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### **CURRENT POSITION**

Senior Economist, *The World Bank*, Social Protection and Labor Global Practice. Manila, Philippines (Since September, 2015).

### **EDUCATION**

2001 - 2006                      PhD in Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.  
2000 - 2001                      M.A. in Economics, National University of La Plata, Argentina.  
1995 - 1999                      B.A. in Economics, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

### **LABOR EXPERIENCE**

2012 – 2015                      *The World Bank*, Washington, DC, USA. Social Protection and Labor Global Practice. Senior Economist  
2010 – 2012                      *The World Bank*, Washington, DC, USA. Human Development – Social Protection Department, Latin American and Caribbean Region. Economist.  
2009 - 2010                      *The World Bank*, Washington, DC, USA. Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Department – Africa Region. Country Economist (Young Professional).  
2008 - 2009                      *The World Bank*, Washington, DC, USA. Human Development – Social Protection Department, Latin American and Caribbean Region. Economist (Young Professional).  
2008                                  *Ministerio de Economía y Producción de la Republica Argentina*, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Secretary of Economic Policy. National Director of Projects with International Organizations.  
2006 - 2008                      *Corporacion Andina de Fomento (C.A.F.)*, Caracas, Venezuela. Research Department. Research Economist.  
2006                                  *The World Bank*, Washington, DC. Finance and Private Sector Development, Latin America and Caribbean Region. Consultant.  
2005                                  *The World Bank*, Washington, DC. Development Research Group. Consultant.  
2004                                  *Inter-American Development Bank*, Washington, DC. Office of Oversight and Evaluation. Summer Intern.  
1998 – 2001                      *Fundacion de Investigaciones Economicas Latinoamericanas (F.I.E.L.)*, Argentina. Research Assistant (1998-1999), Junior Economist (2000-2001).

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

“Remittances and the Dutch Disease.” (With Emmanuel Lartey and Federico Mandelman). *Journal of International Economics*, 2009, 79 (1), 102-116.

“School Attendance, Child Labour, and Remittances from International Migration in El Salvador.” *Journal of Development Studies*, 2011, 47 (6), 913-936.

“Promotion Dynamics and the Peter Principle: Incumbents vs. External Hires.” *Labour Economics*, 2010, 17 (6), 975-986.

“What is the Impact of International Remittances on Poverty and Inequality in Latin America?” (With Cesar Calderon, Pablo Fanjzylber and Humberto Lopez). *World Development*, 2008, 36 (1), 89-114.

“Capital Accumulation, Trade Liberalization and Rising Wage Inequality: The Case of Argentina” (With Leonardo Gasparini). *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2007, 55 (4), 793-812.

“Informal Jobs and Trade Liberalisation in Argentina.” (With Gabriel Montes-Rojas). *Journal of Development Studies*, 2014, 50 (8), 1104-1118.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

“Remittances, Exchange Rate Regimes and the Dutch Disease: A Panel Data Analysis.” (With Emmanuel Lartey and Federico Mandelman). *Review of International Economics*, 2012, 20 (2), 377-395.

“Female Migration and Child Occupation in Rural El Salvador.” *Population Research and Policy Review*, 2011, 30 (4), 569-589.

“Business and Human Development in the Base of the Pyramid: Exploring Challenges and Opportunities with Market Heat Maps.” (With Ilana Melzer, Ronald Mendoza, Namsuk Kim, and Nina Thelen). *Journal of World Business*, 2011, 46 (1), 50-60.

“The "Flypaper Effect" in Presence of Spatial Interdependence: Evidence from Argentinean Municipalities.” *Annals of Regional Science*, 2010, 44 (3), 453-466.

“Financial Development, Remittances, and Real Exchange Rate Appreciation.” (With Nicole Baerg and Federico Mandelman). *Economic Review*, 2009, 94 (1), 1-12.

“A Simple IM Test for Exponential Distributions.” (With Gabriel Montes-Rojas). *Applied Economics Letters*, 2009, 16 (2), 109-112.

“Trade Reform and Inequality: The Case of Mexico and Argentina in the 1990s.” (With Gabriel Montes-Rojas). *World Economy*, 2008, 31 (6), 763-780.

