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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY Washington, District of Columbia, USA  
— Department of Economics  
— Assistant Professor (Tenure-track) 2023 - Today

STANFORD UNIVERSITY Stanford, California, USA  
— Stanford Institute of Economic Policy Research (SIEPR)  
— Postdoctoral Fellow at the King Center on Global Development 2022 - 2023

## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA Vancouver, BC, Canada  
— Ph.D. in Economics 2022

UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES Bogotá, DC, Colombia  
— M.A in Economics 2013  
— B.A in Economics 2011  
— B.Sc in Industrial Engineering 2014

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy, Development Economics, and Economic History

## PUBLICATIONS

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— “[Collateral Damage: The Legacy of the secret war in Laos](#)”  
(with Felipe Valencia-Caicedo), July 2024  
*The Economic Journal*, 134(661) 2101–2140, Oxford University Press

— “[Media, Secret Ballot and the Process of Democratization in the United States](#)”  
(with Leopoldo Fergusson and BK Song), November 2023  
*Journal of Historical Political Economy*, 3(3), 391-425. Now Publishers

— “[The Legacies of War for Post-Conflict Ukraine](#)”  
(with Ellen Munroe, Anastasiia Nosach, Moisés Pedrozo, Eleonora Guarnieri, Ana Tur-Prats, Felipe Valencia Caicedo), February 2023,  
*Economic Policy*, 113(37), 1-40. Oxford Academic

— “[Political Competition and State Capacity: Evidence from a land allocation program in Mexico](#)”  
(with Leopoldo Fergusson and Horacio Larreguy), November 2022,  
*The Economic Journal*, 139(648), 2815-2834, Oxford University Press

—“Conflict Educational Attainment and Structural Transformation: ‘La Violencia’ en Colombia”

(with Leopoldo Fergusson and Ana María Ibáñez), October 2020,

*Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 69(1), 335-371. The University of Chicago Press

—“Consumers as VAT ‘Evaders’: Incidence, Social Bias, and Correlates in Colombia”

(with Leopoldo Fergusson and Carlos Molina), Spring 2019,

*Economía Journal*, 19(2), 21-67. Brookings Institution Press

—“I Sell My Vote, and So What? Incidence, Social Bias, and Correlates of Clientelism in Colombia”

(with Leopoldo Fergusson and Carlos Molina), Fall 2018,

*Economía Journal*, 19(1), 181-218, Brookings Institution Press

## SELECTED WORKING PAPERS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

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“Bureaucratic Nepotism

(Job Market Paper)

“Pay-to-Play: Campaign Contributions and Kickbacks in Public Procurement”

(with Saad Gulzar and Juan Felipe Ladino)

*Award: Best Paper at the World Bank Conference on Public Institutions for Development*

“Decolonizing the State: Evidence from the Tanzanian Civil Service, 1956-76”

(with Jeremy Bowles)

“Social Dissent, Coercive Capacity, and Redistribution: Evidence from Authoritarian Mexico”

(with Horacio Larreguy, Jesús D. Martinez, and Mariano Sánchez Talanquer)

“Digging for Votes: Electoral consequences of disclosing illegal mining in Colombia”

(with Santiago Saavedra)

“The Friedman Hypothesis”

(with Marianne Bertrand, Matilde Bombardini, Raymond Fisman, and Francesco Trebbi)

“Foreign Aid and State Capacity: US and Chinese Projects”

(with Farah Hani and Camilo Garcia-Jimeno)

“On family trees, family connections, and the sample bias in favoritism estimates”

(with Felipe Bruges and Cristhian Rosales)

### CURRENTLY RESTING PROJECTS

“Low Entrepreneurial Intent: A Legacy of South Africa’s Mining Monopsony”

(with Neil Lloyd)

“Systematic Discrimination and Police Shootings in the US”

(with Thorsten Rogall)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### CONFERENCE ORGANIZER

— Washington Political Economy Conference (WPECO Conference)

2024, 2025

— DC Political Economy Center Research Workshop (DCPEC Workshop)	2024
— The Call to Service Conference	2023

## REFEREING EXPERIENCE

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### ECONOMICS

— *Quarterly Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Journal of Political Economy, AER: Insights, Journal of Political Economy: Microeconomics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Public Economics, World Development, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economía Journal, The Manchester School*

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

— *American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Political Science Quarterly*

I write more than 12 reports per year for Economics and Political Science in these journals

## SEMINAR INVITATIONS

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2025 Brown University\*, University of Southern California, PUC Chile\*

