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Academic Appointments

- 2023 -present Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Denver
- 2014 -2023 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Colorado Denver
- 2024-2025 Visiting Scholar, Migration Unit, Inter-American Development Bank

Affiliations

- 2023 -present Research Fellow, IZA- Institute for the Study of Labor
- 2023 -present Invited Researcher, Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)
- 2019 -present Faculty Affiliate, CU Population Center (CUPC), University of Colorado Boulder

Education

- 2014 Ph.D. in Economics, Duke University
- 2010 M.A. in Economics, Duke University
- 2007 M.A. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
- 2005 B.A. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

Research Fields

Development Economics • Labor Economics • Applied Econometrics

Publications

“Responses to Extreme Temperatures: Migrant Networks and International Migration from El Salvador”

Co-authors: Ana Maria Ibañez, Juliana Quigua and Jimena Romero

Accepted at the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*

IDB Working Paper Series 01268

“When Women’s Work Disappears: Marriage and Fertility Decisions in Peru”

Co-authors: Hani Mansour and Pamela Medina

Journal of Globalization and Development, 14.2: 385-412.

“Unintended Consequences of Immigration Enforcement:

Household Services and High-Educated Mother’s Work”

Co-author: Chloe East

Published online before print at *The Journal of Human Resources*

“The Labor Market Effects of Immigration Enforcement”

Co-authors: Chloe East, Annie Hines, Philip Luck and Hani Mansour

The Journal of Labor Economics, Volume 41, Number 4, October 2023: 957-996

“Promoting Recovery and Resilience for Internally Displaced Persons: Lessons from Colombia”

Co-authors: Ana Maria Ibañez and Andres Moya

Oxford Review of Economic Policy Volume 38, Issue 3, Autumn 2022: 595–624

“Import Competition and Gender Differences in Labor Reallocation”

Co-authors: Hani Mansour and Pamela Medina

Labour Economics, Vol 76, June 2022

“The Economic Burden of Crime: Evidence from Mexico”

The Journal of Human Resources, 2020, 55(4): 1287-1318

“Impact of Violent Crime on Risk Aversion: Evidence from the Mexican Drug War”

Co-authors: Ryan Brown, Veronica Montalva, and Duncan Thomas

The Review of Economics and Statistics, 2019, 101(5): 892-904

“The Effect of Violent Crime in Mexico on the Human Capital Accumulation of Children and Young Adults”

Co-author: Ryan Brown

Journal of Development Economics, 2017, 127: 1-12

“Identifying Victims of Civil Conflicts: An Evaluation of Forced Displaced Households in Colombia”

Co-author: Ana Maria Ibañez.

Journal of Peace Research, 46: 43, 2009

“La Formalidad en los Derechos de Propiedad: ¿Determinante de la Estrategia Militar de los Actores Armados?”

Revista Desarrollo y Sociedad, No. 61, 2008

Working Papers & Work in Progress

“Beyond the Border: Labor Market Effects of U.S. Immigration Enforcement Policies in El Salvador”

Co-authors: Christian Ambrosius and Juliana Quigua

”Schools for Everyone: Social Cohesion in Contexts of High Human Mobility”

Co-authors: Marta Luzes, Alejandra Rivera-Rivera, Felipe Ruiz and Cynthia Van der Werf

”The labor market effects of drug-related violence in a transit country”

Co-authors: Andres Ham and Juanita Ruiz

“Mexican Migration to the U.S.: Socio-economic Success of Permanent and Return Migrants”

Co-authors: Gabriela Farfan, Maria Genoni and Duncan Thomas

“Causal effects of universal health insurance: Evidence on child health in Mexico”

Co-authors: Ryan Brown, Gabriela Farfan, Maria Genoni, Duncan Thomas and Gina Turrini

Fellowships & Grants

2025

J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative (CVI)

Co-authors: Maria Hernandez-de-Benito

2025

Russell Sage Foundation

Co-authors: Hani Mansour, Pamela Medina, and James Reeves

2025

CLAS Dissemination Award, University of Colorado Denver

2024

NIH R03 Grant

Co-authors: Ryan Brown and Duncan Thomas

2023

Russell Sage Foundation

Co-author: Duncan Thomas

2022

YUMPS Grant Award University of Colorado Denver

- 2020 ORS Small Grant University of Colorado Denver
- 2018 University of Toronto Rotman Institute for Gender and the Economy Research Grant
Co-authors: Hani Mansour and Pamela Medina
- 2015 CLAS Dissemination Award, University of Colorado Denver
- 2012 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Award in Economics, National Science Foundation
Advisor: Duncan Thomas
- 2013, 2011 Duke University, Graduate School, Summer Research Fellowship
Duke University, Department of Economics, Summer Research Fellowship
Duke University, Department of Economics, Full Scholarship

