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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 2016-2021  
Dissertation: *“Essays on the Economic Incidence of Minimum Wage Policies”*  
M.S., Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 2018  
Lic., Economics, Universidad de Costa Rica. Honors, 2012  
B.A., Economics, Universidad de Costa Rica, 2011

## Teaching and Research Fields

**Main fields:** Macroeconomics-Labor Economics  
**Sub-Fields:** Industrial Organization

## Honors and Grants

2023	2022 Joint Research Program Award, CEMLA
2020	The Washington Center for Equitable Growth Doctoral Grant (US\$15,000)
2020	Graduate Student Data Grant, University of Texas at Austin
2018-2019	Summer Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
2016	Graduate Student Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
2010-2011	Beca de Excelencia Académica, Universidad de Costa Rica

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-Present	Assistant Professor. Department of Economics, University of Costa Rica
2021-Present	Research Economist. Economic Research Department, Central Bank of Costa Rica
2019	Research Assistant. Professors Nitya Pandalai-Nayar and Christoph E. Boehm. University of Texas at Austin.
2014 – 2016	Junior Researcher. Economic Research Department, Central Bank of Costa Rica
2013 – 2014	Research Coordinator. Consejeros Económicos y Financieros S.A., Costa Rica.
2010 – 2013	Research Assistant. Consejeros Económicos y Financieros S.A., Costa Rica.
2012	Research Assistant. Instituto de Investigaciones en Ciencias Económicas, Universidad de Costa Rica.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 and 2024	Intermediate Macroeconomics, University of Costa Rica
I and II-2022	International Macroeconomics, University de Costa Rica
I -2022	Labor Economics, University de Costa Rica
Spring 2020	Economics of the European Union*, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Valerie Bencivenga, University of Texas at Austin
Summer 2020	Probability and Statistics (MA)*, Teaching Assistant for Prof. James Scott, University of Texas at Austin
Spring 2020	Economics of the European Union*, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Valerie Bencivenga, University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2018, 2020	International Trade and Investment*, Teaching Assistant for Prof. Nitya Pandalai-Nayar, University of Texas at Austin
Spring 2018	Energy Economics, Teaching Assistant for Prof Michael Sadler, University of Texas at Austin
Fall, 2017	Introduction to Macroeconomics, Teaching Assistant for Prof Michael Sadler, University of Texas at Austin
2013	Introducción a la economía, Instructor, Universidad de Costa Rica * Denotes classes for which I prepared and led regular review sessions

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2023	OECD, CEPAL, Jornadas de Investigación Económica (BCCR), Conference of Costa Rican Economists (EconCR23)
2022	Consejo Nacional de Salarios de Costa Rica, Joint Research Program CEMLA, Jornadas de Investigación Económica (BCCR).
2021	Society of Labor Economics SOLE, Royal Economic Society, University of Oklahoma, Universidad de Los Andes Colombia, Cornerstone Research Washington DC, Jornadas de Investigación Económica BCCR, Coloquio de Investigación Escuela de Economía UCR
2020	Banco Central de Costa Rica, Ministerio de Planificación Económica MIDEPLAN, Workshop in Labor Economics-Trier University (Cancelada por COVID), Young Economists Symposium, Missouri Valley Economic Association, Empirics and Methods in Economics Conference 2020, Econometric Society Winter Meeting 2020
<b>Referee:</b>	Journal of Econometrics

## PUBLICATONS

- “Job Displacement Effects and Labor Market Sorting During COVID-19” (2023). Latin American Journal of Central Banking. *(With Guillermo Pastrana and Pablo Slon)*
- “Indicadores de holgura en el mercado laboral costarricense” Documento de Trabajo No. 02-2023, Departamento de Investigación Económica, Banco Central de Costa Rica *(With Catalina Sandoval)*
- “Misallocation and Productivity in Costa Rica” (2018). OECD Economic Survey of Costa Rica: Research Findings on Productivity, OECD Publishing, Paris. *(With Alonso Alfaro-Urena)*
- “Sovereign Risk: Global and Local Factors” (2015) Documento de Trabajo No. 01-2015, Departamento de Investigación, Banco Central de Costa Rica. *(Con Jorge León)*
- “Análisis sobre la dinámica de transición y duración del desempleo en Costa Rica.” (2014) Revista de Ciencias Económicas 32.2. *(Con Juan Manuel Castro-Vincenzi and Mariana Odio)*
- “Efecto de la liberalización comercial sobre el bienestar de los hogares costarricenses durante el periodo 1995-2006” (2013) Revista de Ciencias Económicas 31.2 (2013). *(Con Sergio Chacon and Alejandra Lobo)*
- “Metodología para determinar el acceso al crédito de las microempresas” (2012) Revista Economía Y Sociedad, 17(42), 87-99. *(Con Juliana Mesén Vargas)*

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Household Dollar Saving Behavior” *(With Alfredo Mendoza-Fernández and Carlos Segura-Rodríguez)*
- “Distortions and Complexity in Nonlinear Tax Systems: Evidence From Costa Rica” *(With Lucía Contreras)*

- “Minimum Wages and Firm Dynamics: Evidence From Costa Rica’s Occupation-Based System”.
- “Behavioral Responses to Tax Structures: Evidence from Self-Employed Workers”. (*With Claudio Mora y Fernando Corrales*)
- “Minimum Wages, Firm Pay Policies, and Employment Flows”
- “Minimum Wages and Capital-Labor Substitution”

## SKILLS

Software: Stata, R, Matlab, Python, LaTeX.

Lenguajes: Inglés (fluido), Español (nativo), Francés (básico)

Certificaciones: Data Science and Machine Learning with R (Udemy, February 2020). Data Scientist with Python Track (DataCamp, February 2020).

## PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Bureau Member, Working Party 1 on Macroeconomics and Structural Policy Analysis, OECD.

Teaching Committee, Department of Economics, University of Costa Rica 2023.

Organizer of Research Brown Bag Seminars, BCCR.

Academic Committee, Costa Rican Economists Conference 2023 (EconCR23).