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EDUCATION

University of Zürich

August 2020 - Present

Ph.D. Candidate in Economics

- Fields: Labor Economics, Development Economics, Economics of Education
- Supervisors: Ulf Zölitz (primary), David Yanagizawa-Drott (secondary)

Yale University

February 2025 - July 2025

Visiting Assistant in Research (VAR)

- Supervisor: Christopher Neilson

Universidad de los Andes

M.A. in Economics

August 2014 - May 2016

B.A. in Philosophy

August 2010 - May 2015

B.A. in Economics

January 2008 - May 2013

WORKING PAPERS

Safe Paths to School: Evidence from Bogotá's Walking to School Caravans (with Isabela Munevar) - *Job Market Paper*

Dynamic Complementarity in Elementary Schools: Experimental Evidence from Ecuador (with Pedro Carneiro, Yyannú Cruz-Aguayo and Norbert Schady)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Is Social Learning Gendered? (with Kobbina Awuah, Stine Helmke, Urša Krenk, Sara Rabino, Daniela Santos-Cárdenas and David Yanagizawa-Drott)

School Choice in Response to an Immigration Shock: the Case of Bogotá

PUBLICATIONS

Leverage Pro-cyclicality and Bank Balance Sheet in Colombia (with Franz Hamann, Luisa Silva, and Fernando Tenjo), *Ensayos sobre Política Económica (ESPE)*, 32 (73): 50-76

PRESENTATIONS

2023: Columbia Econ Department Development Colloquium*, IZA/ECONtribute Workshop on the Economics of Education

2024: Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Zürich Econ Department Faculty Lunch*, CESifo / ifo Junior Workshop on the Economics of Education, IDB Colombia Country Office, Harvard Graduate Workshop in Economic Development*, Zürich Econ Department Labor Lunch, Association for Education Finance and Policy EdDev Community Group, Zürich Econ Department Development Lunch

2025: Yale Labor/Public Econ Prospectus Workshop, Zürich Econ Department Labor Lunch (*scheduled*)

* Indicates presentation by a coauthor

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Econ Conference Grant, University of Zürich	May 2024
Department Scholarship, University of Zürich	August 2020 - December 2025
Jacobs Center	October 2022
Quiero Estudiar Scholarship, Universidad de los Andes	February 2008 - May 2015
Eduardo Aldana Valdés Scholarship, Universidad de los Andes	February 2008 - May 2008

TEACHING

University of Zürich	
<i>TA for Economics of Child and Youth Development (M.A. course)</i>	Fall 2024
<i>TA for Development Economics (B.A. course)</i>	Spring 2024
<i>TA for Economics of Education (M.A. course)</i>	Fall 2023
<i>TA for Intermediate Econometrics (B.A. course)</i>	Spring 2022 & Spring 2023
Universidad de los Andes	
<i>TA for Advanced Macroeconomics - The Short Run (M.A. course)</i>	Fall 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Inter-American Development Bank	February 2017 - August 2020
<i>Consultant, Office of the Social Sector Manager</i>	

SUMMER SCHOOLS

CEMFI	September 2024
<i>Quantitative Spatial Economics Within and Across Cities</i>	
Barcelona School of Economics	June 2023
<i>Geospatial Tools for Development: Data and Inference</i>	

OTHER

Languages	English (fluent), Portuguese (semi-fluent), Spanish (native), French (basic), Italian (basic)
Computational Skills	Stata, MATLAB, R, Python, L ^A T _E X, Microsoft Office
Citizenship	Colombia