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PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES

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National University of La Plata, Argentina	M.A.	2009	Economics
National Autonomous University of Honduras, Honduras	B.A.	2006	Economics

FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION

Primary Labor and Development Economics
Secondary Economics of Education and Applied Econometrics

WORKING PAPERS

“The Consequences of Legal Minimum Wages in Honduras” (**Job Market Paper**).
“Information Policies and Higher Education Choices: Experimental Evidence from Colombia”
with Leonardo Bonilla and Nicolas Bottan (**Under Review**).
“How Important is Spatial Correlation in Randomized Controlled Trials?” with Kathy Baylis.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2015 “Minimum Wage Violations in Honduras”, *IZA Journal of Labor & Development*, 4(1):1-19.
2014 “The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Educational Inequality of Opportunity”, *Latin American Research Review*, 49(3):153-175.
2012 “Assessing the Predictive Power of Vulnerability Measures: Evidence from Panel Data for Argentina and Chile” with Marcelo Bérigolo and Guillermo Cruces, *Journal of Income Distribution*, 21(1): 28-64.
2010 “The Many Faces of Poverty: Quantifying the Deprivation Costs of the 2001-2002 Crisis in Argentina” with Adriana Conconi, *Económica*, LVI: 39-77.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 “Migration Patterns in Honduras: Evolution, Trends, and Socioeconomic Impact” with Aldo Martínez, *Revista de Economía & Administración*, 11(1):85-114, in Spanish.
- 2011 “Inequality and Poverty in Honduras: A Descriptive Analysis of the Last Twenty Years”, *Revista Centroamericana de Ciencias Sociales*, VIII(2):123-165, in Spanish.
- 2010 “Well-being at the Sub-City Level: The Buenos Aires Neighborhood Quality of Life Survey” with Guillermo Cruces and Martín Tetaz, Chapter 4 in E. Lora, A. Powell, B.M.S. van Praag and P. Sanguinetti (eds.), *The Quality of Life in Latin American Cities: Markets and Perception*. A co-publication of the Inter-American Development Bank and The World Bank.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- “Exploring Young Adults’ Incentives for Informal Employment in Colombia” with Mariana Viollaz.
- “Do Automatic Promotion Policies have Asymmetric Effects? Evidence from Colombia” with Leonardo Bonilla and Alba Nury Martínez.
- “The Effects of Video Gambling on Crime” with Nicolas Bottan and Ignacio Sarmiento.
- “A Spatial Analysis of Crime in Honduras”.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2016 Graduate Student International Research Grant for “*The Consequences of Legal Minimum Wages in Honduras*”, Office of International Programs, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences, University of Illinois, \$1,500.
- 2013 Field Research Grant for “*Information Policies and Higher Education Choices: Experimental Evidence from Colombia*” with Leonardo Bonilla and Nicolas Bottan, Department of Economics, University of Illinois, \$15,000.
- 2012 Tinker Field Research Grant for “*The Consequences of Legal Minimum Wages in Honduras*”, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois, \$2,000.
- 2008-11 Research Grant, National Scientific and Technical Research Council, Argentina.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

- 2016 Short Term Consultant, The World Bank, Project: “School Dropout in Honduras”.
- 2016 Short Term Consultant, The World Bank, Project: “Accelerating Growth through Skills and Knowledge: An Evaluation of the World Bank Group’s Support for Higher Education”.
- 2014 Short Term Consultant, The World Bank, Project: “The Impact of Private Sector Internship and Training on Urban Youth in Kenya”.
- 2009 Consultant, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Project: “Labor Market Flexibility in Latin America”.
- 2008 Consultant, United Nations Population Fund, Project: “Changes in the Composition of Honduran Households”.
- 2008-11 Junior Researcher, Center for Distributional, Labor, and Social Studies, Argentina.
- 2006-08 Research Assistant, Center for Distributional, Labor, and Social Studies, Argentina.
- 2004-06 Junior Analyst, Technical Support Unit for the Presidency, Honduras.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2014– Head Teaching Assistant, *Microeconomic Principles* (undergraduate), University of Illinois.
- 2012-14 Teaching Assistant, *Microeconomic Principles* (undergraduate), University of Illinois.
- 2009-11 Teaching Assistant, *Labor Economics* (graduate), National University of La Plata.
- 2009 Guest Lecturer, *Topics in Poverty* (graduate), National University of La Plata.

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2015 *Best Research Paper Award*, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois
- 2014 Conference Travel Grant, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, University of Illinois
- 2013-16 *List of teachers ranked as excellent: Outstanding*, University of Illinois
- 2012 *List of teachers ranked as excellent*, University of Illinois
- 2011-12 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, University of Illinois

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

- “*The Consequences of Legal Minimum Wages in Honduras*”. Are labor markets in Latin America prepared for the new challenges? in Santiago, Chile (Nov. 2015); Universidad Adolfo Ibañez in Viña del Mar, Chile (Nov. 2015); Reforming Minimum Wage and Labor Regulation Policies in Developing Economies in Beijing, China (Oct. 2014); Midwest Graduate Student Summit on Applied Economics, Regional, and Urban Studies in Urbana, IL (Apr. 2014); Universidad Sergio Arboleda in Bogotá, Colombia (Mar. 2013), Mind the Gap: From Evidence to Policy Impact in Cuernavaca, Mexico (Jun. 2011).
- “*Information Policies and Higher Education Choices: Experimental Evidence from Colombia.*” Universidad de los Andes; Pontificia Universidad Javeriana; Universidad del Rosario; Banco de la República, in Bogotá, Colombia (Apr. 2016), Ninth Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network in La Plata, Argentina (Mar. 2016).
- “*How Important is Spatial Correlation in Randomized Controlled Trials?*” AAEA & WAEA Joint Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA (Jul. 2015); Midwest International Economic Development Conference in Madison, WI (Apr. 2015); North American Regional Science Conference in Washington, DC (Nov. 2014).
- “*The Many Faces of Poverty: Quantifying the deprivation costs of the 2001-2002 Crisis in Argentina.*” Human Development and Capabilities Association Regional Meeting in Montevideo, Uruguay (Oct. 2009); Argentine Association for Political Economy in Bahía Blanca, Argentina (Nov. 2007).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Referee World Development, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Latin American Research Review, *Económica* (National University of La Plata), *Revista de Economía Política de Buenos Aires*, and *Revista Sociedad y Equidad*.
- Member American Economic Association, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association.

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