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Contact Information

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Employment

2024 – Spring: Visiting Assistant Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

2023 – Fall: Visiting Scholar, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago

2019 – Present: Assistant Professor (on leave), Department of Economics, Universidad de los Andes

Affiliations

Center for the Study of Economic Development, Universidad de los Andes

Fields of Study

Development Economics, Political Economy, Cultural Economics, Economic History

Education

2019: PhD in Political Economy and Government, Harvard University

2011: MA in Economics, Universidad de los Andes

2010: BA in Economics and Business Administration, Universidad de los Andes

Awards and Grants

2023: Latin America Initiative Grant, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago (with Maria A. Bautista and James A. Robinson)

2023: Political Economics Initiative Grant, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago (with Eduardo Montero)

2022: Visiting Postdoctoral Fellowship, Colombian Ministry of Science

2022: Provost's Global Faculty Award Latin America, University of Chicago (with Maria A. Bautista and James A. Robinson)

2022: Political Economics Initiative Grant, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago (with Maria A. Bautista and James A. Robinson)

2021: FPIT Grant, Colombian Central Bank

2021: Political Economics Initiative Grant, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago (with Maria A. Bautista and James A. Robinson)

2021: STEG - CEPR Small Grant, UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

2020: Political Economics Initiative Grant, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago (with Maria A. Bautista and James A. Robinson)

2020: Vice-Presidency of Research and Knowledge Grant, Universidad de los Andes

2017: Graduate Fellowship, Economic History Association

2015: John H. Coatsworth Latin American History Fellowship, Harvard University

2015: IQSS Grant, Harvard University

2013: GSAS Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard University

2011: Juan Luis Londoño Prize (Mention of Honor), Universidad de los Andes

Working Papers

"Legal Origins of the Ineffective State in Mexico"

"Tied to the Land? Intergenerational Mobility and Agrarian Reform in Colombia", Revision Requested for *Quarterly Journal of Economics*

Work in Progress

"Fears and Dreams: Understanding the Non-Institutional Sources of State Strategy", (with Maria A. Bautista, James A. Robinson and Ragnar Torvik)

"African Origins of Development in the Colombian Pacific", (with Eduardo Montero)

"State as Society: Evidence from Colombian Paramilitarism", (with Maria A. Bautista, James A. Robinson and Ragnar Torvik)

“Embedded Dependence: The State and Industrial Transformation in Colombia”, (with Stephanie Majerowicz and Roman A. Zarate)

Teaching

Graduate:

Econ 4600 – MA Thesis Seminar, Universidad de los Andes

Econ 4664 – Historical Economic Development, Universidad de los Andes

Econ 4673 – Political Economy of Development, Universidad de los Andes

Ppha 32740 – Order & Violence, University of Chicago

Undergraduate:

Econ 1501 – World Economic History (with Leopoldo Fergusson), Universidad de los Andes

Plenary Lectures

2023: “*The Past and the Future of Latin America’s Economic Development*” (with James A. Robinson), Plenary Lecture in Economic History of Latin America Online Course, Penn Initiative in the Study of Markets, University of Pennsylvania

Professional Activities

2021 – Nov: Visiting Scholar, Becker Friedman Institute for Economics, University of Chicago

Referee for: *American Political Science Review*, *Economica*, *Explorations in Economic History*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, and *Revista Desarrollo y Sociedad*.

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