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Education

- Ph.D. in Economics, Maxwell School of Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, 2008
Dissertation: "Three Essays on Children's Well-being in Developing Countries"
Committee: Dan Black (chair, University of Chicago), Jeffrey Kubik (Syracuse University), Alberto Abadie (Harvard University), Gary Engelhardt (Syracuse University).
- M.A. Public Administration and International Development, 2004, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
- M.A. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia, 1997
- B.A. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia, 1996.

Fields of Interest

Development, Impact Evaluation, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Public Economics

Professional Experience

- 2012 – Present Senior Economist, Poverty Global Practice, World Bank, Washington, U.S
- 2009 – 2011 Economist, Independent Evaluation Group, The World Bank, Washington DC, U.S.
- 2008 - 2009 Consultant (ETC), Social Protection Sector, Human Development Department, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, The World Bank, Washington DC, USA
- 2007 - 2008 Short-term Consultant, Social Protection Sector, Human Development Department, Latin America and the Caribbean Region, The World Bank, Washington DC, USA
- 2005 - 2008 Research Associate, Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA
- 2006 - Summer Consultant, Public Policy Evaluation, National Department of Planning, Colombia
- 2004 - 2006 Research Assistant for Professor Dan Black, Department of Economics, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY, USA
- 2003 - 2004 Research Assistant for Professor Asim Khwaja, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
- 2003 - Summer Intern, Research Department, Central Bank of Republic of Turkey, Ankara, Turkey
- 1998 - 2001 Director, Research Department, Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Cartagena, Colombia
- 1996 - 1998 Research Assistant, Economica Consultores (Consulting Firm), Bogota, Colombia

Affiliations

Since 04/2010 Research Fellow, The Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany

Publications

“Gone with the Storm: Rainfall Shocks and Household Well-Being in Guatemala”, (with L. Lucchetti, M. Genoni and M. Salazar) *Journal of Development Studies*, forthcoming.

“Rural Households in a Changing Climate”, (with A. Mason and D. Kronick), *World Bank Research Observer*, Vol. 28 (2), August, 2013.

“Civil Wars Beyond their Borders: The Human Capital and Health Consequences of Hosting Refugees”, *Journal of Development Economics*, Vol. 96 (2), November, 2011, 391-408.

“Income Volatility, Risk-Coping Behavior and Consumption Smoothing Mechanisms in Developing Countries: A Survey”, *Desarrollo y Sociedad*, 58, March 2007, Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia.

“Understanding the Youth in Colombia: From the Socioeconomic Determinants of College Enrollment to the Design of Student Loans”, in *Economia y Region*, Vol. 1, No.2, Nov., 2004, Cartagena, Colombia.

Industrial Development and Managerial Culture in Cartagena: Andian National Corporation and the Mamonal Refinery, 1920-2000, (with M. T. Ripoll), Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Cartagena, December, 2001.

“Employment Inequalities in the Nineties: Who Are More Vulnerable and Why?”, in *Coyuntura Social*, Fedesarrollo, No. 25, Bogota, November, 2001.

Labor Markets, Participation and Unemployment in the Colombian Caribbean: The Case of Barranquilla and Cartagena, (with M. E. Pinto), UJTL and Observatorio del Caribe Colombiano, Cartagena, December, 1999.

“Primary and Secondary School Education in the Colombian Caribbean”, (with G. Duncan), in *El Rezago de la Costa Caribe Colombiana*, A. Meisel and H. Calvo (eds.), Central Bank of Colombia, July, 1999.

Working Papers and Work Under Review

“The Scars of Civil War: The Long-term Welfare Effects of the Salvadoran Armed Conflict” (with P. Acosta, G. Caruso, C. Carcach and E. Monsalve), June, 2016

“Droughts Augment Youth Migration in Central America and the Caribbean” (with V. Mueller, G. Caruso, C. Niu)

“Conditional Cash Transfers, Political Participation and Voting Behavior” (with A. Camacho, E. Conover, R. Zarate), World Bank Working Paper Series 6215, October, 2012

“Assessing the Long-term Effects of Conditional Cash Transfers on Human Capital: Evidence from Colombia” (with A. Camacho), World Bank Working Paper Series 5681, June, 2011.

“On Shaky Ground: The Effects of Earthquakes on Household Income and Poverty” (with I. Santos)

“Does Cash for School Influence Young Women’s Behavior in the Longer Term? Evidence from Pakistan” (with X. del Carpio and A. Alam), World Bank Working Paper Series 5669, May, 2011.

“Children’s Vulnerability to Weather Shocks: A Natural Disaster as a Natural Experiment” (with I. Santos), manuscript, June 2007.

