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## Employment

Economist, World Bank DECRG, Trade and International Integration Unit September 2020-

## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Berkeley,	2020
M.A. in Economics, <i>cum laude</i> , Universidad de los Andes,	2013
B.A. in Economics, <i>magna cum laude</i> , Universidad de los Andes,	2011

## Areas of Interest

International Trade, Urban Economics, Development Economics

## Working Papers

“The Real Effects of Climate Change in Poor Countries: Evidence from the Permanent Shrinking of Lake Chad”, with Remi Jedwab, Federico Haslop, Takaaki Masaki, and Carlos Rodríguez-Castelan.

“Spatial Misallocation, Informality and Transit Improvements: Evidence from Mexico City”.

“Measuring Imperfect Competition in Product and Labor Markets. An Empirical Analysis Using Firm-Level Production Data”, with Dario Tortarolo, September 2018, SSRN: 3098141.

## Work in Progress

“Understanding low Productivity in Developing Countries: Evidence from the Airline Industry”, with David Atkin and Amit Khandelwal.

“Labor Market Power and Urban Transit Improvements” with Felipe Vial and Jorge Pérez-Pérez.

“The Impact of Multinationals on Informality” with Isabela Manelici and Jose P. Vásquez.

## Conferences and Seminars

2022: LSE, LACEA Urban Economics, Infra4Development Workshop

2021: ASSA Meetings, CAF Symposium Infrastructure, WALES, WAITTS, SEA 91st Annual Meeting, LACEA.

2020: McGill University, Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, World Bank, Nottingham University, Vancouver School of Economics, ITAM, Universidad de los Andes, Universidad del Rosario, PUC Rio, Online Urban Economics Seminar, The Firm Heterogeneity and the Macroeconomy Conference (Oxford University), \*NBER Summer Institute Urban Economics, \* SEA 90th Annual Meeting.

2017: CAF Symposium, Buenos Aires, Argentina

2016: LACEA 2016, Medellín, Colombia

2015: ASSA Meetings, Boston, MA

## Fellowships, Grants and Awards

2021: RSB World Bank \$62,500 with Isabela Manelici and Jose P. Vásquez

STEG \$10,000 with Isabela Manelici and Jose P. Vásquez

2020: Clausen Center Grant \$5000 with Felipe Vial

2019: Olab Center Grant \$7000

Clausen Center Grant \$2000  
2018: Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, UC Berkeley  
Clausen Center Grant \$4000  
2017: Clausen Center Grant \$4000 with Dario Tortarolo  
Corporación Andina de Fomento CAF Grant \$15000 with Darío Tortarolo  
2014: Economics Departmental Fellowship, UC Berkeley  
2011: Ramón de Zubiría Scholarship, Economics Department, Universidad de los Andes (Highest cumulative GPA)  
M.A. in Economics Scholarship, Economics Department, Best ECAES exam  
2007: Academic Excellence Scholarship, Economics Department, Universidad de los Andes (Highest GPA)

### **Chapters in Books**

“Condiciones de pobreza y el acceso a programas sociales de los hogares colombianos” with Adriana Camacho,  
Chapter 4. Colombia en Movimiento 2010-2013. Editorial UniAndes.”

### **Referee Service**

World Bank Economic Review, American Economic Review, Journal of International Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Urban Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Economía.

### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Economics Department, University of California, Berkeley**

Industrial Organization (instructor: Aaron Edlin), Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017  
International Trade (instructor: Thibault Fally), Fall 2016  
Intermediate Microeconomics (instructor: Archena Dube), Fall 2015

#### **Economics Department, Universidad de los Andes**

Advanced Econometrics (instructors: Raquel Bernal and Adriana Camacho), Fall 2013, Spring 2014  
Introduction to Microeconomics (instructor: Juan Camilo Cardenas), Fall 2011  
Advanced Macroeconomics (instructors: Marcela Eslava and Daniel Mejía), Fall 2011

### **Software**

Stata, Matlab, R, Python, ArcGIS, Latex

### **Languages**

Spanish [native], English [fluent]