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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. in Economics, University of British Columbia, 2016  
Thesis Title: “Effects of Labor Regulation on Informal Labor Markets”

M.Sc. in Applied Mathematics, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 2009

B.A. in Economics, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 2005

**Research fields:** Labor Economics, Public Economics, Economic Development

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor – Universidad de los Andes, Colombia**  
(2016-)

**Research Assistant – University of British Columbia**  
Professors Thomas Lemieux, Craig Riddell, and David Green (2013-2015)

**Research Assistant**  
Research Department – Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC (2009–2011)  
Fedesarrollo – Center for Economic and Social Research, Colombia (2006-2009)  
Conflict Analysis Resource Center CERAC, Colombia (2005-2006)  
Research Department – Banco de la República (Central Bank), Colombia (2004-2005)

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor**  
Econ 2203/2211: Introduction to Macroeconomics (Undergraduate)  
Econ 2301/3311: Econometrics (Undergraduate)  
Econ 4685: Labor Economics (Graduate)  
Meca 4209: Labor Market Regulation (Graduate)  
Econ 6301: Econometrics (PhD)

**Teaching Assistant – University of British Columbia**  
Econ 301: Intermediate Microeconomic Analysis I (Undergraduate)  
Econ 302: Intermediate Macroeconomic Analysis I (Undergraduate)  
Econ 626: Econometric Theory I (Ph.D. level)

**Sessional Lecturer**  
Econometrics (Master’s level) – Universidad Externado de Colombia (2008)  
Time Series Analysis (Master’s level) – Universidad Javeriana, Cali, Colombia (2007-2008)  
Econometrics (Undergraduate) – Universidad del Rosario, Colombia (2007-2008)

## **WORKING PAPERS**

Valuing Safety and the Gender Earnings Gap (with Jose-Alberto Guerra). *Review and Resubmit in Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*

Protección Económica a la Vejez en Colombia: Avenidas de Reforma (with Manuel García-Huitrón and Carolina González-Velosa). IDB Technical Note 02443, Inter American Development Bank, March 2022

Direct and Indirect Effects of Lockdown Policies on Poverty and Inequality in Latin America (with Andrés Álvarez, Catalina Bernal, Julio Daly, Juliana Quigua). Documentos CEDE 2021–21, Universidad de los Andes-CEDE, April 2021

EMEs and COVID-19: Shutting Down in a World of Informal and Tiny Firms (with Laura Alfaro and Marcela Eslava). NBER Working Paper 27360. June 2020

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

“The Effect of Future Pension Benefits on Labor Supply in a Developing Economy.” Forthcoming in *Economic Development and Cultural Change*

“The Socioeconomics of COVID and Lockdowns Outside Advanced Economies: The Case of Bogota.” with M. Eslava, J.-C. Cárdenas, M. Isaacs, and D. Mejia, *Economía LACEA Journal*, 22(1), p.31–46, 2023

“Effects of future pension benefits on pre-retirement labor supply: Evidence from Chile.” *Review of Development Economics*, 27 (1), 198-219, 2023

“The impact of natural disasters on economic growth.” with E. Cavallo, and L. Acevedo. In: *Handbook on the Economics of Disasters*. Edward Elgar Publishing, 2022. 150-192.

“La exposición del empleo al Covid-19 en Colombia.” with L. Alfaro, and M. Eslava. In: *Covid-19 consecuencias y desafíos en la economía colombiana. Una mirada desde las universidades*. Banco de la República, 2022. 131-149.

“Where is the Money? Post-Disaster Foreign Aid Flows” with E. Cavallo and I. Noy, *Environment and Development Economics*, 20 (5), 561-586, 2015

“Foreign Aid in the Aftermath of Large Natural Disasters” with E. Cavallo and I. Noy, *Review of Development Economics*, 18 (3), 445–460, 2014

“The Politics of Financial Development: The Role of Interest Groups and Government Capabilities,” with E. Cavallo and C. Scartascini, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, 36 (3), 626-643, 2012

“Estimating the Direct Economic Damage of the Earthquake in Haiti,” with E. Cavallo and A. Powell, *The Economic Journal*, 120 (546), F298-F312, 2010

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Referee for: Journal of Macroeconomics, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Journal for Labour Market Research, Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Desarrollo y Sociedad, Nature, Economía, Ecos de Economía, Economics & Politics, Economic Systems Research,

Contemporary Economic Policy, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of International Development

Working for the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) technical cooperation program “*Fortalecimiento al sistema pensional colombiano*”. Technical cooperation from the IADB to the Colombian Government. April 2019 - September 2019.