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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Department of Economics, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile

Full Professor and Head of the Master's in Economics program, 2022-

Associate Professor and Director of Research, 2015-2022

Assistant Professor, 2010-2015

Visiting Assistant Professor, Summer 2008 and 2009

Department of Economics, University of Maryland-College Park

Assistant Professor, 2008-2012

OTHER. AFFILIATIONS Faculty Affiliate, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, 2013-

Research Fellow, IZA, 2015-

FIELDS

Family economics, Economic history, development economics

**EDUCATION** 

Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Economics, June 2008

Essays on Matching, Marriage and Human Capital Accumulation

Advisors: Esther Duflo, David Autor, Josh Angrist and Abhijit Banerjee

M.A., University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, Canada

Economics, June 2003

B.A., McGill University, Montreal, QC, Canada

Honors in Economics and Minor in International Development, June 2002

AWARDS AND Grants

Millenium Nucleus 2021, Director, "Millenium Nucleus on the Evolution of Work"

Fondecyt Regular 2021, PI, "Technological development, productivity and employ-

ment"

Fondecyt Regular 2019, Co-PI, "Explaining Household Savings Decisions in Two Latin

American Countries"

Simonsen's Lecture, Latin American Econometric Society, 2018

Fondecyt Regular 2018, Principal Investigator, "Technological change, skills and im-

migration"

PUC's Excellence in Teaching Award, March 2017

Fondecyt Regular 2016, Co-PI, "Understanding Chilean Micro and Small Entrepreneurs:

Selection and Growth Potential"

Fondecyt Regular 2015, Principal Investigator, "Marriage Timing, Investment, Match-

ing and Divorce"

City-IPA Financial Capability Grant, \$US75,000, "Personalizing Information to Im-

prove Retirement Savings"

GDN-CAF RRC Project 2013, \$US9,857, "Improving financial literacy and participa-

tion of female entrepreneurs in Chile"

CONICYT Anillo de Investigación en Ciencias Sociales, 2012-2015, Research Affiliate,

"Economic History and Cliometrics Lab"

Concurso Inicio, 2012, Vice-Rectoria de Investigación UC

MIT Graduate Fellowship 2004-2006

MIT Ida Green Fellowship for most promising female graduate student 2004-2005 Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada Doctoral Scholarship 2004-2008

#### **Publications**

"Making Yourself Attractive: Pre-Marital Investments and the Returns to Education in the Marriage Market", American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, April 2013

"Marry for What? Caste and Mate Selection in Modern India" (joint with Abhijit Banerjee, Esther Duflo and Maitreesh Ghatak), American Economic Journal: Microeconomics, May 2013.

"What Happens the Morning After? The Costs and Benefits of Expanding Access to Emergency Contraception" (joint with Tal Gross and Corinne Low), *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, Winter 2014-Winner of the best paper in 2014

"All for One? Family Size and Children's Educational Distribution Under Credit Constraints" (joint with Soohyung Lee), American Economic Review, Papers & Proceedings, May 2014

"Who comes and Why? Determinants of Immigrants Skill Level in early XXth century US" (joint with Matias Covarrubias and José Tessada), *Journal of Demographic Economics*, Vol. 81 (1), March 2015, 115-155.

"More hands, More power? Estimating the Impact of Immigration on Output and Technology Choices Using Early 20th Century US Agriculture" (joint with José Tessada and Carolina Gonzalez), *Journal of International Economics*, Vol. 97 (2), November 2015, 339-358.

"Tying the double-knot: The role of assets in marriage commitment" (joint with Corinne Low), American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings. Vol. 107 (5), May 2017, 163-67.

"Changing the Rules Midway: The Impact of Granting Alimony Rights on Existing and Newly-Formed Partnerships" (joint with Pierre-André Chiappori, Murat Iyigun and Yoram Weiss), *Economic Journal*, Vol. 127(604), September 2017, 1874-1905.

