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Academic Positions	Assistant Professor Department of Economics University of Toronto	2020-
	Postdoctoral Fellow Institute on Behavior and Inequality (briq)	2019-20
Affiliations	Institute on Behavior and Inequality (briq)	2020-
	Affiliated Researcher MIT Blueprint Labs	2019-
Education	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ph.D., Economics, 2019	
	Universidad de los Andes M.A. <i>cum laude</i> , Economics, 2012 B.A. <i>summa cum laude</i> , Economics, 2010	
Working Papers	Uncovering Peer Effects in Social and Academic Skills [R&R AEJ: Applied] Choice and Consequence: Assessing Mismatch at Chicago Exam Schools with Joshua Angrist and Parag Pathak. NBER Working Paper 26137, August 2019. Homophily in Social Networks: A Learning-based Approach with Arda Gitmez	
Publications	Cash and Ballots: Conditional Transfers, Political Participation and Voting Behavior with Emily Conover, Adriana Camacho, and Javier Baez. <i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i> , January 2020, Vol. 68(2), Pages 541-566. Regression Discontinuity in Serial Dictatorship: Achievement Effects at Chicago's Exam Schools with Atila AbdulkadIroglu, Joshua D. Angrist, Yusuke Narita and Parag A. Pathak. <i>American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings</i> , May 2017, Vol. 107, No. 5: Pages 240-245.	
Teaching	Personnel Economics Economic Development (PhD and undergrad)	2022 2020-2022
Grants and Awards	EGAP Latin America Hub (\$15,000) IPA Research Methods Initiative (\$20,000) IADB Increasing Trust in Latin America (\$30,000) ICFES Research Grant (\$15,500) J-WEL Workplace Learning Innovation Grant (\$69,360)	2021 2021 2019 2019 2019

Spencer NAEd Dissertation Fellowship	2018
Weiss Family Fund (\$21,584)	2017
MIT Economics Department Fellowship	2013-15
Portafolio Awards (finalist)	2010
Universidad de los Andes Scholarship for Master in Economics	2010
Colombian National Exam of Undergraduate Quality (1st/3,491)	2010
Universidad de los Andes Ramón de Zubiría Scholarship	2009
Universidad de los Andes Academic Excellence Scholarship	2008, 2010

Academic Presentations

2022: Simon Fraser University*, JILAEE Special ESSA Meeting*.
 2021: 6th Annual Conference on Network Science and Economics, J-WEL Connections, NEUDC.
 2020: Tinbergen Institute Amsterdam*, Boston FED*, York University, E-con of Education Seminar, Workshop on Peer Effects (Jinan University), Bilkent University.
 2019: Notre Dame (Keough), PUC Chile, Universidad de los Andes, Universidad del Rosario, Arizona, Toronto, Maryland AREC, Michigan School of Information, briq/IZA Behavioral Economics of Education, Northwestern (Rookiefest), Barcelona GSE, AFE Conference (Chicago), IZA Education, Inter-American Development Bank.
 2018: NEUDC (Cornell).
 *scheduled, *canceled or postponed due to the pandemic.

Referee Service

Management Science, American Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, AEJ: Economic Policy, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Review: Insights, Journal of Human Resources, Economic Journal, AEJ: Micro, Quarterly Journal of Economics, AEJ: Applied Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics

Languages

English (fluent), Spanish (native).