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Curriculum Vitae

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, UCLA, 2004
M.A., Economics, UCLA, 2001
M.A., Economics, Georgetown University (coursework at ILADES, Chile), 1997
B.A., Economics, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina, 1994

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal Economist, Office of Strategic Planning and Development Effectiveness, Inter-American Development Bank, 2017 – present
Lead Economist, Office of Strategic Planning and Development Effectiveness, Inter-American Development Bank, 2015 – 2017
Research Fellow, IZA - Institute for the Study of Labor (Bonn), 2009 – present
Senior Financial Economist, Center for Financial Research, FDIC, 2014 – 2015
Financial Economist, Center for Financial Research, FDIC, 2012 – 2014
Assistant Professor, Economics Department, University of Miami, 2004 – 2012
Research Affiliate, IZA - Institute for the Study of Labor (Bonn), 2004 – 2009
Research Assistant, UCLA, 1999 - 2004
Associate Researcher, Graduate Program in Economics, ILADES-Georgetown University, Chile, 1997 - 1998
Instructor, Graduate Program in Economics, ILADES - Georgetown University, Chile, 1998
Instructor, Universidad Técnica Federico Santa Maria, Chile, 1998
Instructor, Business School, Universidad Alonso de Ovalle, Chile, 1996-1998
Teaching Assistant, Graduate Program in Economics, ILADES- Georgetown University, Chile, 1996 -1997
Researcher, Institute of Economic Studies on the Argentine and Latin American Situation (IERAL), Fundación Mediterránea, Argentina, 1994 - 1995
Research Assistant, Institute of Economic Studies on the Argentine and Latin American Situation (IERAL), Fundación Mediterránea, Argentina, 1991 - 1994
Research Assistant, Institute of Statistics and Demography, School of Economic Sciences, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina, 1992 - 1995

PUBLICATIONS

- “Unobservable, but unimportant? The relevance of usually unobserved variables for the evaluation of labor market policies” (with Marco Caliendo and Robert Mahlstedt), *Labour Economics*, Vol. 46, 14-25, June 2017.
- “Developing skills on the job and for the job” (with Carla Calero, Alessandro Maffioli and Laura Ripani) in *2017 Development in the Americas: Better Spending for Skills Development: An Evidence-Based Policy Approach*, M. Busso, J. Cristia, D. Hincapie, J. Messina, L. Ripani (eds.), IADB, 2017..
- “Stress Testing Banks: Whence and Whither?” (with Pavel Kapinos and Christopher Martin), *Journal of Financial Perspectives*, forthcoming.
- “A Top-down Approach to Stress-testing Banks” (with Pavel Kapinos), *Journal of Financial Services Research*, Vol. 49, Issue 2, 229-264, June 2016.
- “Comparing Treatments across Labor Markets: An Assessment of Nonexperimental Multiple-Treatment Strategies” (with Carlos Flores), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. XCV, Number 5, 1691-1707, December 2013.
- “Dealing with Limited Overlap in Estimation of Average Treatment Effects” (with Richard Crump, V. Joseph Hotz and Guido Imbens), *Biometrika*, Vol. 96, Number 1, 187-199, March 2009.
- “Nonparametric Tests for Treatment Effect Heterogeneity” (with Richard Crump, V. Joseph Hotz and Guido Imbens), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Vol. XC, Number 3, 389-405, August 2008.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Managerial Power and CEO Compensation in Financially Distressed Firms” (with Qiang Kang and Sheng Guo), January 2017. *Under review*. [Earlier version circulated as IZA Discussion Paper No. 3857.]
- “Comparing the Results of Youth Training Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean” (with Laura Ripani and David Rosas-Shady), *Inter-American Development Bank Discussion Paper No. IDB-DP-484*, October 2016.
- “The Effects of Female Labor Force Participation on Obesity” (with Pedro Gomis-Porqueras, Adrian Peralta-Alva and Maximilian Schmeiser), *IZA Discussion Paper No. 6071*, October 2011. *Revision requested*.
- “How do Training Programs Assign Participants to Training? Characterizing the Optimal Assignment Rules of Government Agencies for Welfare-to-Work Programs in California”, December 2009. [Earlier version circulated as IZA Discussion Paper No. 4024.] *Revision requested*.
- “Intergenerational transmission of welfare dependency: The effects of length of exposure”, June 2010.
- “Differential Effects of Welfare-to-Work Programs: Identification with Unknown Treatment Status”, December 2005.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Employment, Earnings and Wages: A Lifecycle Analysis for Latin American and the Caribbean” (with Carla Calero, Juan Mejalenko and Laura Ripani).
- “The impact of the Metropolitan BRT in Lima on housing prices and access to jobs” (with Daniel Oviedo, Lynn Scholl and Patricia Yañez Pagans).
- “Mass-transit train interventions in Lima, Perú” (with Daniel Martinez and Patricia Yañez Pagans).
- “Assessing the impact of roads interventions on growth using luminosity data for Haiti” (with Raúl Sánchez and Patricia Yañez Pagans).
- “Access to long-term financing and the productivity of rural producers in Mexico” (with Gabriela Aparicio and María Paula Gerardino).