“Monte Carlo Properties of Spatial Dependence LM Tests” (With Enlinson de Mattos and Ana Fava). *Applied Economics Letters*, 2006, 13 (14), 905-910.

“Remittances and Development in Latin America”. (With Cesar Calderon, Pablo Fanjzylber and Humberto Lopez). *World Economy*, 2006, 29 (7), 957-987.

“Short and Long Run Determinants of Private Investment in Argentina” (With Andres Loza). *Journal of Applied Economics*, 2005, 8 (2), 389-406.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

“Should Cash Transfers be Confined to the Poor? Implications for Poverty and Inequality in Latin America” (With Phillipe Leite and Jamele Rigolini). In *Social Insurance, Informality, and the Labor Market: How to Protect Workers while Creating Good Jobs*. M. Frolich, D. Kaplan, C. Pages, J. Rigolini, and D. Robalino eds. Oxford University Press, 2014.

“The Impact of the Financial Crisis on Remittance Flow: The Case of El Salvador.” (With Javier Baez, Edmundo Murrugarra, and Rodolfo Beazley). In *Migration and Remittances During the Global Financial Crisis and Beyond*. I. Sirkeci, J. Cohen, and D. Ratha, eds. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2012.

“How Important are Remittances in Latin America?”; “Do Remittances Lower Poverty Levels in Latin America?”; and “Remittances and Household Behavior: Evidence from Latin America.” (With Pablo Fajnzylber and Humberto Lopez). In *Remittances and Development: Lessons from Latin America*. P. Fajnzylber and H. Lopez, eds. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2008.

“The Impact of Remittances on Poverty and Human Capital: Evidence from Latin American Household Surveys” (With Pablo Fajnzylber and Humberto Lopez); and “Entrepreneurship, Labor Markets, and International Remittances: Evidence from El Salvador”. In *International Migration, Economic Development and Policy*. C. Ozden and M. Schiff, eds. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2007.

“Estrategias para la Generacion de Oportunidades en America Latina”; “Integralidad y Eficiencia para una Mejor Politica Social”; “Empleos para una Mejor Calidad de Vida”; and “El Reto de la Cobertura del Sistema de Pensiones”. In *Oportunidades en America Latina: Hacia una Mejor Politica Social*. Reporte de Economia y Desarrollo 2007-2008. Caracas: Corporación Andina de Fomento, 2007.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

“Educational Upgrading and Returns to Skills in Latin America: Evidence from a Supply-Demand Framework, 1990-2010.” (With Guillermo Cruces, Sebastian Galiani and Leonardo Gasparini). World Bank Policy Research Paper No. 5921.

“Beyond Qualifications: Labor Market Returns to Cognitive and Socio-Emotional Skills in Colombia.” (With Noel Muller and Miguel Sarzosa). World Bank Policy Research Paper No. 7430.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND GRANTS**

2005                      *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics*. Brems Graduate Research Award for the outstanding graduate research paper in economics.

2005                      *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics*. McNatt Memorial Award as the outstanding graduate student in the field of labor economics.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2004 – 2005              *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Master of Sciences in Policy Economics*. Assistant Instructor, Macroeconomics.

2003 – 2004      *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics*  
(Undergraduate Level). Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Economists II.  
1999              *University of Buenos Aires, Argentina* (Undergraduate Level). Industrial  
Organization.  
1998              *University of Buenos Aires, Argentina* (Undergraduate Level). Statistics.

### **AFFILIATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

Research Fellow, *Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)*.

Member of the *Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA)*.

Associate Editor for *EconomiA*, journal of the National Association of Graduate Centers in Economics (ANPEC) in Brazil.

Referee for the following economic journals: *Economic Journal, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Development Economics, World Bank Economic Review, World Development, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, Journal of Population Economics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Development Studies, Applied Economics Letters, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Review of Development Economics, Annals of Regional Science, Journal of International Trade and Economic Development, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of African Economies, Review of Economics of the Household, Southern Economic Journal, Education Economics, Public Budgeting and Finance, Journal of Applied Economics, Estudios Economicos, Growth and Change, and Economía Mexicana.*

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