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Academic Positions

2022- Postdoctoral Fellow, Ghent University, Economics Department

Education

2022 Ph.D. in Economics, University of Rochester, USA

2018 M.A in Economics, University of Rochester, USA

2015 M.A in Economics, Georgetown University, USA

2013 B.A. in Economics, Universidad Mayor de San Andres, Bolivia

Research Fields

Labor Economics, Corporate Finance, International Economics, Sovereign Default

Working Papers

“Employment Fluctuations, Real Estate Prices and Property Taxes” [link](#)

“Investment, Capital Structure and Default Risk” [link](#)

Work In Progress

“Debt Moratorium: Theory and Evidence”,

with Yasin Kürşat Önder and Mauricio Villamizar-Villegas

Research Visits

2023: Banco de la República, Bogotá Colombia

- Research visit to employ administrative loan-granular data for project on the effect of Debt Moratorium on firms and households (Dr. Mauricio Villamizar)

Conference and Seminar Presentations

2022: International Atlantic Economic European Conference

2022: Workshop on Empirical Macroeconomics, Ghent University

2023: International Symposium, National Bank of Belgium

2023: Macroeconomics Seminar, Banco de la República de Colombia

Fellowships, Scholarships, and Awards

Graduate Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship, University of Rochester, 2016-2020

Summer Research Grant, University of Rochester Summer, 2017, 2018

Student Fellowship - ILADES/Georgetown University, 2014-2015

First Prize Research Paper, 7th National Meeting of Economists, Central Bank of Bolivia, 2014

Graduation with Honors, Second Highest GPA, Universidad Mayor de San Andres, 2013

Excellence Award, Three Highest GPA Economics Dep., Universidad Mayor de San Andres, 2009

Excellence Award, Highest Freshman GPA, Universidad Mayor de San Andres, 2009

Teaching Experience

Instructor, University of Rochester

Economic Statistics (Undergraduate) – (Summer 2019, 2020)

Teaching Assistant, University of Rochester

Economic Statistics (Undergraduate) – Professor Bin Chen (Spring 2019, 2020, Fall 2020)

Economics of Globalization (Undergraduate) – Professor Gaston Chaumont (Fall 2018, 2019)

Econometrics (Undergraduate) – Professor Tan Kegon (Spring 2021)

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Undergraduate) – Professor Hamid Firooz (Spring 2022)

Instructor, Universidad Alberto Hurtado

Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate) – (Spring 2016)

Teaching Assistant, Universidad Alberto Hurtado (Ilades-Georgetown)

Microeconomics I (Graduate) – Professor Lucas Navarro (Fall 2015)

Macroeconomics I (Graduate) – Professor Mauricio Tejada (Fall 2015)

Microeconomics II (Graduate) – Professor Carlos Ponce (Spring 2016)

Econometrics II (Graduate) – Professor Marcela Peticara (Spring 2016)

Others

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)

Computer Skills: Stata, R, Python, Matlab, Fortran, Latex.

References

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