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Education

University College London (UCL), London, UK
Ph.D. in Economics, June 2019
M.Res. in Economics, October 2015

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Master in Public Policy, June 2014

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), México City, México
B.A. in Economics, July 2012

Academic Appointment

University of Notre Dame, Keough School of Global Affairs

Assistant Professor of Development Economics	2019 - present
Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Faculty Affiliate	2019 - present
Pulte Institute for Global Development, Faculty Affiliate	2019 - present

J-PAL, Jobs and Opportunity Initiative
Invited Researcher — 2024 - present

Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)
International Research Fellow — 2020 - present

Visiting Positions

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics — August 2023 – December 2023

Published Articles

1. "Online Training for Micro-Entrepreneurs: Experimental Evidence from Guatemala" with Martina Improta, Romina Ordonez, and Paul Winters, *World Bank Economic Review*, September 2023.

Working Papers

1. "Taxing Property in Developing Countries: Theory and Evidence from Mexico City" with Anne Brockmeyer, Karina Ramírez, and Juan Carlos Suárez-Serrato, Revise & Resubmit at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, March 2024.
2. "Extortion Impacts on Firm Growth in Latin America: Theory and Evidence from Guatemalan Microentrepreneurs" with Romina Ordonez, Revise & Resubmit at the *Journal of Public Economics*, November 2024.
3. "Mixed Evidence: Combining Field Days and Digitally Provided Information to Train Palm Farmers in the Amazon" with Romina Ordonez and Paul Winters, submitted, September 2024.
4. "Outsourcing Policy and Worker Outcomes: Causal Evidence from a Mexican Ban" with Roberto Gerhard, Joseph Kaboski, Ilenin Kondo, and Wei Qian, submitted, October 2024.
5. "U.S. Manufacturing Reallocation: Impacts on Mexican Labor Markets," submitted, November 2024.
6. "Female Labor Force Participation, Population Control Policies, and Fertility: Causal Evidence from Mexico," submitted, December 2024.

Work in Progress

1. "The Impacts of Geographically Targeted Anti-Poverty Programs on Local Poverty and Migration: Evidence from Mexico," preliminary draft, November 2023.

Awards

Citibank-Banamex Prize for Excellence in Economic Research (2nd place)	2023
Kellogg Institute Award for Exceptional Undergraduate Research Advising	2023
ADB/IEA Innovative Policy Research Award (1st place)	2023
Citibank-Banamex Prize for Excellence in Economic Research (2nd place)	2020
Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award (UCL)	2017
Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) 4-year grant	2014
Presidential Scholarship (CONACYT, Mexico) for Promise in Public Policy	2012
ITAM Scholarship for Academic Excellence	2006

Teaching

New Frontiers in Developmment Economics (PhD in Economics)
Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame — Spring 2025

Policy Evaluation (Master of Global Affairs)
Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame — Spring 2024, Spring 2025

Principles of Economics (Undergraduate Major in Global Affairs)
Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame — Fall 2020, Fall 2021

Poverty and Policy (Master of Global Affairs and Economics Major)
Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame — Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2023

Advanced Econometrics for Policy (Master of Global Affairs and Minor in Data Science)
Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame — Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024

Other Employment

Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC
Short-Term Consultant — March 2022 – present
- Division: Public Sector

IDB Invest, Washington, DC
Short-Term Consultant — March 2023 – May 2024
- Project: Training Program for Development Effectiveness Officers

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington, DC
Short-Term Consultant — June – July 2021
- Project: Training for Researchers of Paraguay's *Instituto Desarrollo* on the Rule of Law

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington, DC
Short-Term Consultant — December 2019 – April 2020
- Project: Investment Additionality Decision Tree for Private Sector Engagement

World Bank, Washington, DC
Short-Term Consultant — June 2019 – June 2020
- Division: Macroeconomics, Trade and Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean

Oxford University Press, Oxford, United Kingdom
Consultant Editor — July – August 2018
- Book title: "Macroeconomics: Institutions, Instability and the Financial System"