"Role Models or Individual Consulting: The Impact of Personalizing Micro-entrepreneurship Training" (joint with Julio Riutort and Jose Tessada), American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Vol. 10 (4), October 2018, 222-245.

"People and Machines: A Look at The Evolving Relationship Between Capital and Skill In Manufacturing 1850-1940 Using Immigration Shocks" (joint with José Tessada and Ethan Lewis), Review of Economics and Statistics, Vol.101(1), March 2019, 30-43. "Baby Commodity Booms? The Impact of Commodity Shocks on Fertility Decisions and Outcomes" (joint with Francisco Gallego), Journal of Population Economics, Vol. 36, January 2023, 295-320.

"Putting the Husband Through: Role of Credit Constraints in Timing of Marriage and Spousal Education" (joint with Murat Iyigun), *Journal of Labor Economics*, Vol. 41(1), January 2023, 245-289.

"What is the price of freedom? Estimating women's willingness to pay for schedule flexibility" (joint with Monserrat Bustelo, Ana Maria Diaz, Claudia Piras, Luz Magdalena Salas and Jose Tessada), forthcoming at *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 

"Personalized Information as a Tool to Improve Pension Savings: Results from a Randomized Control Trial in Chile" (joint with Olga Fuentes, Julio Riutort, Jose Tessada

and Felix Villatoro), forthcoming at *Economic Development and Cultural Change* "Collateralized Marriage" (joint with Corinne Low), forthcoming at *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 

### WORKING PAPERS

"The Changing Identities of American Wives and Mothers" (joint with Laura Salisbury and Aloysius Siow), revisions requested (3rd round) at the *Journal of Economic Literature* 

"Men, Women and Capital: Estimating substitution patterns using a size and genderdependent childcare policy in Chile" (joint with Diego Escobar and Jose Tessada), revisions requested at the *Journal of Labor Economics* 

"Can interactive online training make high school students more entrepreneurial? Experimental evidence from Rwanda" (joint with Todd Pugatch, Jose Tessada and Diego Ubfal), revisions requested at *Economics of Education Review* 

"Changing returns to scale in manufacturing 1880-1930: The Rise of (Skilled) Labor?" (joint with Ethan Lewis and Jose Tessada), submitted

"Estimating peer effects in an adult training program in Chile" (joint with José Tessada and Marcela Perticara), submitted

"Is workplace safety everybody's business? Experimental evidence on prevention information and accidents in SMEs" (joint with Francisco Brahm and Jose Tessada), submitted

"New technologies, productivity, and jobs: the (heterogeneous) effects of electrification on US manufacturing" (joint with Martin Fizsbein, Ethan Lewis and Jose Tessada), submitted

"Resource Misallocation from Childcare Policies" (joint with Diego Escobar, Loris Rubini and José Tessada), submitted

"Smooth(er) Landing? The Role of Networks in the Location and Occupational Choice of Immigrants" (joint with José Tessada), submitted

"Educating a melting pot: Estimating the impact of historical immigration on US educational system" (joint with Andrés Gazmuri and José Tessada), submitted

"Do you like me enough? The impact of restricting preferences ranking in a university matching process" (joint with Nicolas Figueroa and Alejandro Saenz), submitted

"Personalizing or Reminding? How to better incentivize savings amongst low-income individuals" (joint with Viviane Azevedo, Liliana Olarte and Jose Tessada), submitted "Does Formal Credit Lead to more Financial Inclusion or Distress? Results Using an Algorithm-based Loan among Underserved Clients in Paraguay" (joint with Viviane Azevedo, Liliana Olarte and Jose Tessada), submitted

"Mentoring micro-entrepreneurs: Who and for whom?" (joint with Magdalena Martin and Jose Tessada), submitted

# Work in Progress

"Selling Your Vote at Home: How Granting Female Voting Rights Altered Men's Voting Patterns" (joint with Francisco Pino)

