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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Political Science, Emory University	2024-present
Assistant Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago	2016-2024

EDUCATION

London School of Economics	PhD in Economics	2012-2016
London School of Economics	MRes in Economics, <i>Distinction</i>	2010-2012
Universidad de los Andes (Colombia)	MA in Economics, <i>Cum Laude</i>	2007-2009
Universidad de los Andes (Colombia)	BA in Philosophy, <i>Cum Laude</i>	2003-2007
Universidad de los Andes (Colombia)	BA in Economics, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	2002-2007

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political economy, development economics, public finance, economic history

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022	Juan Luis Londoño Medal (Biennial prize awarded to a Colombian economist under 40)
2022	Innovative Policy Research Award (honorable mention), ADB and IEA
2018	Outstanding Faculty of the Year Award, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
2014	Outstanding Teaching Award, London School of Economics (Runner-up: 2012, 2013, 2016)
2013	Teaching Fellowship, London School of Economics (also 2014, 2015)
2013	PhD Scholarship, Banco de la República de Colombia
2012	Outstanding Performance in MRes examinations Award, London School of Economics
2010	Distinguished Development Student Award, London School of Economics (STICERD/IGC)
2010	PhD Scholarship, London School of Economics
2009	Herbert Simon Prize for best conference paper by a young researcher, EAEPE
2008	Best Economics Student (Finalist), Portafolio Awards (Colombia)
2007	Scholarship for MA in Economics, Universidad de los Andes (Colombia)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. "Fiscal Rules, Austerity in Public Administration, and Political Accountability: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Colombia"
with Maria Carreri
Forthcoming at *Journal of the European Economic Association*
2. "Natural Resource Rents, Local Taxes, and Government Performance: Evidence from Colombia"
Review of Economics and Statistics, 2025, Vol. 107 (5), pp 1460-1469
3. "Dictatorship, Higher Education and Social Mobility"
with Maria A. Bautista, Felipe González, Pablo Muñoz and Mounu Prem
Journal of Historical Political Economy, 2025, Vol. 4 (4), pp 509-545

4. "Higher Education and Mortality: Legacies of an Authoritarian College Contraction"
with Felipe González, Pablo Muñoz and Mounu Prem
Journal of the European Economic Association, 2024, Vol. 22 (4), pp 1762-1797
5. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Higher Education: Evidence from the 1973 Coup in Chile"
with Maria A. Bautista, Felipe González, Pablo Muñoz and Mounu Prem
Explorations in Economic History, 2023, Vol. 90: 101540
6. "The Geography of Repression and Opposition to Autocracy"
with Maria A. Bautista, Felipe González, Pablo Muñoz and Mounu Prem
American Journal of Political Science, 2023, Vol. 67 (1), pp 101-118
7. "A Glimpse of Freedom: Allied Occupation and Political Resistance in East Germany"
with Jonas Jessen and Guo Xu
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 2023, Vol. 15 (1), pp 68-106
8. "How Much Should We Trust the Dictator's GDP Growth Estimates?"
Journal of Political Economy, 2022, Vol. 130 (10), pp 2731-2769
9. "How Effective Are Monetary Incentives to Vote? Evidence from a Nationwide Policy"
with Mariella Gonzales and Gianmarco León
American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 2022, Vol. 14 (1), pp 293-326.
10. "Transnational Insurgents: Evidence from Colombia's FARC at the border with Chávez's Venezuela"
Journal of Development Economics, 2017, Vol. 126, pp 138-153.
11. "Is it my money or not? An experiment on risk aversion and the house-money effect"
with Juan Camilo Cárdenas, Nicolás de Roux and Christian Jaramillo.
Experimental Economics, 2014, Vol. 17 (1), pp 47-60.

