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Employment

Assistant Professor, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UCSD 2025-

Previous Employment

Economist, World Bank DECRG, Trade and International Integration Unit 2020-2025

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, Spatial Economics, Development Economics

Published and Accepted Papers

“Labor Markets of Global Supply Disruptions”, with Mauricio Ulate, and Jose P. Vasquez. Accepted at the *Journal of Monetary Economics*

Working Papers

“Complements or Substitutes? Labor Market Effects of Foreign Inputs in Developing Economies”, with Leonardo Bonilla, and Juan Munoz. In preparation for a [special issue](#) of the *Journal of International Economics*: Trade and Uneven Development

“Spatial Misallocation, Informality and Transit Improvements: Evidence from Mexico City”. Revise and Resubmit, 2nd round, *American Economic Review*

“Lakes and Economic Development: Evidence from the Permanent Shrinking of Lake Chad”, with Remi Jedwab, Federico Haslop, Takaaki Masaki, and Carlos Rodríguez-Castelan. Reject & Resubmit at the *Review of Economic Studies*

“Using Quantitative Spatial-Equilibrium Models to Inform Urban Policy Making” with Hugh Cole, Victoria Delbridge, Maria del Mar Gómez, and Nick Tsivanidis.

“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

“The Impact of Foreign Multinationals in an Economy with Distortions” with Isabela Manelici, Mauricio Ulate, and Jose P. Vásquez.

“Urban Transit Infrastructure: Spatial Mismatch and Labor Market Power” with Felipe Vial, and Jorge Pérez-Pérez.

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

Other Writing

“VoxDevLit: Land Transport Infrastructure” with Marco González-Navarro, Remi Jedwab, and Nick Tsivanidis.

“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.”

Conferences and Seminars

2025: UCSD GPS, CAF Buenos Aires, Mid-Atlantic Trade Workshop,
2024: George Washington University, Duke University, SED Meetings: Barcelona, Interamerican-Development Bank, World Bank: [Trade and Uneven Development Conference](#), Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco
2023: Midwest Macro, Urban Economics Association, STEG, RIDGE: International Economics Seminar
2022: LSE, LACEA Urban Economics, Infra4Development Workshop, UC Berkeley Trade Lunch
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)

Referee Service

Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Studies, Econometrica, Journal of Development Economics, Economic Journal, 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

Languages

Spanish [native], English [fluent]