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EDUCATION

2024	PhD in Economics , University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2021	MA in Economics , University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2014	MA in Economics , Universidad de los Andes
2013	BA in Economics , Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá
2011	BA in Economics , Universidad de los Andes

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026-2027	Visiting Professor: History of Economy Thought and General Economic History, Universidad de los Andes, Facultad de economía.
2024-2026	Lecturer: Macroeconomics and Financial Crises and Pandemics, Dartmouth College, Department of Economics.
2023-2024	Teaching Associate: Macroeconomics, UMass, Amherst, Department of Economics.
2019-2022	Econometrics Fellow: Thesis Seminar, Amherst College, Department of Economics.
2014-2016	Adjunct: Macroeconomics and History of Economic Thought, Universidad Externado de Colombia, School of Finance, Government, and International Relations.
2011-2018	Teaching Assistant: Introductory Economics, Colombian Economic History, Macroeconomics, Growth, Universidad de los Andes, Economics Department.

PUBLICATIONS

Papers

- Corrales, J and **R. Salas**. (2025) *Intentional Polarization. Using extreme policies and discourse to promote democratic backsliding*. Democratization.
- Aguilar, S; Cárdenas, J. C.; and **R. Salas**. (2025) *Environmental justice beyond race: skin tone and exposure to air pollution*. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences– PNAS. 122 (10)
- **Salas, R** and K. Young. (2025). *Where Did the Global Elite Go to School?* Global Networks, 25(1). [Replication Data](#).
- **Salas, R**. (2023). *Kemmerer Lives! The Evolution of the Composition of the Central Bank Board of Five Latin American Countries*. Tiempo & Economía 10(2).
- Navas, L; Montes, F; Abolghasem, S; **Salas, R**; Toloo, M; y R. Zarama. (2020). *Colombian Higher Education Institutions Evaluation*. Socio-Economic Planning Sciences, 71.
- Montes, F; Forero, D; **Salas, R**; and R. Zarama. (2017). *The Challenges of Creating a Ranking: A Colombian Example*. *International Higher Education*. Vol. 90, pp. 22-24.
- **Salas, R**. (2015). *Incidencia de la migración sobre las diferencias salariales de género en Colombia*. Ensayos sobre Política Económica, Banco de la República. Vol. 33 (77), pp. 103 – 119.

Book Chapters

- **Salas, R**. (2023) *100 years of Economics at the Board of the Banco de la República*, and
- Villaveces-Niño, MJ; **Salas, R**; and Pilar Torres-Alvarado. (2023). *A Mere Guest? The Slow Process of Women's Participation in Top Economic Positions (1950-2000)*. In Álvarez, A and Hurtado, J (eds.). *A History of Colombian Economic Thought the Economics Ideas that Built Modern Colombia*. Routledge.

Working Papers

- **Salas, R**; Sanabria-Pulido, P; Rodríguez, C and P. Torres. (2022). *Mérito, representatividad, y asimetrías en nombramientos de altos funcionarios públicos en Colombia 1991-2021*. Documentos de Trabajo Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo. No 91.

Under peer revision

- **Salas, R**; Schiappacasse, I; Anrique, A y L. Ortiz. Meritocracy and Representation: Comparing memberships of Central Bank Boards in Chile, Colombia, and México (1989–2025)
- **Salas, R**. Education at the Board of Colombia's Central Bank? More Degrees, New Institutions, and Elite Persistence, 1923–2023

Databases

- Young, Kevin L.; Salas, Ricardo, 2024, "*IO Leadership Dataset VI*" Biographical information on the leaders of a wide variety of international organizations.

SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS AND HONORS

2024	II TREES Research Grant Fund, Awarded Proposal. Coordinator of the Proposal: A History of the Contributions of Women to Economic Knowledge. (15,000 USD).
2023	Department Chair's Joint Graduate Student/Faculty Fellowship. Summer Research Fellowship, UMass, Amherst. Department of Economics. (4,000 USD).
2023	Dissertation Fellowship, UMass, Amherst, Political Economy Research Institute (10,000 USD).
2022	Fieldwork Grant, University of UMass, Amherst Graduate School. (2,000 USD).
2018-2022	Postgraduate studies scholarship, Fulbright-Colciencias
2007-2011	Full tuition undergraduate studies scholarship, Universidad de los Andes

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Conferences, Workshops and Talks

2026	Conferences: Baltic Connections, Jyväskylä; IEA, Belgrade; SASE, Bourdeaux. IAFFE, Cali. Workshops: AEA EDUCATE 2026 Teaching Workshop
2025	Presenter. Colombian Business and Economic History Association, <i>Prosopography: From historical gossip to Societal Grouping Analysis</i> . Conferences: Asociación Latinoamericana de Historia del Pensamiento Económico; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics.
2024	Speaker Vogel Lecture 2024, Amherst College, Latin America's macroeconomy after the commodity boom and the pandemic. The History of Economics Society; The Association for Social Economics; Allied Social Science Associations
2023	Conferences: International Economic Association; Asociación Latinoamericana de Historia del Pensamiento Económico; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics; International Political Science Association; The History of Economics Society. Workshops: Early Career Workshop International Studies Association Pre-Conference Workshop, Review of International Political Economy; Early Career Researcher Workshop, New Frontiers for Data Analytics in Economic and Business History Research, Global Correspondent Banking 1870-200, University of Oxford
2021-2022	2022 Symposium Network and Labor Inequalities, Copenhagen Business School; Conference: Asociación Latinoamericana de Historia del Pensamiento Económico; 2021 Open Lecture. <i>Entre el Homo Economicus y el Zoon Politikon</i> . FCE, Universidad Nacional de Colombia; Interview. <i>Radhika Balakrishnan on Human Rights</i> . IAFFE - Feminist Economics 101. 2020 Latin American Studies Association; Interview. <i>Question Fair with Julie Nelson</i> . YSI Plenary - New Economic Questions. 2019 Conferences: International Association for Feminist Economics; YSI Regional Convening North America.

Refereeing

2026	Administración y Desarrollo
2025	Democratization, International Migration Review, Desarrollo y Sociedad.
2024	Forum for Social Economics

Memberships

World Elites Database, Colombia's Coordinator (WED); International Economic Association (IEA); Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE). Association for Social Economics (ASE); Grupo de Investigación en Historia Pensamiento y Teoría Económica (GIHPTE); Asociación Latinoamericana de Historia del Pensamiento Económico (ALAHPE); International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE); Economic History Society (EHS).

SKILLS

Programming STATA (Advanced), Python (Certificate), R (Coursework)
Languages Spanish (Native), English (C1), French (A2)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-2025 **Researcher**, Corewoman, Colombia – USA
2024-2025 **Quantitative expert**, National Consulting Center, Colombia
2024 **Research assistant** of Jennifer Lundquist to create and update tables and visuals of DEMOGRAPHY, UMass, Amherst, Department of Sociology.
2022 **Research Assistant** of: Juan C. Cárdenas on a project about environmental justice and ethnic and racial disparities in Colombia, UMass, Amherst, Department of Economics. Kevin Young on a project about the education of corporate elites, UMass, Amherst, Department of Sociology. Gerald Epstein on a project about the board composition of the Banco de la República. UMass, Amherst, Department of Economics.
2021-2023 **Quantitative consultant**, Institute for Social Science Research, USA
2020-2021 **Impact evaluation professional**, National Consulting Center, Colombia
2016-2017 **Advisor on higher education quality**, Ministry of Education, Colombia
2015-2016 **Impact evaluation professional**, National Planning Department, Colombia
2015 **Data Analyst**, Ministry of Education, Colombia
2013-2014 **Macroeconomic Analyst**, Fedesarrollo, Colombia