WORKING PAPERS

12. "Bourbon Reforms and State Capacity in the Spanish Empire"
with Giorgio Chiovelli, Leopoldo Fergusson, Juan David Torres and Felipe Valencia-Caicedo
13. "Losing Venezuela: Trade Collapse and the Performance of Colombian Exporting Firms"
with Nicolás de Roux, Camilo Tovar and Jorge Tovar

BOOK CHAPTERS

- "The Contraction of Higher Education in the Early Years of the Pinochet Regime"
in *The Pinochet Shock: Radical Change and Life under Dictatorship*, edited by Felipe González and Mounu Prem, pp 31-55, Palgrave Macmillan.

POLICY ARTICLES

- "How to Spot an Autocrat's Economic Lies"
Foreign Affairs, May 2023

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Gender Differences in Political Behavior: Evidence from Administrative Data"
with Esther Arenas, Brian Knight and Ana María Tribín

- “The Long-run Impact of the MP Expenses Scandal in the UK”
with Philipp Denter, Nicolas Motz and Carlos Sanz
- “The Anatomy of Colombian Bureaucratic Hierarchies”
with Erik Snowberg and Michael Ting
- “Displacing the Political Fiscal Cycle. Blessing or Curse?”
with Nelson Ruiz

ACADEMIC SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025: Columbia University, Harvard University.

2024: University of Minnesota, Emory, Georgetown, St Olaf college, IÉSEG, Organizational and Political Economics Conference (Utah), CLEAN Bocconi online seminar, Washington Political economy conference (W-PECO, discussant), NBER summer institute (political economy meeting), NCID research workshop (University of Navarra), LACEA/LAMES annual conference.

2023: AEA meetings, Development Finance Research Workshop (Princeton JRCPPF), World Bank, Pan-Asian Political Economy seminar, Historical Political Economy Horizons Conference, Institutions, Organizations and Growth spring meeting, NBER political economy spring meeting (co-author), BSE summer forum (Public economics), Uppsala workshop in economic history, IEB Political economy workshop, NBER summer institute (political economy meeting, discussant), Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (discussant), London School of Economics, Warwick, Essex, Loughborough, Brown, Universidad de Chile.

2022: Zurich conference on Public Finance in Developing countries, 8th Banco de España Economic History Seminar, Penn State School of Public Policy, Wallis Institute Political Economy seminar, Yale Leitner seminar, CEPR STEG workshop on Political Economy, Universidad del Rosario, Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar, LEAP Development Conference (Bocconi), SIOE conference, University of Virginia CLEAR Lab conference, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Sciences Po / Paris School of Economics, Banco de la República de Colombia, PACDEV conference, MPSA conference, Online Public Finance Seminar, IDB Political Economy Seminar.

2021: AEA meetings, University of Bergen, Stanford GSB political economy seminar, World Bank ABCDE conference, International Economic Association (IEA) World Congress, Western Economic Association International (WEAI) annual conference, Empirical studies of Conflict (ESOC) conference, NBER summer institute (National Security meeting), TTU Free Market Institute, Georgetown Gui2de / World Bank development webinar, LACEA/LAMES annual conference, LACEA-RIDGE health economics workshop, CEPR STEG workshop on Agriculture and Trade, VSE economic history seminar; University of Chicago comparative politics workshop; Institutions, Organizations and Growth fall meeting, CREI-IPEG Political Economy Workshop.

2020: AEA meetings, Political Economy in the Chicago Area (PECA) conference, Universidad de Los Andes, UC-Berkeley Haas Williamson seminar, LACEA-RIDGE public economics workshop, Latin American Network in Economic History and Political Economy virtual workshop, HiCN annual conference, NEUDC conference, Virtual Economic History seminar (Warwick).

2019: Political economy in the Chicago area (PECA) conference, Development economics in Chicago workshop, MPSA conference, Non-democratic politics mini-conference (WPSA), PUC Chile, Banco Central de Chile, Empirical studies of Conflict (ESOC) conference, Washington Political economy conference (W-PECO), LACEA-RIDGE political economy workshop, IEB Political economy workshop, UCSD, NYU.

