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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Field: Economics
- Sub-fields: Political Economy; Development Economics
- Specific interests: Conflict and crime; media; behavioral economics; research reproducibility; applied AI

EDUCATION

- 2023 - Ph.D. in Economics, University of Western Australia. Dean's list honorable mention.
- 2018 - M.Sc. in Economics, Universite Catholique de Louvain.
- 2016 - B.S. in Economics, Universidad EAFIT. Graduated with honors.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

- Captivating news: Media attention and FARC kidnappings. With Michael Jetter. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 2022.
- Estrategias anticontrabando y crimen organizado. EAFIT & FND.
- Peacefully Demobilizing Rebels: Identity, Emotional Cues, and the FARC. With Michael Jetter and Christopher Parsons. IZA Discussion Paper No. 16054.
- Comparing Human-Only, AI-Assisted, and AI-Led Teams on Assessing Research Reproducibility in Quantitative Social Science. With A. Brodeur, D. Valenta, A. Marcoci, D. Mikola, B. Barbarioli, et al.
- Comment on "Telementoring and Homeschooling during School Closures: A Randomized Experiment in Rural Bangladesh" by Hassan et al. With Nikolai Cook, Derek Mikola, Ole Rogeberg, David Valenta, Michael Wiebe, Carl Bonander, and Abel Brodeur. *The Economic Journal*, 2026.
- A Comment on "Delivering Remote Learning Using a Low-Tech Solution: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in Bangladesh." I4R Discussion Paper Series, 2025.
- The Wrong Snowball: Reintegration Signals and Demobilization in Colombia. Working paper.
- You Speak, We Shoot: On the Unintended Consequences of Community Radios on Colombia's Violent Conflict. Working paper.
- Violence and Migration: Analyzing the Mujahideen. Work in progress.
- Polarization in Democratic Elections: Insights from an Enhanced Hotelling's Model. Work in progress.
- Internet Demand: The Colombian Telecommunications Wholesale Sector. With John J. Garcia. *Revista de Economia del Rosario*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024-present - Postdoctoral Researcher, Institute for Replication, Ottawa, Canada. Organizes replication games globally for social science papers in top journals; coordinates teams reproducing and verifying research findings; contributes to meta-papers on replication outcomes and methodological lessons.

- 2022-present - Senior Economist & Data Scientist, CivicScience, Pittsburgh, USA. Applies behavioral economics to large-scale data analysis, predictive modeling, and strategic market insights.
- 2022-2023 - Postdoctoral Researcher, Universidad EAFIT, Medellin, Colombia. Led a team analyzing illicit liquor and tobacco markets; produced diagnostics for institutional stakeholders; collaborated on local intervention research projects.

TEACHING

- 2025 - Advanced Topics in Econometrics, Universidad EAFIT.
- 2024 - Intro Microeconomics, Universidad EIA.
- 2023 - Intro Colombian Economy, Universidad EIA.
- 2023 - Intermediate Macroeconomics, Universidad EIA.
- 2021-2023 - Microeconomics Seminar, Universidad EAFIT. Student evaluation: 4.8/5.
- 2022 - Growth and Development, Universidad EAFIT. Student evaluation: 4.7/5.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Research on Research initiative, I4R: USD 187,210.
- Sloan Foundation, I4R: USD 134,784.
- Dean's list, University of Western Australia.
- Postgraduate Award, University of Western Australia.
- Top Up Scholarship, University of Western Australia.
- Laureate Thesis, Universidad EAFIT.
- RTP Scholarship, Australian Government.
- Beca ICETEX, ICETEX.

SUPERVISION AND SERVICE

- Supervised or mentored students at Louvain School of Economics, Universidad EIA, and Universidad EAFIT.
- Referee service: PNAS Nexus, Journal of Productivity Analysis, Sports Economics Review, Journal of the Operational Research Society, Migration Studies, Revista de Economia del Rosario.
- Pro-bono consulting for International Justice Mission on violence against women and children in Colombia.

SKILLS

- Software: R, Python, Excel, Stata, LaTeX, SQL.
- Languages: Spanish native; English C1; French; Portuguese.