Conferences & Talks

- 2025 (*including scheduled*) Inter-American Development Bank RES Seminar Series; American University; Brookings Institute; The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley; San Diego State University; SEA Conference, AEI Immigration Research Colloquium; 3rd Humans LACEA Conference
- 2024 LAPOP Migration Learning Summit; Seventeenth AFD-World Bank International Conference on Migration and Development; Care Conference 2024; Dialogo Regional de Politica, Quito, Ecuador
- 2023 School of Global Policy and Strategy, UCSD; Lacea-HUMANS; Barcelona School of Economics Summer Forum; University of Florida; Sixteenth AFD-World Bank International Conference on Migration and Development; International Labor Affairs Bureau (ILAB), U.S. Department of Labor; University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Syracuse University; Universidad Autónoma de Madrid
- 2022 Ohio State University; PDRI Conference on Climate Change and the Environment; NOVAFRICA Conference on Economic Development; Network to Address the Economic Consequences of Violence in Mexico; UNU-WIDER Development Conference
- 2021 Arizona State University; Center For Global Development; Texas A&M University; University of Connecticut; University of North Carolina Greensboro; Universidad de los Andes; LACEA; First IZA Workshop: Climate Change and Labor Markets
- 2020 IDB migration seminar; University of Essex; ICESI; Southern Economic Association (SEA)
- 2019 Institute for Behavioral Science, University of Colorado Boulder; Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev). Los Angeles, CA; Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA). Austin, TX; Western Economic Association International (WEAI). San Francisco, CA; Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). Denver, CO; Southern Economic Association (SEA). Fort Lauderdale, FL.
- 2018 ASSA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA; Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA), Denver, CO; Hawaii Applied Micro One-day Conference (HAMOC), Honolulu, HI; 1st Annual Colombian Economics Conference, Bogota, Colombia
- 2017 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev). Riverside, CA; Seminario Universidad Javeriana. Bogota, Colombia
- 2016 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). Medellin, Colombia
- 2015 Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev). San Diego, CA; Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA). San Diego, CA; The Society of Labor Economists (SOLE). Montreal, Canada
- 2014 Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting (SEA). Atlanta, GA; Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA). Boston, MA.
- 2013 Ninth Annual Workshop, Households in Conflict Network (HiCN). Berkeley, CA; Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC). Harvard Kennedy School. Cambridge, MA; Population Association of America Annual Meeting (PAA), New Orleans, LA; Duke Population Research Institute Seminar Series (DuPRI), Duke University.
- 2012 The Economic and Social Consequences of Armed Conflict and Crime. Cartagena, Colombia; Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). Lima, Peru
- 2010 Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC). MIT. Cambridge, MA.
- 2007 Third Annual Workshop, Households in Conflict Network (HiCN). Brighton, UK; Second Annual Workshop, Households in Conflict Network. Antwerp, Belgium.

Professional Activities

Referee (listed in alphabetical order): American Economic Journal: Economic Policy; American Economic Review; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economic Journal; Economics of Education Review; European Economic Review; Health Economics; ILR Review; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization; Journal of Health Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Political Economy Microeconomics; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Labour Economics; Revista Desarrollo y Sociedad; The Journal of Human Resources; The Review of Economic Studies; The Review of Economics and Statistics; World Bank Economic Review; World Development

Professional Memberships:

American Economic Association; Households in Conflict Network; American Society of Hispanic Economists

Other Activities:

2017-2024 Contributor to Foco Economico

2025-present Contributor to Voces

University Service

Member Hiring Committee. Economics department.

2024/21/19/15
2023-present Director of Graduate Studies, Economics Department

2021-present Graduate Advisor, Economics Department

2023 Member Search Committee for Latino Research & Policy Center Executive Director

2023-2024 Co-Chair of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. CU Denver Economics

2021-2023 Member of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee. CU Denver Economics

2021 Member Search Committee for Associate Dean for Faculty and Staff Affairs

2019-2024 Member of College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Council

2019, 2014 Member Reappointment, Tenure, and Promotion/Service Committee

2018-2020 Member Women in Economics Group

2017-2019 Member of Immigration Research Initiative

2015-2019 Member of the Faculty Assembly Ethnic Diversity Affairs Committee

2014 Member of the Teaching Standards Committee

Community Service

2019-2022 Member of Culture and Equity Committee Escuela Valdez

2022-2023 Member of Children Thrive Action Network Research Working Group

Teaching Experience

Introduction to Econometrics (Undergraduate level)

Development Economics (Undergraduate level and Graduate level)

Last updated: September 15, 2025