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## EDUCATION

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<b>Cornell University</b>	Ithaca, NY
Ph.D. in Regional Science ( <i>Urban and Regional Economics</i> )	2023
M.Sc. in Regional Science ( <i>Urban and Regional Economics</i> )	2022
<b>Universidad del Rosario</b>	Bogotá D.C., Colombia
M.A. in Economics of Public Policy	2017
B.Sc. in Economics	2016
B.A. in Political Science and Government	2016

## EMPLOYMENT

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<b>InsightPlace</b>	Bogotá D.C., Colombia
Managing Partner	Apr 2024–
<b>Inter-American Development Bank</b>	Washington, D.C.
Consultant	Sep 2023–Nov 2023
<b>Universidad del Rosario - Alianza EFI</b>	Bogotá D.C., Colombia
Consultant	Aug 2022–Jul 2023
<b>Confecámaras</b>	Bogotá D.C., Colombia
Consultant	Jun 2019–Aug 2019
<b>Fedesarrollo</b>	Bogotá D.C., Colombia
Junior Researcher	Jan 2018–Jul 2018
Research Assistant & Economic Analyst	Aug 2015–Dec 2017
Intern, <i>Department of Macroeconomic and Sectorial Analysis</i>	Feb 2015–Jul 2015

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] “The Effect of Minimum Wages on Rural Employment: Theory and Evidence from Colombia”, 2020, *Coyuntura Económica*, 50(1-2): 169–209.
- [2] “Elementos para una política pública frente a la crisis de Venezuela” (with M. Reina & T. Ramírez), 2018, *Cuadernos de Fedesarrollo*, No 69, 192p.
- [3] “De la política pública a la política gremial: el Fondo de Estabilización de Precios de la Palma de Aceite en Colombia”, 2018, *Revista Palmas*, 39(1), 91-119.

## WORKING PAPERS

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“Immigrant Networks in the Labor Market”, *Job Market Paper*

“The Fiscal Impact of Immigration: Labor Displacement, Wages, and the Allocation of Public Spending”  
(with A. Castaño)

“Estimating the Effect of Immigration on Public Finances: Evidence from the Influx of Venezuelan Migrants to Colombia” (with T. Ramírez), SSRN Working Paper 3927396.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“A Model of Spatial Job Referral Networks”

“Carrying the Weight of Autonomy? Growth and Spatial Inequality among Municipalities in Colombia”  
(with C. F. Holguín)

## POLICY REPORTS

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- [1] “Revisión de gasto sector comercio, industria y turismo” (with N. Salazar, M. Barragán & V. Sánchez), Fedesarrollo, August 2017, [www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3505](http://www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3505)
- [2] “La estructura de las tarifas de registro en las Cámaras de Comercio y beneficios de sus servicios: impacto sobre la competitividad y la formalidad empresarial” (with N. Salazar & N. Navarrete), Fedesarrollo, June 2017, [www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3445](http://www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3445)
- [3] “Financiación de la educación superior a través del ICETEX: estimación de necesidades de recursos a futuro y propuestas de mecanismos de fondeo” (with N. Salazar & C. Correa), Fedesarrollo, November 2016, [www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3303](http://www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/3303)
- [4] “Transferencias intergubernamentales y descentralización de la educación: revisión de la literatura y lineamientos para una propuesta de esquema de distribución de los recursos del SGP orientados a educación” (with N. Salazar & O. Gracia), Chapter 5, Fedesarrollo, March 2016, [www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/2919](http://www.repository.fedesarrollo.org.co/handle/11445/2919)

## TEACHING

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<b>Teaching Assistant</b> at Cornell University Undergraduate: <i>Introduction to Business Management (AEM1200)</i>	Summer 2021–2023
<b>Adjunct Professor</b> at Universidad del Rosario Undergraduate: <i>Economics for Lawyers</i>	Fall 2016–Spring 2018
<b>Teaching Assistant</b> at Universidad del Rosario Graduate: <i>Political Economy</i>	Fall 2017
<b>Adjunct Professor</b> at School of Business-CESA Undergraduate: <i>Current Economic Problems</i>	Spring 2016–Fall 2017

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- Lourdes Benería Award, Cornell-LACS 2020
- Fulbright-MinCiencias Scholarship 2018–2022
- Magna Cum Laude, Universidad del Rosario 2017

- Best University Student (Top 5), Newspaper Portafolio Prize 2016
- Colegial de Número, Universidad del Rosario 2016
- Undergraduate Fellowship, Universidad del Rosario 2010–2016
- Member, The National Society of High School Scholars 2010

## LANGUAGES

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Spanish (Native), English (Proficient), French (Basic)