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EDUCATION Ph.D. in Economics, University of London 2007
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EXPERIENCE Research Economist, CAF-Development Bank of Latin America 2015-present
Full Professor of Economics, Universidad del Rosario 2012-present
Visiting Professor, Università di Bergamo 2015
Visiting Scholar, Research Department, IADB 2013
Assistant Professor of Economics, Universidad del Rosario 2008-2012
Visiting Fellow, Institute of Development Studies 2010
Visiting Assistant Professor, UCLA 2007-2008
Visiting Fellow, IQSS, Harvard University 2005-2007
Analyst, Central Bank of Colombia 2001-2003
Research Assistant, CEDE, Universidad de Los Andes 1999-2001

HONORS and AWARDS Distinguished Professor, Universidad del Rosario 2014
Calatrava Distinction for Work Achievements, Universidad del Rosario 2014
RES/IFS Visiting Scholars Program (IDB) 2013
MICROCON ICO Fund Award 2010
Mentoring Program LACEA-PEG 2009
Global Fellow, International Institute, UCLA 2007-2008
Scholarship for PhD in Economics, Central Bank of Colombia 2004-2007
ORS PhD Scholarship, British Government 2004-2006
Thomas Holloway Scholarship, Royal Holloway, University of London 2003-2006

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. “Economic Shocks and Crime: Evidence from the Crash of Ponzi Schemes”, forthcoming **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**.
2. “The Crime Kuznets Curve”, forthcoming **Journal of Quantitative Criminology**
3. “Does the Unemployment Benefit Institution affect the Productivity of Workers? Evidence from the Fiel”, **Management Science** (forthcoming)
4. “The Need for Enemies” **Economic Journal** (forthcoming).
5. “Commodity Price Shocks and Civil Conflict: Evidence from Colombia” **Review of Economic Studies** 80 (4): 1384-1421 (2013)
6. “True Believers, Deserters, and Traitors: Who Leaves Insurgent Groups and Why” **Journal of Conflict Resolution** 59(5): 794-823 (2015)
7. “Vote Choice and Legacies of Violence: Evidence from the 2014 Colombian Presidential Elections” **Research and Politics** April-June 2015: 1- 8
8. “Can SMS Technology Improve Low Take-up of Social Benefits?” **Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy** 20 (1): 61-82 (2014)
9. “Conflict, Crime and Violence in Colombia” **Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy** 20(1): 1-4 (2014)
10. “The Persistent Colombian Conflict: Subnational Analysis of the Duration of

- Violence” **Defense and Peace Economics** 23(2): 203-223 (2012)
11. “Sovereign Risk and Armed Conflict: An Event-study for Colombia” **Defense and Peace Economics** 23(2): 185-201 (2012)
 12. “Colombia: Introduction to a special issue of Defence and Peace Economics” **Defence and Peace Economics** 23(2): 107-108 (2012)
 13. “Combatant Recruitment and the Outcome of War” **Economics of Governance** Vol. 12(1): 51-74 (2011)
 14. “Violence and Growth in Colombia: A Review of the Quantitative Literature” **The Economics of Peace and Security Journal** 6(2): 15-20 (2011)
 15. “Rebellion, Repression and Welfare”, **Defense and Peace Economics** 22(5): 563-579 (2011)
 16. “The Severity of the Colombian Conflict Cross-Country Datasets versus New Micro Data” **Journal of Peace Research** 43(1): 99-115 (2006)
 17. “The Dynamics of the Colombian Civil Conflict: A New Data Set” **Homo Oeconomicus** 21(2): 396-428 (2004)

Published in Spanish

18. “El Lado Oscuro de la Equidad: Violencia y Equidad en el Desempeño Escolar” **Desarrollo y Sociedad** 74(2): 309-334 (2014)
19. “*Seguridad Democrática*, presencia de la policía y conflicto en Colombia”, **Desarrollo y Sociedad** 69(1): 11-32 (2012)
20. “Dolarizar, Flotar, Callar” **Ecos de Economía**, No. 16: 49-64 (2003)
21. “Políticas Públicas Universales o Focalizadas: Ventajas y Desventajas. El Caso del SISBEN en Colombia” **Revista Ruido Blanco**, Vol 2. (1): 19-33 (2003)

Revise and Resubmit

1. “Beyond Divide and Rule: Weak Dictators, Natural Resources and Civil Conflict”, Revise and Resubmit **Scandinavian Journal of Economics**

WORKING PAPERS

1. “The Perils of Top-down State Building: Evidence from Colombia’s False Positives”
2. “The environmental impact of civil conflict: The deforestation effect of paramilitary expansion in Colombia”
3. “Sunlight Disinfects? Free Media in Weak Democracies”.
4. “Don’t Make War, Make Elections: Franchise Extension and Violence in XIX-Century Colombia”.

