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Academic Positions

Universidad de Chile, Department of Economics

Associate Professor with tenure, 2017–Present.

Assistant Professor, 2013–2017.

Visiting Scholar, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania, 2012-2014.

Research Associate, Núcleo Milenio, “Centro de Microdatos”, 2008-2013.

Education

B.A. Economics, Universidad de Chile, 1998.

M.A. Economics, Universidad de Chile, 1999.

M.A. Economics, University of Chicago, 2003.

Ph.D. Economics, University of Chicago, 2007.

Research Interests

Labor Economics, Early Childhood, Applied Microeconomics

Working Papers

1. Banerjee, A, C. Martinez and Puentes, E.: The Impact of Subsidy Delivery Method on Savings Behavior: Experimental Evidence.
2. Banerjee, A, C. Martinez and Puentes, E: Better Strategies for Saving More: Evidence from Three Interventions in Chile.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Behrman, J. Contreras, D., Palma, I and Puentes, E. (2023): Socioeconomic Disparities for Early Childhood Anthropometrics and Vocabulary, and Socio-emotional Skills: Dynamic Evidence from Chilean Longitudinal Data. Accepted Population Research and Policy Review.
2. Wang, F., Puentes, E, Behrman, J. and Cunha F. (2022): You are What Your Parents Expect: Height and Local Reference Points. Journal of Econometrics.

3. Abufhele A., Contreras, D., Puentes, E., Telias, A. and Valdebenito N. (2022): Socioeconomic Gradients in Child Development: Evidence from a Chilean Longitudinal Study 2010 – 2017. *Advances in Life Course Research*. Vol. 52.
4. Martínez, C., Puentes, E. and Ruiz-Tagle, J. (2018): The Effects of Micro Entrepreneurship Programs on Labor Market Performance: Experimental Evidence from Chile. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 10 (2): 101-24.
5. Martínez, C., and Puentes, E. (2018). Micro-entrepreneurship Debt Level and Access to Credit: Short-Term Impacts of a Financial Literacy Program. *The European Journal of Development Research*, 30(4), 613-629.
6. Contreras, D., Gillmore, R., and Puentes, E. (2017). Self-Employment and Queues for Wage Work: Evidence from Chile. *Journal of International Development*, 29(4), 473-499.
7. Contreras, D. and Puentes, E. (2017): Inequality of Opportunities at Early Ages. Evidence from Chile. *Journal of Development Studies*, 53(10), 1748-1764.
8. Puentes, E., Wang, F., Behrman, J.R., Cunha, F., Hodinott, J., Maluccio, J.A., Adair, L.S., Borja, J.B., Martorell, R. and Stein, A.D., (2016). Early life height and weight production functions with endogenous energy and protein inputs. *Economics and Human Biology*, 22, 65-81.
9. Huneus, F., Landerretche, O., Puentes, E., and Selman, J. (2015). A multidimensional employment quality index for Brazil, 2002–11. *International Labour Review*, 154(2), 195-226.
10. Contreras, D., Larrañaga, O., Puentes, E., and Rau, T. (2014). Improving the Measurement of the Relationship between Opportunities and Income: Evidence from Longitudinal Data from Chile. *Development Policy Review*, 32(2), 219-237.
11. Landerretche, O., Lillo, N., and Puentes, E. (2013). The Union Effect on Wages in Chile: A Two-Stage Approach Using Panel Data. *Labour*, 27(2), 164-191.
12. Contreras, D., Puentes, E., Larrañaga, O., and Rau, T. (2012). The evolution of opportunities for children in Chile, 1990-2006. *CEPAL Review*.
13. Contreras, D., De Mello, L., and Puentes, E. (2011). The determinants of labour force participation and employment in Chile. *Applied Economics*, 43(21), 2765-2776.
14. Puentes, E., Contreras, D. and Sanhueza, C. (2007). Self-Employment in Chile, Long Run Trends and Education and Age Structures Changes. *Estudios de Economía*, Vol 34, No. 2, 203-247.
15. Contreras, D., Puentes, E., and Bravo, D. (2005). Female labour force participation in greater Santiago, Chile: 1957–1997. A synthetic cohort analysis. *Journal of International Development*, 17(2), 169-186.