“Does More Mean Better? Sibling Sex Composition and the Link between Family Size and Children’s Quality”, IZA Discussion Paper No. 3472, April, 2008.

“Is What You Earn What You Get? Exploring Elder’s Altruistic Behavior in Mexico”, (with K. Breceda, I. Santos and R. Abreu-Lastra), manuscript, Harvard University, May, 2004.

Research in Progress

“Does the Availability of Weather Index Insurance Increase Access and Utilization of Credit Markets? Evidence from Mexico” (with A. Fuchs and E. Skoufias)

Chapters in Books

“The Impact of the Financial Crisis on Remittance Flows: The Case of El Salvador” (With P. Acosta, R. Beazley and E. Murrugarra) in *Migration and Remittances during the Global Financial Crisis and Beyond*, The World Bank, Washington D.C., 2012.

“The State of Social Protection in Latin America and the Caribbean: Recent Progress and Pending Challenges” (with A. Mason, and H. Ribe) in *Achieving Effective Social Protection for All in Latin America and the Caribbean: From Right to Reality*, World Bank Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2010.

“Adaptation in a World Dealing with Climate Change” (with A. Mason, S. Edmeades and J. Nash) in *Low Carbon, High Growth. Latin American Responses to Climate Change*, Volume 2, World Bank Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2009 .

Teaching

2007 – Fall	Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomics, Department of Economics, Syracuse University, NY.
2007 – Spring	Instructor, Intermediate Microeconomics, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, USA.
2007 – Spring	Teaching Assistant, Impact Evaluation (Professor Dan Black), Syracuse University, NY.
2006 - Summer	Microeconomics, Department of Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia
2005 - Summer	Game and Contract Theory, Department of Economics, Universidad Tecnologica, Cartagena, Colombia
2004 - Summer	Impact Evaluation and Social Policy Analysis, Department of Economics, Universidad Tecnologica, Cartagena, Colombia.
2003-2004	Teaching Assistant of Empirical Methods (Professor Alberto Abadie) and Advanced Microeconomics (Professor Nolan Miller), Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA
2002	Visiting Lecturer, School of Economics, Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, Col.

Honors and Fellowships

2008	2008 Doctoral Prize in Economics (awarded to the best doctoral student in Economics), Maxwell School of Public Affairs, Syracuse University
2007 - 2008	Hewlett Foundation/Population Reference Bureau Dissertation Fellowship in Population and Economic Development
2008	Roscoe Martin Research Fellowship, Maxwell School of Public Affairs, Syracuse University
2007	Goekjian Summer Dissertation Grant, Maxwell School, Syracuse University
2004 - 2008	Graduate School Scholarship, Maxwell School of Public Affairs, Syracuse University

2002 – 2004 Harvard University and Joint Japan/World Bank Scholarship

1996 Dean's List of Best Students, School of Economics, Universidad de los Andes

Other Professional Activities

Referee for: *Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Development Economics, The Economic Journal, Journal of Human Resources, Economic Development and Cultural Change, World Development, Research in Labor Economics, Desarrollo y Sociedad, Well Being and Social Development, Environment and Development Economics.*

Member: Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association.

Conferences and Seminars

Understanding Risk – Italy (2016), CERDI-Clermont Ferrand (2015), LACEA – Brazil (2014), LACEA – Mexico (2013), Baylor University (2012), Syracuse University (2012), LACEA (2011), IADB (2011), Impact Evaluation Network - Buenos Aires (2011), GRADE Seminar - Lima (2011), World Bank Seminar - Washington DC (2011), Nonie Conference - Paris (2011), World Bank Seminar - Dhaka (2011), World Bank Seminar - Jakarta (2011), World Bank Seminar - Hanoi (2011), World Bank Human Development Week (2011), World Bank Seminar - Washington (2010), Nonie Conference - Bonn (2010), Universidad de los Andes – Bogota (2010), Conference on Population Impacts on Economic Development - Dublin (2009), LACEA Conference - Buenos Aires (2009), UNDP Seminar - Mexico City (2008), IFPRI Seminar - Washington (2008), Georgetown University (2008), Institute for the Study of Labor – IZA (2008), Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2008), ITAM (2008), University of Oxford (2008), Conference on Population Impacts on Economic Development - Tanzania (2007), Universidad de los Andes - Bogota (2007), LACEA Conference - Bogota (2007), Syracuse University (2007), IZA Workshop on Child Labor in Developing Countries - Bonn (2007), World Bank Seminar – Washington (2007), Harvard University (2007), LACEA Conference - Mexico City (2006), Universidad de los Andes – Bogota (2006), National Department of Planning in Bogota (2006), Syracuse University (2006), Cornell University (2006)

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Annual fundraiser for the orphanage “Dar Esperanza” (Cali, Colombia)