BOOK CHAPTERS

English

1. “Strategic Atrocities: Civilians under Crossfire Theory and Evidence from Colombia”, in Charles Anderton and Jurgen Brauer (eds) *Economics Aspects of Genocides*,

- Other Mass Atrocities, and their Prevention, Oxford University Press: 425-451 (2016)
2. "The Long Shadow of the Past: Political Economy of Regional Inequality in Colombia", in Robinson, James and John Scott (coords) Political Economy of Regional Inequality, CIDE (2016)
 3. "Text Messages as Social Policy Instrument: Evidence from a Randomized Control Trial with Internal Refugees in Colombia", in Alberto Chong and Monica Yanez-Pagans (eds) Measuring the Impact of Information Technologies in Latin America, World Bank (2016)

Spanish

4. "Inequidad Regional en Colombia", in Melendez, M. and A. Montengro (ed.): Equidad y Movilidad Social: Diagnosticos y Propuestas para la Transformacin de la Sociedad Colombiana, Ediciones Uniandes, p: 695-767 (2014)
5. "Hitos del Conflicto y Riesgo Pas", in Arias, M. A., A. Camacho, A. M. Ibez, D. Meja and C. Rodriguez (ed.): Costos Econmicos y Sociales del Conflicto en Colombia Cmo Construir un Posconflicto Sostenible?, Ediciones Uniandes (2014)
6. "Costos del Conflicto y Consideraciones Econmicas para la Construccin de Paz", in Rettberg, A. (ed.): Construccin de Paz en Colombia, Ediciones Uniandes: 239-272 (2012)
7. "El Conflicto Colombiano: Quin Hizo Qu a Quin. Un Enfoque Cuantitativo (1988-2003)" in Gutierrez, F. (ed.): Nuestra Guerra Sin Nombre, Norma-Vitral, Bogota: 505-540 (2006)

TEACHING

<i>Impact Evaluation</i> , U. del Rosario (Graduate)	once a year since 2009.
<i>Political Economy</i> , Universidad del Rosario (Graduate)	fall 2010
<i>Conflict and Civil War</i> , U. del Rosario (Graduate)	spring 2009, 2011 & 2013
<i>Political Economy</i> , Universidad del Rosario	spring 2010 & 2014, fall 2011
<i>Development Economics</i> , Universidad del Rosario	fall 2009, spring 2010, fall 2012
<i>Conflict and Civil War</i> , Universidad del Rosario	fall 2008 & fall 2010
<i>Macroeconomics</i> , Universidad del Rosario	fall 2014
<i>Principles of Economics</i> , Universidad del Rosario	fall 2008, fall 2012 & Spring 2013
<i>Economics of Developing Countries</i> , UCLA	winter & summer, 2008

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Editor

Associate editor <i>Defense and Peace Economics</i>	2016 -
Editorial board <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i>	2015 -
Editorial board <i>Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy</i>	2014 -
Associate editor <i>The Economics of Peace and Security Journal</i>	2014 -
Guest editor <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i>	2016
Guest editor <i>Defense and Peace Economics</i> . Vol. 23(2)	2012
Guest editor <i>Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy</i> . Vol. 20(2)	2014

Referee

Jury member: XXIV Scientific Merit National Award, 2014

Econometrica, American Economic Review (6), Review of Economics Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics (3), World Development, Economics and Politics, Journal of Development Studies, Defense and Peace Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of African Economies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Institutional Economics, International Review of Law and Economics, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Desarrollo y Sociedad, Coyuntura Económica, Ensayos Sobre Política Económica, Economía Institucional, Revista de Economía del Rosario, Ensayos de Economía, Colombia Internacional

LANGUAGES Spanish (native), English (fluent), Italian (fluent), German (intermediate level)