

# Juan David Torres

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## Interests

Development Economics, Economic History, Labor Economics, Behavioral Economics

## Education

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

## Research

### *Publications*

- [“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 Martinez, and Felipe Valencia).
- [“Shaping Inequality? Property Rights, Landed Elites and Public Lands in Colombia”](#). (October 2022). Documento Cede 2022-40. Universidad de los Andes.

## Honors and Awards

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| 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 <sup>rd</sup> Place        |

## Research Grants

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| 2025 | King Center on Global Development, Stanford University (\$4,100)                                 |
| 2023 | Research and Innovation Fund, The Pearson Institute, University of Chicago (\$20,000) (as Co-PI) |
| 2022 | Summer Development Economics Research Fund, BFI, University of Chicago (\$35,000) (as Co-PI)     |
| 2020 | Small Grants in Innovative Data, CIDER, University of British Columbia (\$13,500) (as Co-PI)     |

## Conferences and Seminars

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| 2025 | Bay Area Economic History Workshop                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2022 | Economic History Workshop, Ridge December Forum, Bogota, Colombia<br>Workshop on Economic Governance and Legitimacy, Tilburg University, Netherlands<br>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<br>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

## Other Research

### *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.

## 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