2018: UChicago comparative politics workshop, Harris political economy lunch, UChicago Development lunch, PIEP workshop (Indiana University, Bloomington), Political economy in the Chicago area (PECA) conference, MPSA conference, Long-Run development in Latin America conference (LSE), Barcelona GSE

Summer Forum, World Bank ABCDE conference, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of British Columbia.

2017: University of Colorado-Denver, IEB Political economy & fiscal federalism workshop.

2016: HEC Lausanne, PUC Chile, Universidad de Los Andes, Universidad Javeriana, Universidad Del Rosario, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (IPEG), UChicago-Harris.

2015: PACDEV conference, LACEA-RIDGE political economy workshop, ZEW public finance workshop, RES Junior Symposium, IIPF conference, EEA conference, Oxford development economics workshop, Frontiers in urban economics conference (Columbia), NEUDC conference, European winter meeting of the Econometric Society.

2013: Universidad de Los Andes, HiCN annual conference, PhD conference on international development (University of East Anglia).

2012: EUDN PhD workshop (Toulouse).

2009: EAEPE conference.

RESEARCH GRANTS

2023	Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF) (\$15,000)
2023	Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago (\$20,000)
2023	Pearson Institute Research Fund, University of Chicago (\$20,000)
2022	Development Economics Center, University of Chicago (\$12,000)
2022	Development Economics Center, University of Chicago (\$35,000)
2022	Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago (\$7,000)
2022	Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago (\$7,000)
2021	Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago (\$15,000)
2021	Pearson Institute Research Fund, University of Chicago (\$20,000)
2020	Pearson Institute Research Fund, University of Chicago (\$20,000)
2020	Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago (\$4,000)
2020	Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago (\$5,000)
2019	Becker Friedman Institute, University of Chicago (\$15,000)
2019	Pearson Institute Research Fund, University of Chicago (\$19,600)
2018	Pearson Institute Research Fund, University of Chicago (\$10,000)
2017	CISSR Faculty Fellowship, University of Chicago (\$25,000)
2017	Pearson Institute Research Fund, University of Chicago (\$12,500)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Introduction to Political Science (UG, Emory) [2025]
- State Capacity (PhD, Emory) [2025]
- Analytical Politics II: Political Institutions and Public Policy (MPP, UChicago) [2017-2024]
- Political Economy of Natural Resources (MPP/Undergraduate, UChicago) [2018,2020]
- Democracia y Desarrollo: Potencial y Desafíos (Bogotá Summer School) [summer 2023]
- Economía Política del Desarrollo (Universidad del Rosario) [summer 2019]
- Economía del Conflicto (Universidad del Rosario) [summer 2017]

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee for: *American Economic Review*; *Econometrica*; *Journal of Political Economy*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *Review of Economic Studies*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Journal of Politics*; *Journal of the European Economic Association*; *Journal of Economic Literature*;

Review of Economics and Statistics; Economic Journal; American Economic Review Insights; American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics; National Science Foundation; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Urban Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Money, Credit and Banking; Journal of Comparative Economics; Quarterly Journal of Political Science; World Bank Economic Review; British Journal of Political Science; Oxford Economic Papers; World Politics; Economica; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Economics Letters; Economics and Politics; Applied Economics; Economía; Review of International Political Economy; International Journal of Public Administration; Global Change, Peace & Security, Social Forces.

Emory University:

Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science	2024-2026
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University of Chicago:

Junior development economics hiring committee, Harris School of Public Policy	2021-2022
PhD committee, Harris School of Public Policy	2018-2020
Co-organizer of political economy seminar, Harris School of Public Policy	2018-2021
Curriculum advisory committee for undergraduate program in public policy	2018-2020
Faculty advisory board, Center for International Social Science Research	2016-2017

External:

Scientific committee for LACEA/LAMES Annual Meeting	2021, 2023
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