Grants and Sponsored Projects

Iniciativa Científica Milenio. Deputy Director. “Millennium Nucleolus in Social Development ” 2018 to 2021.

Fondecyt. Co-Principal Research. “Financial inclusion: Experimental evidence in Chile”. Project N°1140914. 2015 to 2016.

Fondecyt. International Researcher. “Financial inclusion: Experimental evidence in Chile”. Project N°1140914. 2014.

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA). Principal Investigator. “Incentivizing savings”. 2013 to 2017.

International Development Research Center (IDRC). Principal Investigator. "Experimental Evaluation of subsidy payment through banking accounts". 2010 to 2015.

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). Principal Investigator. "Experimental evaluation of a micro-entrepreneurship program". 2009 to 2015.

Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (IEP). Principal Investigator. "Experimental evaluation of subsidy payment through banking accounts". 2010-2014.

International Development Research Center (IDRC). Principal Investigator "Experimental evaluation of financial literacy programs". 2013.

Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (IEP). Principal Investigator. "Experimental evaluation of financial literacy programs". 2013

Consortium on Financial Systems and Poverty. "Savings and Financial Intermediation in Chile". 2010-2012.

Other Projects

2021 Consultant, International Labor Organization. Characterization of the Effects of COVID on the Chilean Labor Market.

2021 Consultant, National Productivity Committee. Efficiency and effectiveness of public social expenditure in the context of the pandemic.

2021 Consultant, Budget Office in Chile, Sectorial Evaluation of Active Labor Market Programs for Women in Chile.

2019 Consultant, Budget Office in Chile, Program Evaluation: FOSIS program Yo Emprendo.

2015-2016 Consultant, Budget Office in Chile. Program Evaluation: FOSIS programs Yo Trabajo, Yo Trabajo Joven and Apoyo a tu Plan Laboral.

2011 Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank. Evaluation of Training Programs in Chile.

2010-2011 Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank. Informal Care and Female Labor Participation in Chile.

2009-2010 Consultant, United Nations Development Programme. Building an Employability Index for Chile.

2009-2010 Consultant, The Budget Office, Chile. Building a Targeting Index for the Pension System Reform.

2008 Consultant, World Bank. The Effect of Training Programs for Young Women in Chile.

2008 Consultant, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD). Informality in Chilean Labor Markets.

2008 Consultant, World Bank. Measuring Inequality of Opportunity for Chile.

2007 Consultant, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD). Labor Participation and Informality in Chile: 1990-2003.

2006 Consultant, World Bank. Informality and Self-Employment in the Chilean Labor Markets.

Editorial Service

Referee for *Journal of Econometrics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Applied Economics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, *Journal of Human Capital*, *Economics and Human Biology*, *Economía*, *Review of Development Economics*, *Economic Change and Restructuring*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics*, *Advances in Life Course Research*, *Cuadernos de Economía*, *Cepal Review*,

Invited Seminars

- 2021 Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso
- 2019 Universidad de Talca, Universidad Alberto Hurtado.
- 2018 University of Sao Paulo
- 2016 Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2014 Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.
- 2014 The Duckworth Lab. University of Pennsylvania.

Conference Presentations

- 2023 Meeting of the Chilean Economic Association. (SECHI) Santiago.
- 2021 Meeting of the Chilean Economic Association. (SECHI) Santiago.
- 2017 Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). Buenos Aires.
- 2014 Population Association of America, 2014 Annual Meeting. Boston.
- 2013 Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). Mexico.
- 2013 Sixth Annual Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network (IEN) and Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). Boston
- 2012 World Bank Conference on Equity. Washington, D.C.

Service to Profession, University, and Department

Conference Organization

Organizing Committee Development Workshop. 2014-2019. Santiago
Universidad de Chile, School of Economics and Business.

Director of the Undergraduate School of Economics and Business. University of Chile (2017–18)
Member of the Ethics Committee (2022-)
President of Ethics Committee (2023-)

Universidad de Chile, Department of Economics.

Director of the Ph.D. and M.A. Programs in Economics (2019 –)
Advisory Committee to the Chair (2021-)
Faculty Recruiting Committee (2018-)