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Academic Positions

Faculty Member in Economics (Profesor de planta), School of Social Sciences and Government, Tecnológico de Monterrey — 2026–

Postdoctoral Fellow and Adjunct Professor, Tecnológico de Monterrey — 2025–2026

Postdoctoral Fellow and Term Assistant Professor, George Mason University Korea — 2024–2025

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, George Mason University (Interdisciplinary Center for Economic Science) — 2023

M.A. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes — 2013

B.A. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes — 2012

Fields

Applied microeconomics, experimental economics, public economics, political economy.

Publications

"Public Good Provision and Property Tax Compliance: Evidence from a Natural Experiment" (with Paul E. Carrillo and Carlos Scartascini). *Journal of Public Economics*, 198 (2021): 104422. DOI

Working Papers

"Price Distortions and Hoarding: An Experiment" (with César Martinelli). GMU Working Paper in Economics No. 23-45, 2023. Revise and resubmit, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*. SSRN

"Discretionary Procurement Flexibilization, Efficiency, and Rent-Seeking: Evidence from Chile During COVID-19" (with Anastasiya Yarygina-Udovenko and Gabriel Villalba Ortega). IDB Working Paper Series, 2026. Link

"Imperfect Attention in Public Policy: A Field Experiment during a Tax Amnesty in Argentina" (with Carlos Scartascini). IDB Discussion Paper No. IDB-DP-665, 2019. DOI

Work in Progress

"Beliefs About Price Controls and Zero-Sum Thinking" (with Stanislao Maldonado and Santiago Sautua)

"Fairness, Misinformation, and Tax Policy Preferences" (with Stanislao Maldonado)

"Affirmative Action, Sorting, and Efficiency in Competition for Selective Colleges" (with Stanislao Maldonado and César Martinelli)

"Discretionality of Public Procurement and Efficiency: Colombia" (with Anastasiya Yarygina-Udovenko)

"Patronage Networks and Favoritism in Colombian Public Procurement" (with Hugo Díaz)

"Collective Deliberation: Theory and Experiment" (with Mikhail Freer and César Martinelli)

Conference Presentations

Academics Against Corruption in the Americas, Quito; Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, San Antonio — 2026

LACEA Annual Meeting, Recife; Workshop on Behavioral and Experimental Economics, SUFE, Shanghai; APEE Annual Meeting, Antigua Guatemala — 2025

APEE Annual Meeting, Las Vegas — 2022

APEE Annual Meeting, Fort Lauderdale; Shadow Economy, Tax Behavior, and Institutions Workshop (online) — 2021

National Tax Association Annual Meeting, Tampa — 2019

Grants and Awards

Faculty Research and Development Award, George Mason University Korea (Fall 2024, Spring 2025) — 2024, 2025

SAET travel grant, Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory, Santiago (awarded; did not attend) — 2024

Young Scholar Program Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education — 2021, 2022

Graduate Research Assistant Scholarship, ICES, George Mason University — 2017–2023

Full undergraduate scholarship "Quiero Estudiar", Universidad de los Andes — 2007–2011

Best National College Admission Test Score (ICFES), ranked 1/1000 nationwide — 2006

Teaching

Tecnológico de Monterrey

EC1025 From Micro Incentives to Macro Outcomes (De microincentivos a macroresultados) — 2026

EC1015 Behavioral Economics (Economía conductual) — 2026

EO 4024 Prices and Agents' Behavior — 2026

George Mason University Korea

ECON 103 Principles of Microeconomics	2024–2025
ECON 306 Intermediate Microeconomics	2024–2025
ECON 495 Policy Impact Evaluation	2025
ECON 104 Principles of Macroeconomics; ECON 311 Intermediate Macroeconomics; ECON 445 Design and Analysis of Experiments	2024

George Mason University

Instructor, Graduate Math Camp	2022
Teaching Assistant, ECON 886 Experimental Economics II (Ph.D. game theory)	2021–2022
Teaching Assistant, ECON 535 Applied Econometrics	2021
Teaching Assistant, ECON 811 Microeconomic Theory II (Ph.D.)	2020–2021

Universidad de los Andes

Lecturer, Introduction to Microeconomics	2013–2014
Teaching Assistant, Regulation and Competition Policy (graduate)	2012–2013

Research and Professional Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, George Mason University	2017–2023
Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank (IFD/FMM-0007)	2022
Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank (RES-0006)	2021
Pre-Doctoral Fellow, CESED, Universidad de los Andes	2018–2019
Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank (RES-0005)	2018
Research Fellow, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC	2014–2017
External Consultant, SENA, Bogotá	2014
Researcher (intern in 2011), ECON ESTUDIO, Bogotá	2011–2014

Professional Activities

Referee: European Economic Review; Games and Economic Behavior; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization; Journal of Public Economics.

Advising: Thesis co-advisor, Universidad del Pacífico, Lima (Matías Villalba), 2023.

Summer schools: ISEO Summer School of Economics, Iseo, Italy, 2023.

Other

Software: Stata, R, Python, oTree.
Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent).