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Education

The University of Chicago
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MSc in Finance, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2013
MSc in Economics, University of Los Andes (Colombia-Bogota), 2011
B.A in Economics and International Business, Universidad ICESI (Colombia-Cali), 2008

References:

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Research Fields and Teaching:

Primary fields: Development Economics, Public Economics
Secondary fields: Political Economy, Applied Econometrics

Spring, 2018/19 Order & Violence/ Political Development, The University of Chicago, teaching fellow for Professor Christopher Blattman
Fall, 2018 Statistics, Booth School of Business, The University of Chicago, teaching fellow for Professor Christian Hansen.
Spring, 2017 Quantitative Methods (Undergraduate), The University of Chicago, teaching fellow for Professor Anthony Fowler
Winter, 2017 Applied Econometrics I (PhD), The University of Chicago, teaching fellow for Professor Steve Cicala
Fall, 2016-17 Microeconomic Theory I (PhD), The University of Chicago, teaching fellow for Professor Scott Ashworth

Research Experience and Other Employment:

2016-2018 University of Chicago, Research Assistant for Professor Christopher Blattman.
2008-2015 Central Bank of Colombia, Economist Financial Stability Department.

Research Grants and Awards:

2019 Becker Friedman Institute Data Acquisition Grant
2019 Harris Professional Development Fund, Harris School of Public Policy
2018 Becker Friedman Institute Development Economics Initiative Research Grant
2018 Graduate Council Travel Fund Award, The University of Chicago
2018/2019 The Pearson Institute Grant, The University of Chicago

Honors, Scholarships, and Fellowships:

2015 Doctoral Fellowship, The University of Chicago
2012 Scholarship Award for Graduate Studies, Central Bank of Colombia
(full tuition and stipend for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)
2011 Nominated Best Graduated Dissertations, University of Los Andes
2003 Academic Scholarship, Universidad ICESI

Professional Activities:

Conference and Seminar Presentations:

2019 APPAM Fall Conference, Denver, CO
2019 Midwest Political Science Conference (MPSA), Chicago, IL
2018 APPAM Fall Conference, Washington, DC
2018 Development Economics Lunch, The University of Chicago

Professional Activities

2018 Reader, PhD Admissions Committee, The University of Chicago, Harris School
2016-2017 Co-Chair, PhD Social Committee, The University of Chicago, Harris School

Work in Progress:

“The Economic Value of Crime Control: Evidence from a Large Investment on Police Infrastructure in Colombia” (JMP)

“Forced Migration, Social Tensions and Foreign Aid: The Syrian Civil War Spillovers in Lebanon”

“Do Rebel Groups Use Violence Strategically for Electoral Purposes? The Role of Natural Resources”

Pre-Doctoral Publications:

A Financial Stability Index for Colombia (with Dairo Estrada), *Annals of Finance*, (2010) 6: 555-581.

Is there a relationship between bank concentration and financial stability? (In Spanish): ¿Qué tipo de relación existe en Colombia entre concentración bancaria y estabilidad financiera? (with Nancy Zamudio), *Ensayos sobre Política Económica* (2013) vol 31, issue 71 36-53