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Education

2021. Ph.D. in Public Administration. New York University.

2011. M.A. in Economics. ILADES Chile/Georgetown University.

2009. Public Policy Impact Evaluation Postgraduate Certificate. School of Economics and Business, University of Chile.

2006. B.A. in Economics. School of Economics and Business, University of Chile.

Academic Positions

Aug 2023- Assistant Professor. Department of Economics. University of Chile.

2021-2023. Postdoctoral Fellow. Department of Economics and Murphy Institute, School of Liberal Arts. Tulane University.

Publications

"Skipping the Bag: Intended and Unintended Consequences of Disposable Bag Regulation" with Tatiana Homonoff, Lee-Sien Kao, Christina Seybolt.*Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, vol 41(1), 2022.*

"A multidimensional employment quality index for Brazil, 2002–11" with Federico Huneeus, Oscar Landerretche and Esteban Puentes. *Journal of International Labor Review, Volume 154, Issue 2, June 2015.*

"Wage differentials between the public and private sectors in Chile: Evidence from longitudinal data" with Lucas Navarro. *Journal CEPAL Review, Volume 112, April 2014.*

"An Earned Income Tax Credit Proposal for Chile" with Claudio Agostini and Marcela Perticará. *Journal Estudios Publicos. Nº 129. Summer 2013.*

Working Papers

"Rental Voucher Programs in Middle Income Countries: Quasi-experimental Evaluation of the Chilean Rental Subsidy"

"Neighborhood Spillovers in Rental Voucher Program Participation" with Bárbara Flores.

"Lost in the Process? Information Barriers and Incomplete Take-up of Rental Vouchers" with Pablo Celhay and Hugo Silva.

Work in Progress

"Sexual orientation discrimination in mortgage lending: an audit field experiment" with Patrick Button, David Schwegman, Cathy Balfe and Tran Nguyen-Phuong.

"Reducing Administrative Barriers Through Digital Support for Local Public Housing Officials: Evidence from a Rental Voucher Program" with Pablo Celhay.

"Smart Social Safety Nets: Reducing Incomplete Take-Up Through Digital Innovation in Latin America"

Grants

External Funding

2026-2028. FONDECYT Iniciación, National Agency of R&D. Chile. Principal Investigator.

2023-2025. Impact Evaluation Fund, Chilean Budget Office. Co-Principal Investigator.

2020-2022. Impact Evaluation Fund, Chilean Budget Office. Co-Principal Investigator.

Internal Funding

2022. Seed Grant. Murphy Institute. Tulane University.

2018. Supplemental Research Grant for Doctoral Students, NYU-Wagner.

2020-2021. Mini COES, Center for Social Conflict and Cohesion Studies with Bárbara Flores and Felipe Link.

Academic Honors

2021. New York University University-Wide Outstanding Dissertation Award finalist.

2014. Scholarship for Doctoral Studies Abroad, Becas Chile, CONICYT.

2011. Summa Cum Laude, Highest GPA. MA in Economics. ILADES/Georgetown University.

2009. Merit-Based Scholarship. MA in Economics. ILADES/ Georgetown University.

2006. Graduated with honors. BA in Economics. Universidad de Chile.

Conferences and Seminar Presentations

2026. (Scheduled) UEA European Meeting (May)

2025. RIDGE Public Economics (May); AREUEA International Conference (July); Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (June)

2024. AREUEA National Conference; Chilean Economic Society (SECHI) Annual Meeting; 18th North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association; Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, NYU; Economics Department Lunch Seminar, Diego Portales University; 3rd LACEA's Latin American Urban Economics Network LAUrban Annual Meeting at Banco de Mexico.

2023. 2023 AREUEA International Conference; ASSA 2023 Annual Meeting; Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez; 28th Annual LACEA Meeting 2023.

2022. 1st Annual LAUrban Meeting. LACEA; NBER Summer Institute. Urban Economics; Economics Department Lunch Seminar, Tulane University; 2021 APPAM.

2021. 10th European Meeting of the Urban Economic Association (UEA); Economics Department, Tulane University; Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, NYU.

2020. Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, NYU

2019. Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, NYU; Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, NYU.

2013. Chilean Economic Society.

Teaching

2024-2026 Introduction to Microeconomics. Undergraduate. University of Chile.

2024-2026 Econometrics I. Undergraduate.University of Chile.

2022. Data Analysis using Stata. Undergraduate. Economics Department Tulane University.

2022. Urban Economics. Undergraduate. Economics Department Tulane University.

2012-2013. Poverty and Inequality, Master Applied Economics, ILADES-Georgetown University.

2010. Advanced Techniques for Data Analysis, Master in Sociology, Alberto Hurtado University.

Service

Scientific Committees

2026 American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) International
2026 Conference.

2023-2025 LACEA's Urban Economics Network Annual Meeting (LAUrban).

2025 European Association of Young Economists Annual (EAYE) Meeting.

Refereeing: Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (JAERE), Estudios de Economía.

Previous Employment

2021. Consultant. Rental policies to eradicate slums in Chile. Inter-American Development Bank.

2020-2021. Consultant. First National Survey to Landlords of the Chilean Rental Voucher Program: How to increase take-up? Inter-American Development Bank.

2019. Research Assistant. Leveraging Landlords to Enhance Choice and Take-Up in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Ingrid Gould Ellen and Katherine O'Regan (NYU).

2015-2016. Research Assistant. STEM Training and Employment. Julia Lane (NYU).

2012-2014. Research Associate. Centre for New Development Thinking, Department of Economics, University of Chile.

2010-2012. Research Associate. Observatorio Social and Department of Economics, Alberto Hurtado University.

Languages

Spanish (native) and English (fluid speaking and writing).