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Fields

International Trade, Macroeconomic Development, Political Economy, Economic History

Appointments

Yale University

Assistant Professor of Economics, School of Management, 2021-
Faculty Affiliate, Economic Growth Center, Department of Economics, 2021-

Princeton University

IES Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Economics, 2020-21

Central Bank of Costa Rica

Research Affiliate, Research Department, 2013-

Education

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. in Economics, 2020
M.A. in Economics, 2015

Universidad de Costa Rica

B.Sc. in Economics (honors), 2013

Visiting Positions

Harvard University, Academy for International and Area Studies, *Elected Academy Scholar*, 2020-24

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute,
Visiting Scholar, Summer 2020

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Research Department, *Visiting Scholar*, Summer 2019

Dartmouth College, Department of Economics, *International Economics Fellow*, Winter 2019

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, *AEA Research Fellow*, July - September 2018

Federal Reserve Bank of Saint Louis, Research Department, *Visiting Scholar*, June 2018

Other Research Experience

The World Bank, *Short-Term Consultant*, 2018-19

Transport and ICT Global Practice Unit

Urban and Disaster Risk Management Unit

Research Assistance

Lee Ohanian; Fall 2016, Winter 2016, Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Winter 2018

Pablo Fajgelbaum; Fall 2017, Fall 2018

Working Papers

“Multinationals, Monopsony and Local Development: Evidence from the United Fruit Company” with Esteban Méndez-Chacón. *Revise and resubmit at Econometrica*

“International Technology Diffusion: Accounting for Differences in Learning Abilities”

“The International Consequences of Bretton Woods: Capital Controls and the Value of Geopolitical Stability” with Lee Ohanian, Paulina Restrepo-Echavarría and Mark Wright

“Bridging India and Bangladesh: Cross-border Trade and Motor Vehicle Agreements” with Matías Herrera Dappe and Mathilde Lebrand

Work in Progress

“Foreign Investment, Productivity Spillovers, and Environmental Effects” with Esteban Méndez-Chacón

“Voting on a Trade Agreement: Firm Networks and Attitudes Towards Openness” with Esteban Méndez-Chacón

“Enrooted Corporate Culture: The Long-Run Impact of Exposure to Multinationals on Local Trade Policy and Political Identity” with Esteban Méndez-Chacón

Professional Activities

Conferences and Presentations (including scheduled)

- 2021 Princeton University, UC Berkeley, UC Berkeley ARE, University of Southern California, Harvard University (Economic History), Harvard University/MIT (Development), Southern Methodist University, Yale University, University of British Columbia, University College London, The World Bank and International Monetary Fund, Society for Economic Dynamics, University of Notre Dame, NBER Economics and Politics of Mega-Firms, University of Melbourne, Washington State University, Arizona State University, GEP/CEPR Summer Trade Workshop, Central Bank of Costa Rica, UC Berkeley Haas, US Census Bureau’s Center for Economic Studies, LACEA-LAMES, Harvard University (Political Economy), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- 2020 Columbia Business School, New York University, NYU Stern, Dartmouth College, Tuck School of Business, Yale University, Yale SOM, University of Michigan, University of Pennsylvania, University of Minnesota, Boston University, Duke University, Fuqua School of Business, Hoover Institute at Stanford, Quantitative Spatial Economics Workshop, XIV Foro de Inv. de Bancos Centrales del CMCA, Latin American Network in Economic History and Political Economy, Dynamic Trade Institute’s Virtual International Trade and Macro Seminar, NBER Summer Institute (International Trade & Investment), Pennsylvania State University, Virtual Economic History Seminar, UC San Diego, UC Berkeley, Brown University, North East Universities Development Consortium, Stanford University, Harvard Cities and Development Workshop, Workshop on International Economic Networks, Harvard University/MIT Workshop (Trade)
- 2019 Dartmouth College, UCLA, Workshop on Macroeconomic Dynamics, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Economic History Association Meetings (poster), Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

2018 University of Minnesota, European Economic Association Meetings, UCLA, Banco Central de Costa Rica

Conference Organization

Program Committee, North American Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, 2021
Co-organizer, Quantitative Spatial Economics Junior Workshop, 2021
Co-organizer, RIDGE Workshop “Towards Sustained Growth,” 2020
Scientific Committee, PhD Student Workshop in Urban Economics, 2020

Referee Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Econometrica, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of International Economics, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics,

Fellowships, Honors and Awards

NBER & Department of Transportation, Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century Award, 2021
Fellow, Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings, 2020-2022
Best Student Seminar Award, Macroeconomics Workshop, UCLA, 2019-2020
Dissertation Year Fellowship, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2019
International Economics Fellowship, Dartmouth College, 2019
Best Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2019
Summer Economics Fellowship, American Economic Association and NSF, 2018
Best Student Seminar Award, International Trade and Development Workshop, UCLA, 2017-2018
Teaching Assistant Fellowship, Department of Economics, UCLA, 2015-2019
Best Annual GPA of the Department of Economics, Universidad de Costa Rica, 2011-2012
3rd highest mark, national higher educ. standardized tests, Ministry of Public Educ., Costa Rica, 2008

Teaching Experience

University of California, Los Angeles

Instructor

Math Camp for Economics Graduate Students; Summer 2016, Summer 2017
Principles of Macroeconomics; Summer 2017
Intermediate Microeconomics; Spring 2018

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Macroeconomics (Prof. Lee Ohanian); Fall 2016, Fall 2018
Macroeconomic Implications of Globalization (Prof. Ariel Burstein); Spring 2017

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Principles of Microeconomics; Fall 2017, Winter 2017, Spring 2019
Principles of Macroeconomics; Spring 2016, Winter 2018

Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica

Teaching Assistant, Spring 2011 - Spring 2013

Other

Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native)

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