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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.

CURRENT JOB POSITION:

Program Leader Human Development - Brazil Brasilia, Brazil (2019 - Present)

PREVIOUS WORLD BANK EXPERIENCE

2015 - 2019	Senior Economist - Social Protection and Labor Global Practice. East Asia and the
	Pacific Region. Washington, DC.
2012 - 2015	Senior Economist - Social Protection and Labor Global Practice. Latin American
	and Caribbean Region. Washington, DC.
2010 - 2012	Economist - Social Protection Sector. Human Development Department. Latin
	American and Caribbean Region. Washington, DC.
2009 - 2010	Young Professional - Poverty Reduction and Economic Management
	Department. Africa Region. Washington, DC.
2008 - 2009	Young Professional – Social Protection Sector. Human Development Department.
	Latin American and Caribbean Region. Washington, DC.

PRE-WORLD BANK WORKING EXPERIENCE

2008	Ministry of Economy and Finance, Argentina. National Director of Projects with
	International Organizations.
2006 - 2008	Andean Development Bank (CAF), Caracas, Venezuela. Research Department.
	Research Economist.
2006	World Bank, Washington, DC. Finance and Private Sector Development, Latin
	America and Caribbean Region. Consultant.
2005	World Bank, Washington, DC. Development Research Group. Consultant.
2004	Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC. Office of Oversight and
	Evaluation Summer Intern

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

"The Scars of Civil War: The Long-Term Welfare Effects of the Salvadoran Armed Conflict." (With Javier Baez, Carlos Carcach and German Caruso). Forthcoming, *Economia, Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association.*

"Intra-Household Labour Allocation, Migration, and Remittances in Rural El Salvador." *Journal of Development Studies*, 2020, 56 (5), 1030-1047.

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

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"Who Benefits from Dual Training Systems? Evidence from the Philippines." (With Takiko Igarashi). Forthcoming, *Philippine Review of Economics*.

"Public Works Programs and Crime: Evidence for El Salvador." (With Emma Monsalve Montiel). *Review of Development Economics*, 2021, 1-16.

"Identifying the Vulnerable to Poverty from Natural Disasters: The Case of Typhoons in the Philippines" (With Emmanuel Skoufias, Yasuhiro Kawasoe, and Eric Strobl). *Economics of Disasters and Climate Change*, 2020, 4, 45–82.

"Adults' Cognitive and Socioemotional Skills and Their Labor Market Outcomes in Colombia" (With Noel Muller and Miguel Sarzosa). *Revista de Economia del Rosario*, 2020, 23 (1), 109-148.

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

"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.

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

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

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"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.

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"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.

WORKING PAPERS

"Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in Brazil." (With Mrittika Shamsuddin, Rovane Battaglin Schwengber, Jedediah Fix, and Nikolas Pirani). World Bank Policy Research Paper No. 9797.

"Integration of Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in Brazil." (With Mrittika Shamsuddin, Rovane Battaglin Schwengber, Jedediah Fix, and Nikolas Pirani). World Bank Policy Research Paper No. 9605.

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
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1999	University of Buenos Aires, Argentina (Undergraduate Level). Industrial
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AFFILIATIONS AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

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

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

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