World Bank, Washington, DC
Short-Term Consultant — October 2015 – March 2016
- Project: "Building State Capacity for Property Taxation in Colombian Municipalities"

Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), London, UK
PhD Scholar — October 2014 – June 2019

Center for the Economics of Human Development, Chicago, IL
Research Assistant — June 2013 – June 2014

Ministry of Social Development (Sedesol), México City, México
Senior Policy Analyst — February – August 2012

Presidency of the Republic, México City, México
Senior Policy Analyst — August 2011 – January 2012
Policy Analyst — February 2010 – July 2011

Referee Service

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Development Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Tax Administration, Eurasian Business Review, Feminist Economics, National Science Foundation, Studies in Comparative International Development

University Service

Curriculum Committee, Undergraduate Major and Master of Global Affairs	2025
Organizing Chair, ND-ITAM Conference on Development Economics	2023
Joint Keough-Economics Development Seminar Organizer	2022 - 2023
Dignity and Development Forum Organizing Member	2022
Recruitment Committee, "Global Health Economist"	2021 - 2022
Applicant Screening Committee for the Kellogg Visiting Fellowship	2021 - 2022
Racial Justice Task Force	2020 - 2021
Junior Recruitment Committee, "The Future of Work"	2020 - 2021
Junior Teaching Faculty Reappointment Committee	2020
Global Policy Initiative Subcommittee	2020
Master of Global Affairs Admissions Committee	2020

Student Placement

Master of Global Affairs

Uriel Galace (Duke University, PhD in Public Policy)	2022
Anthony Guidotti (Safra Center at Harvard University, Post-Graduate Fellowship)	2021
Dominic Scarcelli (World Bank/Westat Corporation, Research Assistant)	2020

Undergraduate

Marc Phoon (University of Pittsburgh, PhD in Finance)	2024
Luis Elizondo (NERA Consulting Group, Research Fellow)	2023

Presentations (incl. scheduled)	7th Bank of Italy-CEPR Labour Workshop, NBER Summer Institute (Labor Studies), Tulane, IFS/STICERD/UCL, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Workshop at Ortygia Business School (FIMAD), Comparative Analysis of Enterprise Data at Penn State University (CAED), Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association in San Antonio, STEG Annual Conference, London PIEJ Workshop, The Non-Market Effects of Market Power at Columbia Business School	2024
	University of Evansville, National Tax Association Annual Conference, Midwest International Economic Development Conference, Annual Meeting of the American Economic Association in New Orleans, International Food Policy Research Institute, CEIDS Virtual Seminar	2023
	100 Years of Economic Development at Cornell University, World Bank, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Institute for Economic Policies in Santiago de Chile	2022
	Workshop on Public Policies and Inequality of Opportunity at Pompeu Fabra University, ZEW Mannheim Taxation Conference, Online APPAM Fall Research Conference, Online Conference of the Urban Economics Association, Conference on Urban and Regional Economics at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Online RIDGE Public Economics Workshop	2020
	FGV-EPGE in Rio de Janeiro, University of Arizona, Banco de Mexico, International Association for Applied Econometrics, LACEA-LAMES	2019
	Stockholm School of Economics, Toulouse School of Economics, Society of Economics of the Household in Paris, 1st Queen Mary University of London PhD workshop, International Association for Applied Econometrics in Montreal, Advanced Graduate Workshop on Poverty, Development, and Globalization at Azim Premji University in India, European Trade Study Group in Warsaw, Workshop of Labour and Family Economics at the University of York, Oxford Development Economics Workshop , CREDIT Seminar at Nottingham University, North East Universities Development Consortium Conference at Cornell University, University College London, Conference on Public Finance in Developing Countries in Zurich	2018
	Institute for Fiscal Studies, European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society at Pompeu Fabra University	2017
Older Writing	"Supply and Demand Shocks in Mexico" *Gaceta de Economía*, ITAM, 2014, Vol. 20, No. 33, open access here.	