- “The effectiveness of short-term v. long-term access credit policies in rural Mexico” (with Gabriela Aparicio and María Paula Gerardino).
- “The impact of group-specific local labor market conditions on the effects of training programs: The case of Job Corps” (with German Blanco Lobo, Alfonso Flores-Lagunes, and Carlos Flores).
- “Pork Politics: Earmarks Allocation and Political Competition in U.S. Congressional Elections” (with Luca Bossi).

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH PAPERS IN SPANISH

- “Education and Economic Growth of Provinces in Argentina”, *Revista de Análisis Económico – Economic Analysis Review*, Volume 14, No. 2, 44-85, November 1999
- “Lecture Notes on Income Distribution and Poverty”, Lecture Notes Series D-8, Graduate Program in Economics ILADES - Georgetown University, Chile, March 1999
- “Education and Poverty: A Study of Greater Córdoba”, *Estudios*, Year XIX, No. 79, IEERAL, Córdoba, October/December 1996
- “Poverty and Income Distribution: Dynamics and Special Features. Greater Buenos Aires, 1974-94” (with Silvia Montoya), *Estudios*, Year XVIII, No. 74, IEERAL, Córdoba, July/Sept 1995.
- “Evolution of Poverty and Income Distribution in Argentina”, (with Silvia Montoya), *Novedades Económicas*, Year 17, No. 172-173, IEERAL, Córdoba, April-May 1995.
- “Accumulation of Human Capital: Determinant of Poverty?” (with Silvia Montoya), *Proceedings XXIX Meeting Argentine Association of Political Economy*, October 1994.
- “Who Benefits from the Education System?” (with Silvia Montoya), *Novedades Económicas*, Year 16, No. 161, IEERAL, Córdoba, May 1994.
- “Urban Poverty in Argentina: The Case of Greater Buenos Aires” (with Silvia Montoya), *Estudios*, Year XVI, No. 65, IEERAL, Córdoba, April/June 1993.
- “Extent of Poverty in the Retirement Age” (with Silvia Montoya), *Novedades Económicas*, Year 14, No. 144, IEERAL, Córdoba, December 1992.

AWARDS

- Guest Researcher, IZA- Institute for the Study of Labor (Bonn), October 2008 (one-week visit), June - July 2010 (two-week visit), July - August 2011 (one-week visit)
- Emerging Scholars Program, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, November 2008 (one-week visit)
- Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2007 -2008 (two-week visit in Mach 2008)
- James W. McInamory Summer Award, University of Miami, 2005, 2007 and 2010
- Dissertation Fellowship, UC Institute for Labor and Employment, 2002 - 2003
- Pauley Foundation Fellowship, UCLA, 2001-2002 and 1998-1999
- Konrad Adenauer Foundation Fellowship, ILADES - Georgetown University, Chile, 1995-1997
- First Prize, Newspaper “El Cronista” National Competition of Undergraduate Economics Papers, for the paper “An Analysis of Unemployment in Greater Buenos Aires”, 1994

GRANTS

- IRP-USDA RIDGE Grant for the project “The unintended consequences of the EITC: The effects on obesity of increased labor force participation” (with Pedro Gomis-Porqueras and Adrian Peralta-Alva). Principal Investigator: Oscar Mitnik; Amount: \$40,000; Period: July 2008 – May 2010.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017: Society of Labor Economics Annual Meeting, Raleigh; Latin American & the Caribbean Economic Assoc. Annual Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina (scheduled)
- 2014-2016: Latin American & the Caribbean Economic Assoc. Annual Meeting, Medellín, Colombia; First LMK Impact Evaluation Workshop, IADB, Washington, DC; Social and labour market policy evaluation with administrative data Workshop, Luxembourg; Annual Meeting Impact Evaluation Network (IEN), Washington, DC; American Economic Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- 2011-2013: Latin American & the Caribbean Economic Assoc. Annual Meeting, Santiago, Chile; Second UCLA Alumni Conference
- 2008-2010: Third World Conference SOLE and EALE, London; IRP Summer Research Workshop, Madison; Annual Meeting Impact Evaluation Network (IEN), Bogota, Colombia; 2009 Food Assistance and Nutrition RIDGE Conference, Washington D.C.; Latin American & the Caribbean Economic Assoc. Annual Meeting, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Latin American Meeting Econometric Society, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Society of Labor Economics Annual Meeting, Boston; American Economic Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco; American Finance Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco; Second IZA/IFAU Conference on Labor Market Policy Evaluation, Bonn, Germany; IRP Summer Research Workshop, Madison
- 2003-2007: Latin American Meeting Econometric Society, Bogota, Colombia; IRP Summer Research Workshop, Madison; North American Econometric Society Summer Meeting, Duke University, 2007; Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Charleston; IFAU/IZA Conference on the Evaluation of Labor Market Policies, Uppsala; North American Econometric Society Summer Meeting, University of Minnesota; Workshop on Education and Training, organized by the Centre for European Economic Research (ZEW), Mannheim (Germany); North American Econometric Society Summer Meeting, Northwestern University; Latin American and Caribbean Economic Society Annual Meeting, Mexico

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- 2014-2016: Inter-American Development Bank; Urban Institute; Rand
- 2011-2013: Binghamton University; Abt Associates; Census Bureau; Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Institute for Defense Analyses; Queens College, University of London; Science and Technology Policy Institute; Tulane University; Florida Atlantic University
- 2008-2010: Freiburg University, Germany; IZA (Germany); Tinbergen Institute, Amsterdam; Inter-American Development Bank; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor; Florida International University; UKCPR, University of Kentucky; IRP, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2003-2007: Universidad de Córdoba (Argentina); Universidad Carlos III (Spain); Florida International University; University of Miami; Harris School, University of Chicago; Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; IZA (Germany); El Colegio de México (Mexico); CIDE (Mexico); UCLA

REFEREE

Agricultural and Resource Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Econometrics Journal, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Empirical Economics, European Economic Review, Evaluation Review, Industrial and Labor Relations Review, International Journal of Manpower, Journal of the American Statistical Association, Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Development Effectiveness, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Globalization and Development, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Policy Reform, Journal of Population Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Latin American Journal of Economics, National Science Foundation, Revista de Análisis Económico-Economic

Analysis Review, Review of Economics and Statistics, Revista Economía Aplicada, Southern Economic Journal

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member Organizing Committee, Tenth Annual Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network (IEN) of the Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Washington, D.C., March 2017.

Member Scientific Committee, Ninth Annual Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network (IEN) of the Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), La Plata, March 2016.

Member LACEA Program Committee, LACEA-LAMES Meeting, Santiago, Chile, November 2011.

Co-organizer Fourth Annual Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network (IEN) of the Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Miami, October 2010.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Economic Association, Econometric Society, Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Society of Labor Economics