"Assessing the Welfare Implications of Legally-Sanctioned Separation prior to Divorce" (joint with Paula Calvo and Murat Iyigun)

"Electricity and Directed Technological Change: Evidence from U.S. Rural Electrifi-

cation, 1910-1950" (joint with Martin Fizsbein, Josefa Lavandero, Ethan Lewis, Jose Tessada)

"Gender discrimination in the lending market in Colombia" (joint with Nicolás de Roux and Ana María Torres)

"Workers' safety in Brazil" (joint with Cecilia Machado and Jose Tessada)

"Polarization in Latin America" (joint with Alexandre Janiak, Mario Jeldres and Jose Tessada)

"You are nothing without me: Domestic Violence and Divorce" (joint with Alexandre Janiak and Alejandro Sierra)

"Winning the Bread and Baking it Too: Women's (Excess) Home Production Time" (joint with Kyle Hancock and Corinne Low)

#### PRESENTATIONS

2023 (scheduled): RIDGE Gender, Toronto

2022: AEA, CEA-UChile, CAF, Universidad de la Republica, LACEA-LAMES, UCSD, IESEG, World Bank

2021: Singapore Management University, Discrimination and Diversity Workshop, XIII RIDGE FORUM 14th Annual Meeting Impact Evaluation Network, Universidad Nacional de la Plata

2020: AEA, PACDEV, SOLE, NBER Summer Institute, World Econometric Congress, Universidad de Chile, UMD, Purdue, UNH, LACEA-Labor Network, LACEA-NIP-Uruguay chapter

2019: PACDEV, Dartmouth, IZA 2nd Workshop on Family and Children, EDW, NBER Summer Institute, INSPER, SECHI, LACEA-LAMES, Cowles Foundation, NEUDC

2018: SEHO, Family Inequality Workshop, PUJ, Wharton, SECHI, LACEA-LAMES 2017: AEA, SECHI, LACEA-LAMES, LACEA Labor Network, PUC-Rio, Workshop on Gender, Education and Early Childhood Development, UAH, PACDEV, U de Chile, Behavioral Finance Workshop

2016: UAI, SECHI, TOI, LACEA-LAMES, Colorado-Boulder, Sociedad Chilena de Politicas Publicas, University of Houston, Notre Dame, SOLE, AEA, PAA, CUHK Workshop on Labor and Family

2015: SECHI, UAI, SOLE, NBER Summer Institute, World Economic Congress

2014: Duke, LACEA-LAMES, Journal of Demographic Economics Conference, U of Maryland, NBER Summer Institute, U de Chile, SECHI, UDP, USACH, Dartmouth, AEA

2013: Bolivian Conference on Development Economics, SECHI, LACEA-LAMES,

PUC Ag Econ, PAA, ClioLab Annual Conference, Banco Central de Chile, SOLE

2012: USACH Workshop on Health Economics, SECHI, USACH, UAI

2011: Cornell, USP, U de Chile, Montreal Applied Microeconomics Workshop, Oxford, SOLE, SECHI, LSE/UCL, PUC-Rio

2010: Columbia, LACEA-LAMES, Universite Laval, Yale, UNC

2009: Clemson, PUC-Chile, Virginia, UBC, Georgetown

2008: Stanford, UCLA, UC Berkeley, U of Maryland, Carleton, U of Toronto, U de Montreal, Bocconi, Board of Governors of Federal Reserve Bank, ZEW/Gender and Labor Markets conference, SOLE

#### Teaching

Labor Economics (EAE235A), undergraduate, 2020-22

Econometrics (EAE250A), undergraduate, 2021-2022

Topics in Economic Development (EAE3975 at PUC-Chile, ECON616 at UMD), grad-

uate, 2009-2022

Topics in Applied Econometrics (EAE3512), graduate, 2010-2011

Intermediate Microeconomics (EAE210B at PUC-Chile, ECON326 at UMD), undergraduate, 2009-2020