2024 Harvard University, Texas A&M University, Interamerican Development Bank

2023 Princeton University, George Mason University, University of San Francisco

2022 University of California, Davis.

2022 Universidad de los Andes

2015 Universidad del Rosario

\* = Scheduled

## PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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2025 World Congress of the Econometric Society, Seoul, Korea. Enabling the Private Sector: World Bank Conference on Public Institutions for Development, Washington, DC, USA. 6th World Bank/IFS/ODI Public Finance Conference, Washington DC, USA, September, 2024, ICDE 2024, Aix-en-Provence, France, July 2024, World Bank Land Conference, Washington, DC, USA, May 2023, NBER SI Political Economy, Boston, MA, USA, July-2023, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Los Angeles, CA, USA, July-2023, NU & Chicago Political Economy & Development Economics., Evanston, IL, USA, April-2023, The Call to Service Conference, Stanford, CA, USA, April-2023, Harvard ASREC, Cambridge, MA, USA, March-2023, NEUDC 2022 Conference, New Haven, CT, USA, November-2022, Global Development Postdoctoral Fellows Conference, Stanford, CA, USA, November-2022, BREAD-CEPR-IFS-UCL-TCD workshop in Development Economics, London, UK, October-2022, STEG Political Economy Workshop, Virtual, September-2022, 12th International Hyper Performance Computing Summer School, Athens, Greece, June-2022, 11th Annual Workshop on "Growth, History, and Development," Odense, Denmark, April-2022, LACEA-RIDGE Job Market Showcase, Virtual, October-2021, Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society, Bogota, Colombia, October-2021, Annual Meeting of the Canadian Economics Association, Vancouver, Canada, June-2021, 25th Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, Boston,

MA, USA, June-2021, 16th CIREQ Ph.D. Students' Conference, Montreal, Canada, May-2021, World Bank Seminar: Bureaucracy Lab Meeting, Washington, DC, USA, May-2021, World Bank Seminar: UXOs in Fragile and Conflict States, Washington, DC, USA, December-2020, Political Economy Workshop RIDGE and LACEA, Lima, Peru, December-2020, 24th Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics, Boston, MA, USA, June-2020, Ronald Coase Institute Workshop on Institutional Analysis, Warsaw, Poland, May-2019, NYUAD Historical Political Economy Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE, March-2019, 19th Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society, São Paulo, Brazil, November-2014, 4th Congress of Colombian Economy, Bogotá, Colombia, September-2014, 14th Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference, The Hague, Netherlands, June-2014.

## GRANTS

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STANFORD KING CENTER ON GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT	Stanford, CA, USA
– Conference Grant (\$15,000), Project: The Call to Service Conference	2023
CENTRE FOR INNOVATIVE DATA IN ECONOMICS (CIDE)	Vancouver, BC, Canada
– Grant in Innovative Data (\$14,000), Project: The Political Economy of Corporate Voting	2021
– Grant in Innovative Data (\$6,000), Project: Collateral Damage: The Secret War in Laos	2019
– Grant in Innovative Data (\$15,000), Project: Bureaucratic Nepotism	2018
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SECURITY AND DRUGS (CESED)	Bogotá, DC, Colombia
– Grant (\$5,000), Project: Conflict, Education, and Structural Transformation	2011 – 2013
CENTER OF AMERICAN STUDIES (CEE)	Bogotá, DC, Colombia
– Thesis Grant (\$2,500), Project: US Aid and Political Agenda-Setting	2011 – 2012

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	Washington, DC, USA
– ASPIRE Mentoring Fund	2023
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	Vancouver, BC, Canada
– Academic Achievement Award (Faculty of Arts Graduate Award)	2020
– President's Academic Excellence Initiative PhD Award	2020
– Doctoral Fellowship (Four Year Fellowship)	2015 – 2019
– International Tuition Award	2015 – 2021
UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES	Bogotá, DC, Colombia
– Scholarship for Masters in Economics	2011 – 2013
– Scholarship for Undergraduates (Beca 'Quiero Estudiar')	2007 – 2013

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY	Washington, DC, USA
— Political Economy of Development, <i>Graduate Level</i>	2024, 2025
— Empirical Applications in Political Economy, <i>Undergraduate Level</i>	2023, 2025
UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA	Vancouver, BC, Canada
— Political Economy, Institutions, and Business, <i>Graduate Level</i>	2019, 2020
— Economic Development, and Business, <i>Graduate Level</i>	2019
— Methods of Empirical Research in Economics, <i>Undergraduate Level</i>	2016, 2017, 2018
— Introduction to Empirical Economics, <i>Undergraduate Level</i>	2016, 2017, 2018

UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES

Bogotá, DC, Colombia

- Empirical Applications in Political Economy, *Graduate Level* 2013, 2014
- Advanced Macroeconomics Business Cycles, *Graduate Level* 2012, 2013
- Engineering Economics, *Undergraduate Level* 2011, 2012
- Game Theory, *Undergraduate Level* 2010, 2011
- Java Programming, *Undergraduate Level* 2009, 2010
- Mathematical Methods for Economists, *Undergraduate Level* 2008, 2009

## REFERENCES

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