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Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Econometrics.

Education:

Ph.D. New York University, September, 2003.
M.A. New York University, May, 2001.
M.A. Universidad de Los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia, September 1996.
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Professional Experience:

Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 2006-Present.
Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Northwestern University, since 2003.
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, 2003-Present.
Research Assistant, Department of Economics, New York University, 2000-2003.
Research Assistant. Department of Economics, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogota, Colombia, July 1999- Aug. 1999.
Research Assistant, Fundación para la Educación Superior y el Desarrollo (FEDESARROLLO), Bogotá, Colombia, 1996-1998.
Research Assistant. Banco de la Republica; Bogota, Colombia. Economic Research Department, June 1994-Aug. 1994.

Awards and Fellowships:

Australian Research Council Discovery Grant 2006
Searle Fund Grant (Northwestern University) 2006
Lauchlin Currie Fellowship, Colombian Central Bank, 1998-2001
Graduate Fellowship, New York University, 2000-2002

Teaching:

Structural Methods and Applications (Graduate), Fall 2003, Northwestern University.
Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate), Fall 2003, Winter 2005 and Winter 2006, Northwestern University.
Labor Economics (Graduate), Winter 2005 and Winter 2006, Northwestern University.
Microeconometrics, Summer 2004, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.
Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate), Fall 2006, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

Publications:

- “Parental Leave Policies, Welfare and the Distribution of Income” (with Anna Fruttero), forthcoming *Journal of Population Economics*, 2007.
- “Determinants of Labor Demand in Colombia, 1976-1996” (with Mauricio Cárdenas). NBER Working Paper No. 10077, November 2003. In James Heckman and Carmen Pagés, editors, *Law and Employment: Lessons from Latin America and the Caribbean*, NBER and Inter-American Development Bank, Washington.
- “Monetary Policy Rules in Practice: The Case of Colombia”, *Desarrollo y Sociedad*, No. 51, Universidad de los Andes, January 2003, pp. 37-53.
- “Wage Differentials in Colombia: the Role of Supply and Demand Factors” (with Mauricio Cárdenas), Miguel Sebastián, editor, *Ensayos sobre Colombia y América Latina. Libro en memoria de Nicolás Botero*. Servicio de Estudios BBVA, 2002.
- “Changes in the Distribution of Income and the New Economic Model in Colombia” (with Mauricio Cárdenas), *Reformas Económicas*, No. 36, ECLAC, 1999.
- “Unemployment in Colombia: natural rate, cyclical and structural unemployment and the duration of unemployment (1976-1998)” (with Jairo Nuñez), *Ensayos sobre Política Económica*, Santafe de Bogota (32), Banco de la Republica. December, 1997.
- “Macroeconomic Performance and Inequality in Colombia: 1976-1996” (with Mauricio Cárdenas, Fabio Sánchez and Jairo Nuñez). *La distribución del ingreso en Colombia*, pp.87, ed. Fabio Sánchez, TM Editores. National Planning Department, 1998.
- “Auge y Crisis de la Construcción en Colombia: Causas y Consecuencias” (with Mauricio Cárdenas), *Camacol*, Vol. 21, No. 1, March, 1997.
- “Household’s Savings: A revision for the period 1970-1993”, M.A. Thesis, *Coyuntura Económica*, March 1997.

Working Papers and Work Under Review:

- “Quasi-structural Estimation of a Model of Child Care Choices and Child Cognitive Ability Production” (with Michael Keane), manuscript, Northwestern University, January 2007. Under review.
- “Child Care Choices and Children’s Cognitive Achievement: The Case of Single Mothers” (with Michael Keane), manuscript, Northwestern University and Yale University, May 2006. Under review.
- “Race and Ethnic Inequality in Health and Health Care in Colombia” (with Mauricio Cárdenas), manuscript, Northwestern University and Fedesarrollo, June 2005.
- “Child Labor in Colombia” (with Mauricio Cárdenas), manuscript, Northwestern University and Fedesarrollo, January 2006.
- “The Effect of Maternal Employment and Child Care on Children’s Cognitive Development”, manuscript Northwestern University, January 2007. Under review.

Editorial Service:

Associate Editor, *Ensayos sobre Política Económica*, Santafé de Bogotá, Banco de la Republica. Panel member at *Economía* journal (LACEA).

Other Professional Activities:

Referee for: Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Family Issues, Review of Economics and Statistics, Journal of Econometrics, International Economic Review, Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations, Journal of Labor Economics, European Economic Review, Econometrics Journal, World Development, National Science Foundation, Panel Member Journal Economía, Desarrollo y Sociedad.

Conferences and Seminars:

AEA Meetings in Chicago (2007), NBER Inter-American Seminar on Economics in Colombia (2006), LACEA Conference in Mexico City (2006), University College in London (2006), London School of Economics (2006), Center for Economics of Education in London (2006), IPR-Northwestern University (2006), Stanford University (2006), UIPIU (2006), University Los Andes, Bogotá (2005), Colombian Central Bank (2005), Conference on “Structural Models in Labor Aging and Health”- UNC and Duke (2005), Econometric Society World Congress in London (2005), Institute for Research on Poverty Summer Workshop, University of Wisconsin (2005), University of Chicago (2005), Inter-American Development Bank (2005), Arizona State University (2005), Northern Illinois University (2005), The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (2004), The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association LACEA, Costa Rica (2004), University of North Carolina (2004), Institute for Policy Research- Northwestern University (2004), ASSA Meetings in San Diego (2004), Pennsylvania State University (2003), Yale University (2003), University of Minnesota (2003), University of Wisconsin (2003), Brown University (2003), University of Western Ontario (2003), Northwestern University (2003), University of Texas - Austin (2003), University of Rochester (2003), University of Pittsburgh (2003), Carnegie Mellon University (2003), New York University (2002), The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association LACEA. Madrid, Spain (2002), Third “Numerical Intensive Economic Policy Analysis Workshop”, Queen’s University at Kingston, Canada (2002), Second “Villa Mondragone Workshop in Economic Theory and Econometrics”. Rome, Italy (2002), First “Colombian Central Bank Fellows Conference”, Cartagena, Colombia (2002).

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