Topics in Labor Economics, graduate, 2009

Diplomado en Evaluación de Impacto de Programas y Políticas Públicas, 2015-2021 JPAL Executive classes, 2011-

Designing and Conducting Small Scale Surveys (World Bank International Program for Development Evaluation Training), 2005

# Professional Activities

Member of the Editorial Board, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, 2023-Associate Editor, Journal of Human Resources, 2015-

Member of Editorial Board, Cliometrica, 2020-

Member of the Latin American Econometrics Society Standing Committee, 2018-2021 Secretary, Latin American Econometrics Society Standing Committee, 2021-2024 Member of the Society of Economics of the Household Board, 2020-

Co-Chair of the Academic Committee, CREDO, 2021-

Member, JPAL Invited Researcher Selection Committee, 2021-

Referee for American Economic Review, Journal of Political Economy, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Econometrica, Review of Economic and Statistics, American Economic Review: Insights, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Human Resources, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Economic Journal, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Growth, Management Science, Quantitative Economics, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Explorations in Economic History, Journal of Population Economics, European Economic Review, ILR Review, LABOUR, Economics Letters, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, The World Bank Economic Review, Review of Economics of the Household, Journal of Demographic Economics, The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Southern Economic Journal, Canadian Journal of Economics, Demography, Contemporary Economic Policy, Population Studies, Economics of Education Review, Cliometrica, Cuadernos de Economía, Estudios de Economía, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, American Journal of Health Economics, European Review of Economic History, Applied Economics, National Science Foundation grants, FONDECYT, Hong Kong Research Grants Council

Scientific Committee Chair, WELAC (LACEA) Gender Inequality Workshop, 2021 Committee Member, Meeting of the LACEA/LAMES, Santiago (2011), Sao Paolo (2014), Medellín (2016), Buenos Aires (2017), Bogota (2021), Lima (2022) Committee Member, SOLE (2017, 2022), Economic Demography Workshop (2018, 2020, 2021)

Economics Scholarship Committee, Conicyt, Chile

### Advising

Co-chair: Quynh Nguyen (2010), Yeon-Soo Kim (2010), Alessandro Orfei (2011), Amy Knaup (2013), Wilber Baires (2016), Lelys Dinarte (2017), Alejandro Sierra (in progress)

Chair: Carolina Gonzalez-Velosa (2011), Claudio Mora (2015)

Committee Member: Lingsheng Meng (2010)

Previous students/RAs/TAs now in PhDs: Magdalena Martin (Michigan), Rosario Aldunate (Michigan), Jose Ignacio Cristi (UMaryland), Cristine von Dessauer (MIT), Javiera García (UPenn), Bernardo de Moura (UPenn), Joaquin Fuenzalida (Berkeley), Fernando Ochoa (NYU), Jose Miguel Pascual (Harris), Dominique Araya (Stanford), Felipe Vial (Berkeley-now UBER), Catalina Morales (Maryland), Diego Escobar (Harris), Fernanda Rojas (UCLA, now U of Wisconsin-Maddison AP), Matias Covarrubias (NYU-now Bank of Spain), Hernan Barahona (Stanford-now Berkeley AP), Juan Jose Matta (Public Policy, NYU-UDD AP), Claudia Allende (PhD Education, Columbianow Stanford GSB AP), Rodrigo Carrill (Stanford-now Pompeo Fabre AP), Jose Ignacio Cuesta (Chicago-now Stanford AP), Francisco Muñoz/Mounu Prem (Stanford-now Enaudi AP), Morgan Henderson (Michigan, now Hilltop Institute), Josefa Aguirre (PhD Education, Columbia-now PUC AP)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Economist, Economic Studies and Policy Analysis Division, Ministry of Finance, Government of Canada, Ottawa, Canada (2003-2004)

CITIZENSHIP Canadian, Permanent resident (Chile)

LANGUAGES French (native), English (very fluent), Spanish (fluent)

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