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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Davis, 2024.
M.A. in Economics, with honors, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, 2016.
B.A. in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, 2012.

Work experience

Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky (2026-present).
Research Fellow, London Business School (2024-2025).
Ph.D. Intern, Bank of Finland (2022).
Research Assistant, Professors Katherine Eriksson and Gary Richardson (2022).
Teaching Assistant, University of California, Davis (2019-2024).
Economist, Colombian Central Bank (2012-2018).
Research Assistant, Colombian Central Bank (2011-2012).

Research

Primary fields: Macroeconomics and Monetary Policy.
Secondary fields: Economic Growth, Economic History, International Economics.

Working papers

Vulnerable Technological Adoption
Hysteresis, Endogenous Growth, and Monetary Policy
Nominated for best paper award, Delhi Winter School 2021 (CDE and Econometric Society).

Work in progress

Monetary Policy, Growth, and Sectoral Reallocation (with Michaela Elfsbacka-Schmöller)
Outstanding paper in ChAMP network, Ph.D. Internship at the Bank of Finland, 2022.
Who Leads the World Technology Frontier? (with Paolo Surico, Andrea Gazzani, and Joseba Martinez).

Publications

Assessing grocery shopping behaviors during a health crisis (With Dennis-Bauer, S., Jaller, M., and Forscher, E.). Transportation Research Interdisciplinary Perspectives, Vol. 25, 2024.
Finance Neutral Potential Output Economic Systems, Vol. 41(3), 389-407, 2017.
Determinants of housing bubbles' duration in OECD countries (With Gómez-González, J., and Sanin-Restrepo, S.). International Finance, Vol. 21(2), 140-157, 2018.
Mind the Gap: Computing Finance-Neutral Output Gaps in Latin-American Economies (With Tenjo, F., Gómez-González, J., Ojeda, J., and Jaulin, O.). Economic Systems, Vol. 40(3), 444-452, 2016.
Credit and Business Cycles: An Empirical Analysis in the Frequency Domain (With Gómez-González, J., Gaitán, C., Villamizar, M. and Zárate, H.). ESPE, Vol. 33(78), 176-189, 2015.
Loan Growth and Bank Risk: New Evidence (With Gómez-González, J.E. and Murcia, A.). Financial Markets and Portfolio Management, Vol. 27(4), 365-379, 2013.
El Mercado Mundial del Café y su Impacto en Colombia (With Caicedo, E., Cano, C., Tique, E. and Vallejo, C.). Book Chapter, Banco de la República, 2013.

Awards and achievements

Miguel Vélez Fellowship UC Davis Graduate Studies and Economics Department, 2023.
Research and Travel Award UC Davis Economics Department, 2022 and 2023.
Departmental Fellowship UC Davis, 2018-2019.
Scholarship for Ph.D. Studies Banco de la República, 2017.
Performance Excellence Award Banco de la República, 2017.
Javeriana Order of Academic Excellence, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, 2016.
7th Place National Economics ECAES Exam Economics exam for all undergraduates, ICFES, 2010-II.
Honor Mention for Best ECAES Exam Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, 2010-II.

1st Place, Economics Essay Contest Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, 2010 & 2008.
Outstanding Academic Performance Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, 2011 & 2008.

Selected presentations

2026 NAMES at Emory University, SEM Annual Conference at WashU.
2025 Alumni Conference at UC Davis, Midwest Econometrics Group at University of Illinois, Applied Time Series Workshop at Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
2024 University of Kentucky, Amherst College, Banco de México, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Bank of Canada.
2023 18th Annual Economics Graduate Student Conference at WashU, Macroeconomics Lunchtime Presentation at UC Davis (Oct., Feb., Mar.), Economic History Mini-Workshop, at UC Davis.
2022 Midwest Macro Meeting at Southern Methodist University, LACEA Meeting at Universidad del Pacífico, Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society at Universidad del Pacífico, Researchers' LaUNCH at Bank of Finland, Bank of Finland's Villa Research Workshop.
2021 Winter School organized by Centre for Development Economics and Econometric Society, Macroeconomics Lunchtime Presentation at UC Davis, Economic History Lunchtime Presentation.
2016 Economics Department Seminar at Universidad Javeriana (Jun., Nov.), Economics Seminar, Banco de la República, (Jun., Jul.).
2015 XX Meeting of CEMLA at Banco Central de la República Dominicana.

Teaching experience

Graduate level:

Advanced Macroeconomic Theory (1st year Ph.D.), Spring 2026.

Undergraduate level:

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Spring 2026.

Other Professional Information

Service activities: Macroeconomics Presentation Series Coordinator (UC Davis, 2022-2023), Graduate Student Association Treasurer (UC Davis, 2020-2021), Graduate Program Mentor (UC Davis, 2019-2023).

Referee for: Revista de Economía Institucional and Ensayos sobre Política Económica.

Memberships: American Economic Association, Econometric Society, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Western Economic Association, MacroFriends, Commission on Wage and Labor Policy Negotiation (Ministry of Labor, Colombia, 2012-2018).

Citizenship: Colombian. **Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent).

References

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