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Education

PhD in Economics. **University of Southern California (USC)**. Los Angeles, CA. 2021 - 2027 (EXPECTED)

M.A in Analysis and Policy in Economics. *With High Honors* 2020
Paris School of Economics - Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. Paris, France.

B.A in Economics, *With High Honors*. **Universidad del Valle**. Cali, Colombia. 2016
B.A in Political Studies and Conflict Resolution. **Universidad del Valle**. 2015

Research Experience

Research Assistant. **USC**. Los Angeles. MAY 2023 - MAY 2024
Research Assistant to Juan Pablo Chauvin. **Inter-American Development Bank**. SEP 2020 - SEP 2021
Washington DC.
Research Assistant. **International Center for Tropical Agriculture**. Cali, Colombia. JUL 2015-AUG 2018

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant. **University of Southern California**. Los Angeles, CA.

Introduction to Statistics – Undergraduate (Spring 2025)
Economic Consulting and Applied Econometrics – Master’s level and Undergraduate (Fall 2024)
Health Economics – Undergraduate (Spring 2023)
Intermediate Macroeconomics – Undergraduate (Fall 2022)

Adjunct Professor. **Sciences Po**. France.

Mathematics Applied to Quantitative Social Sciences – Undergraduate (Fall 2020)

Grants, Awards and Scholarships

FALL 2026 Department of Economics Dissertation Completion Fellowship. USC.
2025 Innovations for Poverty Actions (**\$18,717**)
2025 JPAL-KCAI (**\$123,975**), with Paulina Oliva, Alejandro Lopez and Hernan Benjarano
2024 CEGA (**\$8,145**), with Mychaela Paetow and Santiago Di Martini
2024 USC Wrigley Institute for Environment and Sustainability (**\$6,000**)
2022 - 2026 Professional Development Fund. USC.
2021-2022 Graduate School Fellowship. USC.
2018-2020 Eiffel Excellence Scholarship. Campus France (**€24,744**).
2017 Outstanding paper by the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE).
2014 Santander Bank Scholarship. (**€3,000**)

Work in Progress

Long-Term Effects of Slum Upgrading on Climate Resilience

Informal Settlements and Natural Disaster Risk: Experimental Evidence from Medellin

Rainwater Harvesting in Urban Settings as a Response to Water Shortages. (With Paulina Oliva, Alejandro Lopez and Hernan Benjarano).

Decentralized Water Solutions for Rapidly Growing Cities: Evidence from Hargeisa (With Paulina Oliva, Alejandro Lopez Hernan Bejarano and Jingshu Chen).

Spatial Misallocation and Supply–Demand Feedback: Evidence from the Boda-Boda Market in Kampala. (With Mychaela Paetow and Santiago Di Martini).

Publications

Policy

Spatial Health Inequality in Latin American Cities: Magnitude, Drivers, and Policy Alternatives (with Juan Pablo Chauvin). In N. Libertun (Ed.), *Inclusive Cities: healthy cities for all* (2022). pp. 37–59. Inter-American Development Bank.

Conferences and Workshops

- 2025 RIDGE Summer School & LACEA. Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE)
UCI-UCLA-USC Urban Research Symposium. UC Irvine
West Coast Spatial Workshop. USC
- 2023 Sloan/Berkeley Summer School in Environmental and Energy Economics. UC Berkeley.
Causal Inference Main Workshop. Northwestern University.
Southern California Applied Economics Conference. USC.
- 2017 Conference of International Association of Agricultural Economists. Universidad de Talca.
- 2016 XII National Microeconomics Symposium. Universidad Externado de Colombia.

Affiliations and Professional Activities

The American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA).

Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE).

Women in Economics (Committee member, 2022-2024). Department of Economics, USC.

Skills

Python, R, JavaScript, Stata, SQL, L^AT_EX, QGIS.

Languages

Spanish (native); English (fluent); French (basic)