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EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Economics. University of Maryland College Park. August 2002

M.A. en Economía. University of Maryland College Park. December 2000

BA Economics. Universidad Central de Venezuela, Caracas. July 1997

PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Director of Impact Evaluation and Policy Learning, CAF, Caracas. October 2014 - Present

Senior Research Economist. CAF, Caracas. July 2011- September 2014

Research Economist. CAF, Caracas. July 2006- July 2011

Associate Professor (Adjunct). Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración (IESA)
May 2004- Present

Research Economist. Economic Advisory Office to the National Assembly of Venezuela.
June 2002 - March 2004.

RESEARCH

Refereed journal articles

“The Price of Political Opposition: Evidence from Venezuela’s *Maisanta*” joint with Chang-Tai Hsieh, Edward Miguel and Francisco Rodriguez. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 2011, 3 April, 196-214.

“The Effect of Wage Compression and Alternative Labor Market Opportunities on Teacher Quality in Venezuela” *Economics of Education Review*, 2010, 29 (5), 760-771.

“Human Development of Peoples” *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, 2010, 11 (2), 229-257.

“Freed from Illiteracy? A Closer Look at Venezuela’s Robinson Literacy Campaign” joint with Francisco Rodriguez. *Economic Development and Cultural Change*. 2008, 57 (1), 1-30.

“¿Qué Determina la Escolaridad en Venezuela? *Revista del Banco Central de Venezuela*, 2004, 18 (1), 213-234.

“El Desempleo: características y evolución” con Ivan Martinez. *Debates IESA*, 2003, 9 (1), 25-34.

Chapters in refereed books

“Much Higher Schooling, Much Lower Wages: Human Capital and Economic Collapse in Venezuela” joint with Lant Pritchett. In Hausmann, R., and F. Rodriguez, eds., *Venezuela Before Chávez: Anatomy of an Economic Collapse*. Penn State University Press, 2013

“The Performance of Decentralized School Systems: Evidence from Fe y Alegría in Venezuela” joint with Hunt Allcott. In Barrera-Osorio, F., H. Patrinos and Q. Wodon; *Emerging Evidence on Vouchers and Faith-Based Providers in Education*. World Bank, Washington DC. 2009.

“Venezuela: Intentando el crecimiento liderado por las exportaciones”. In Ganuza, E. et al, eds. *¿Quién se beneficia del libre comercio? Promoción de exportaciones y pobreza en América Latina y el Caribe en los 90*, UNPD New York, Mayo 2004

Policy-Flagship Reports

“Towards a Safer Latin America: A new perspective to prevent and control crime” Coordinator, *Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo*, CAF, Caracas. June 2014

“Emprendimientos en América Latina: Desde la subsistencia hacia la transformación productiva” Co-author, *Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo*, CAF, Caracas. June 2013.

“Finanzas públicas para el desarrollo: Fortaleciendo la conexión entre ingresos y gastos” Co-author, *Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo*, CAF, Caracas. June 2012.

“Servicios financieros para el desarrollo: Promoviendo el acceso en América Latina” Co-author, *Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo*, CAF, Caracas. April 2011.

“Desarrollo local: hacia un nuevo protagonismo de las ciudades y regiones” Co-author, *Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo*, CAF, Caracas. April 2010.

“Overcoming barriers: Human mobility and development” Co-author, Human Development Report 2009, United Nations Development Program. New York

“Caminos para el futuro: gestión de la infraestructura en América Latina” Co-author, *Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo*, CAF, Caracas. February 2009.

“Oportunidades en América Latina: Hacia una mejor política social” Coordinator, *Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo*, CAF, Caracas. November 2007.

“Camino a la transformación productiva en América Latina” Co-author, *Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo*, CAF, Caracas. November 2006.

“Descripción y perfiles de desigualdad de ingresos en Venezuela 1975-2002”. *Documentos para la Discusión, Informes sobre Desarrollo Humano en Venezuela*, PNUD Caracas, 2003

“Para comprender el desempleo en Venezuela” con Ivan Martinez, in OAEF-AN, eds. *Desempleo: causas, efectos e implicaciones de política*. OAEF Caracas, 2003.

Papers pending decisions

“Deterrence and reciprocity effects on tax compliance: Experimental evidence from Venezuela” February, 2015 joint with Pablo Sanguinetti (under revision)

“Police Reform, Training and Crime: Experimental evidence from Colombia’s Plan Cuadrantes” joint with Juan F. García and Daniel Mejía. January, 2013 (under revision)

“Reciprocity and Willingness to Pay Taxes: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Latin America” joint with Lucas Ronconi and Pablo Sanguinetti. December, 2012 (Revise and resubmit)

“Are Capital Shares Higher in Poor Countries? Evidence from Industrial Surveys” joint with Francisco Rodriguez (Revise and resubmit)

“Does Clientelism Work? Electoral Returns of Public and Excludable Goods in Chavez’s Misiones Programs in Venezuela” joint with Michael Penfold (Revise and resubmit)

Working papers

“Don’t Kill the Messenger. A Field Experiment on Delivery instead of Message for Increasing Tax Compliance” joint with Carlos Scartascini

“Crime Perceptions and Reality in Latin America” joint with Lesbia Maris

“The Effect of a CCT Program on Domestic Violence: Experimental Evidence from a Major Slum in Caracas” joint with Maria A. Acquavella

“Job Training, Selection and Self Discovery: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial” joint with Adriana Mata

“The Place Premium in Brazil: measuring productivity differences between regions using Census data” joint with Michael Clemens. April, 2010.

“Intergenerational Mobility in Latin America: Evidence from Sibling Schooling Gaps in Venezuela”.

“The Impact of Schooling on Wages and the Value of Educational Infrastructure Investment in Venezuela”

AFFILIATIONS

Founding member of “America Latina, Crime and Policy Network” (AL CAPONE)

American Economic Association

Steering Committee of the Campbell Collaboration’s Crime and Justice Group