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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Economics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, *May 2015*
- M.A. Economics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, *May 2013*
- M.A. Economics, Sussex University, Brighton, U.K., *February 2006*
- B.A. Economics, Eafit University, Medellin, Colombia, *June 2003*

EXPERIENCE

Inter-American Development Bank

Research Economist, *Capital Markets & Financial Institutions*, *January 2015* –
Post-doctoral Researcher, *Research Department*, *July-December, 2014*
Research Assistant, *Research Department*, *June 2008 - July 2010*

Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Research Department

PhD dissertation intern, *May-June, 2014*

Rutgers University, Department of Economics

Instructor and research assistant, *2011-2013*

National Association of Financial Institutions (ANIF), Bogota, Colombia

Research Economist, *2007-2008*

Bancolombia, Bogota, Colombia

Monetary Policy Analyst, *Research Department*, *2006-2007*

RESEARCH

Journal publications

- "Investor Protection and Optimal Contracts Under Risk Aversion and Costly State Verification", *Economic Theory*, vol. 59, Issue 3, August, 2015.
- "From Institutions to Financial Development and Growth:What are the Links", *forthcoming*, *Journal of Economic Surveys* (with Andres Fernandez).
- "Capital Flows and Sudden Stops: History, Theory and a New Estimation" (in Spanish with Andres Vargas). *Coyuntura Economica* Vol. 37 No. 2, Fedesarrollo; Bogotá; February 2008. Reprinted in: *Monetaria, CEMLA, Vol XXXI No. 1 Jan-Mar, 2008*.

Working papers

- "From Institutions to Financial Development and Growth:What are the Links", *IDB Working Paper 565* (with Andres Fernandez).

- "Template for Debt Sustainability Analysis: A User Manual", *IADB Research Department Technical Notes* # IDB-TN-105, (with E. Cavallo, E. Borensztein and others), January, 2010.

Work in progress

- "Productivity Growth and the Saving Rate in Latin America" with Andres Fernandez and Ayse Imrohorglu.
- "Informal Saving in Colombia: A General Equilibrium Approach" with Catalina Granda and Franz Hamann.
- "Bankruptcy Choice with Endogenous Financial Constraints"

Book chapters

- "Firm Productivity as an Engine for Saving" with Matias Busso and Andres Fernandez, Chapter 10 in: *Domestic Savings in Latin America and the Caribbean*, edited by Eduino Cavallo.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Peter Asch Memorial Prize for outstanding dissertation work, May 2014.

Sidney I. Simon Prize for best second year research paper, May 2013

Colfuturo scholarship for graduate studies, 2010-2015

M.A. degree conferred with distinction, 2006

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

Econometric Society World Congress (2015), Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (2014), IADB-RES (2014), LACEA-LAMES (2014), Midwest Macro Meetings (2013, 2014)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

Teaching Assistant, Ph.D. Macro Theory I & II, Fall, Spring 2012

Supervisor: Professors Roberto Chang, Jae Won Lee, Cristina Fuentes-Albero

Instructor, Money & Banking (Undergrad.), Fall 2011/12 Spring 2012, Summer 2011/12/13

Supervisor: Professor John Landon Lane

Instructor, MATLAB course for 1st year Ph.D. students, 2012, 2013

Universidad de los Andes, Bogota, Colombia

Teaching Assistant, Principles of Economics, Monetary Economics, 2007-2008

Supervisor: Professors Alvaro Riascos, Sergio Clavijo

SKILLS, SERVICE, MEMBERSHIP

Software: Stata, Matlab, Gauss, Eviews, Microfit, L^AT_EX, Scientific Workplace, LYX, Bloomberg.

Languages: English (fluent); Spanish (native); French (basic)

Refereeing: *Review of Economic Studies*, *Economía* (The Journal of LACEA)

Membership: American Economic Association, Latin American Economic Association (LACEA)