](#) (Chicago Harris) and [Nelson Ruiz](#) (Oxford)
- 2019-2021 **Universidad de los Andes**
Research Assistant to [Leopoldo Fergusson](#) (Andes), [Felipe Valencia](#) (UBC-VSE),
[Giorgio Chiovelli](#) (Montevideo) and [Luis R. Martinez](#) (Chicago Harris)
- 2019 **Fedesarrollo**
Research Assistant to [Mauricio Cardenas](#) (Columbia SIPA)
- 2018 **Central Bank of Colombia - Board of Directors**
Research Assistant to [Jose Antonio Ocampo](#) (Columbia SIPA)
- 2017 **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana**
Research Assistant to [Paula Herrera-Idarraga](#)

Teaching

- 2019-2021 **Universidad de los Andes**
Teacher Assistant: Introduction to Colombian Economics, Colombian Economic History
- 2016-2018 **Pontificia Universidad Javeriana**
Teacher Assistant: Time Series Analysis, Intermediate and Advanced Microeconomics,
International Economics, Public Economics

Languages and Skills

Spanish (native), English (advanced)
R, Stata, EViews, $\text{\LaTeX}$, Python, ArcGIS, Git.

Other Relevant Coursework

Real Analysis, Universidad de los Andes
Latinx Literature, Stanford University