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Academic Appointments

January 2015 to present, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile.

January 2015 to present, Research Affiliate, Centre for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies (COES).

April 2014 to December 2014, COES Postdoctoral Fellow, Universidad de Chile.

2008-2009, Full Time Lecturer, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile.

Education

B. A., Economics, Universidad de Chile, 2007.

M. Sc., Economics, Universidad de Chile, 2009.

PhD in Economics, University of Pennsylvania, 2014.

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships

2017 Research Grant, School of Economics, Universidad de Los Andes (Colombia).

2016-2017 Research Grant, School of Economics and Business, Universidad de Chile.

2015 Mini-COES Grant, Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies.

2013 Hiram C. Haney Fellowship Award in Economics: best third year paper, University of Pennsylvania.

2009 PhD fellowship, National Commission of Scientific and Technological Research of Chile (CONICYT).

2005 and 2006 Member of the Faculty Circle of Excellence (best 5%), Economics, University of Chile.

Research interests

Economics of Crime, Economics of Education, and Applied Microeconometrics.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

The Impact of College Admissions Policies on The Performance of High School Students, **Economics of Education Review**, Volume 65, August 2018, Pages 58-92.

School Closure and Educational Attainment: Evidence from a Market-based System. With Daniel Hojman and Alejandra Mizala. **Economics of Education Review**, Volume 65, August 2018, Pages 1-17.

Competition among schools and educational quality: Tension between various objectives of educational policy, 2018. With Felipe Gajardo. Accepted at **International Journal of Educational Development**.

Working Papers

The Effects of the Minimum Wage on Employment and Wages, 2018. With Jorge Miranda and Esteban Puentes.

The impact of grade retention on juvenile crime, 2016. With Juan Díaz, Tatiana Reyes and Jorge Rivera.

The Impact of Prison Labor Programs on Recidivism: The Case of Chile, 2017. With Francisca Gómez.

A Dynamic Model of Elementary School Choice, 2014.

Work in progress

Wandering Astray: Uncertainties, Schooling and Crime. With Chao Fu and Jorge Rivera.

Telling schools apart: the role of preferences, restrictions, and the ability to differentiate in school choices. With Diego Amador and Juan-Andrés Castro

The Impact of (non-guilty people) Pretrial Detention on Wages and Employment. With Gonzalo Marivil and Jorge Rivera.

Juvenile Incarceration and Future Crime. With Tomás Cortés and Jorge Rivera.

The Impact of Pretrial Detention on Health outcomes. With Patricio Domínguez, Adrian Mundt, and Jorge Rivera.

Unpacking the Diffusion of Protest Tactics: the Onset, Duration, and Ending of School Sit-ins. With Daniel Hojman and Sofia Donoso.

Ethnic and socioeconomic discrimination in pretrial detention determination. With Jorge Rivera and Damian Vergara.

The effect of unemployment insurance on crime behavior. With Matteo Pazona and Jorge Rivera.

Estimating the Demand for Male Circumcision in Zambia. With Paul Hewett and Petra Todd.

Other Publications and old working papers

Sistema educativo chileno. In *Chile del Siglo XXI: propuestas desde la economía* (pp. 179-195). Santiago, 2018. With Felipe Gajardo.

Movilización, propuestas y reorganización del movimiento estudiantil. In *Fuimos Testigos: 60 años de la Fech en la mirada de 15 presidentes* (pp. 261-284). Santiago, 2016. With Felipe Melo.

Más Iguales y Mejores Personas. In *En Dónde está el relato.* Santiago, 2011.

Industrial Policy in Chile, Working Paper No. 294, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile, March 2009. With Manuel Agosin and Christian Larraín. For the IDB Latin American Network of Economic Research.

The Impact of Minimum Wage in Chilean Economy: a Panel Data Study, 2009. With Oscar Landerretche.

Seminar and Conference Presentations

2018: Workshop on Prison conditions, labor markets, and recidivism, University of Bologna (Italy); Annual meeting SECHI, Valparaíso (Chile); LACEA-LAMES, annual meeting, Guayaquil (Ecuador); Seminar of the Industrial Engineering Department, Universidad de Chile; Universidad Diego Portales Econ Department seminar (Chile); Faculty of Education seminar, Universidad Alberto Hurtado (Chile); MIDE UC seminar, Universidad Católica (Chile); Seminario Internacional Defensoría Penal Pública (Chile); Faculty of Law seminar, Universidad de Chile. **2017:** LACEA-LAMES, annual meeting, Buenos Aires; Annual meeting SECHI, Santa Cruz (Chile); 13th International Conference, Western Economic Association International (Santiago, Chile). **2016:** LACEA-LAMES, annual meeting, Medellín (Colombia); North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Philadelphia (USA); Los Andes Econ Department Seminar (Colombia); Ridge Workshop on Human Capital (Uruguay); Sao Paulo School of Economics Seminar (Brazil); PUC Rio Econ Seminar (Brazil). **2015:** LACEA-LAMES, annual meeting, Santa Cruz (Bolivia); Annual meeting SECHI, Talca (Chile); International Workshop on Applied Economics of Education, Catanzaro (Italy); North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society, Minneapolis (USA); Econ Department Seminar, Universidad Católica (Chile). **Pre 2015:** Annual meeting SECHI, Vina del Mar (Chile, 2014); University of Pennsylvania Empirical Micro Seminar (USA, 2014); Universidad de Santiago Econ Department seminar (Chile, 2014); Universidad Alberto Hurtado Econ Department seminar (Chile, 2014); European Meeting of the Econometric Society, Gothenburg (Sweden, 2013); University of Pennsylvania Empirical Micro lunch (USA, 2012, 2013); EconCon 2013, Columbia University (USA); Econ Department Seminar, Universidad Católica (2013, Chile); Econ Department Seminar Universidad Diego Portales (2013, Chile); Annual meeting SECHI, Vina del Mar (Chile, 2007).

Workshop Organizer:

7th Annual Meeting of Al CAPONE, Santiago, Chile. June 15-16, 2017.

Teaching Experience

Universidad de Chile, undergraduate and graduate level

2014 - Econometrics (undergraduate), Microeconometrics (graduate), Poverty and Inequality (graduate), and Economics of socialism (undergraduate).

University of Pennsylvania, Instructor

2012 - 2013 Introduction to Microeconomics.

Universidad de Chile, Lecturer

2009 Microeconomics II.

2009 Topics in Economic Theory.

2008 Microeconomics I.

2008 Introduction to Stata.

Thesis Direction

Master in economics, Universidad de Chile: Maximiliano García, Adolfo Fuentes.

Master in economics analysis, Universidad de Chile: Felipe Gajardo, Kasper Jeroen Mulder, and Jorge Miranda.

Master in Public Policy, Universidad de Chile: Andrea Encalada, Daniel Espinoza, Francisca Gómez, Alejandra Jáuregui, Dominique Keim, and Johana Vega.

Research Experience and previous professional positions

2013- Research Assistant for Professor Petra Todd.

2007-2008 Research Coordinator in the Presidential Council for Work and Fairness.

Other activities

Coordinator (together with Claudia Sanhueza) of the political programme of Beatriz Sánchez during the 2017 presidential campaign.
Academic director of the labor and social policy diploma, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile (2015 -).
President of Student Federation, Universidad de Chile (2005-2006).
Member of the Presidential Council for Education, (2006).

Computation Skills: Fortran, Matlab, Stata.

Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native).

Referee for: International Economic Review, *Economía* (the Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association), Journal of Educational Policy, Cepal Review, *Estudios de Economía*, and *Estudios Públicos*.