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CURRENT POSITION

Economist (Young Professional), *The World Bank*, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management – Africa Region. Washington, DC, USA. (Since 2008).

EDUCATION

2001 - 2006 PhD in Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
2000 - 2001 M.A. in Economics, National University of La Plata, Argentina.
1995 - 1999 B.A. in Economics, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

LABOR AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2006 - 2008 *Andean Development Corporation (C.A.F.)*, Caracas, Venezuela. Research Department. Research Economist.
2006 *The World Bank*, Washington, DC. Finance and Private Sector Development, Latin America and Caribbean Region. Consultant. Project: Collaboration in regional study “*Remittances and Development: Lessons from Latin America.*”
2005 *The World Bank*, Washington, DC. Development Research Group. Consultant. Project: Migration and Rural Development in Pakistan.
2004 *Inter-American Development Bank*, Washington, DC. Office of Oversight and Evaluation. Summer Internship. Country Program Evaluation: El Salvador.
2003 *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Department of Economics.* Research Assistant for Professor Earl Grinols. Research Areas: Development Economics, Law and Economics.
2000 – 2001 *Foundation for Latin American Economic Research (F.I.E.L.)*, Argentina. Junior Economist. Research Areas: Development Economics, Public Economics, Poverty, Income Distribution, and Statistical Analysis of Household Surveys.
2000 *National University of La Plata, Department of Economics*, Argentina. Research Assistant for Leonardo Gasparini. Research Areas: Income Distribution and Statistical Analysis of Household Surveys.
1998 – 1999 *Foundation for Latin American Economic Research (F.I.E.L.)*, Argentina. Research Assistant. Economic Reports and Statistical Analysis of Macroeconomic Indicators.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

“Remittances and the Dutch Disease.” (With Emmanuel Lartey and Federico Mandelman). *Journal of International Economics*, 2009, 79 (1), 102-116.

“Financial Development, Remittances, and Real Exchange Rate Appreciation.” (With Nicole Baerg and Federico Mandelman). *Economic Review*, 2009, 94 (1), 1-12.

“A Simple IM Test for Exponential Distributions.” (With Gabriel Montes-Rojas). *Applied Economics Letters*, 2009, 16 (2), 109-112.

“Trade Reform and Inequality: The Case of Mexico and Argentina in the 1990s.” (With Gabriel Montes-Rojas). *World Economy*, 2008, 31 (6), 763-780.

“What is the Impact of International Remittances on Poverty and Inequality in Latin America?” (With Cesar Calderon, Pablo Fajnzylber and Humberto Lopez). *World Development*, 2008, 36 (1), 89-114.

“Capital Accumulation, Trade Liberalization and Rising Wage Inequality: The Case of Argentina” (With Leonardo Gasparini). *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2007, 55 (4), 793-812.

“Monte Carlo Properties of Spatial Dependence LM Tests” (With Enlinson de Mattos and Ana Fava). *Applied Economics Letters*, 2006, 13 (14), 905-910.

“Remittances and Development in Latin America”. (With Cesar Calderon, Pablo Fajnzylber and Humberto Lopez). *World Economy*, 2006, 29 (7), 957-987.

“Short and Long Run Determinants of Private Investment in Argentina” (With Andres Loza). *Journal of Applied Economics*, 2005, 8 (2), 389-406.

“How Important are Remittances in Latin America?”; “Do Remittances Lower Poverty Levels in Latin America?”; and “Remittances and Household Behavior: Evidence from Latin America”. In *Remittances and Development: Lessons from Latin America*. P. Fajnzylber and H. Lopez, eds. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2008.

“The Impact of Remittances on Poverty and Human Capital: Evidence from Latin American Household Surveys”; and “Entrepreneurship, Labor Markets, and International Remittances: Evidence from El Salvador”. In *International Migration, Economic Development and Policy*. C. Ozden and M. Schiff, eds. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2007.

“Remittances, Exchange Rate Regimes and the Dutch Disease: A Panel Data Analysis.” (With Emmanuel Lartey and Federico Mandelman). *Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Working Paper* 2008-12, 2008.

“Labor Supply, School Attendance, and Remittances from International Migration: The Case of El Salvador.” *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper* 3903, 2006.

“The "Flypaper Effect" in Presence of Spatial Interdependence: Evidence from Argentinean Municipalities.” Forthcoming, *Annals of Regional Science*.

In Spanish:

“Estrategias para la Generacion de Oportunidades en America Latina”; “Integralidad y Eficiencia para una Mejor Politica Social”; “Empleos para una Mejor Calidad de Vida”; and “El Reto de la Cobertura del Sistema de Pensiones”. In *Oportunidades en America Latina: Hacia una Mejor Politica Social*. Reporte de Economia y Desarrollo 2007-2008. Caracas: Corporación Andina de Fomento, 2007.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS AND GRANTS

- 2005 *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics*. Brems Graduate Research Award for the outstanding graduate research paper in economics.
- 2005 *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics*. McNatt Memorial Award as the outstanding graduate student in the field of labor economics.
- 2003 *Center for International Business Education and Research*. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Doctoral Student Research Award.
- 2003 *Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies*. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Tinker Grant Competition.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2004 – 2005 *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Master of Sciences in Policy Economics*. Assistant Instructor, Macroeconomics.
- 2003 – 2004 *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics* (Undergraduate Level). Teaching Assistant, Statistics for Economists II.
- 2001 – 2002 *University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics* (Undergraduate Level). Economics. Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics II.
- 1999 *University of Buenos Aires, Argentina* (Undergraduate Level). Industrial Organization.
- 1998 *University of Buenos Aires, Argentina* (Undergraduate Level). Statistics.

AFFILIATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Referee for *Journal of Labor Economics*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *World Development*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, *Journal of Economic Inequality*, *Journal of Applied Economics* and *Economía Mexicana*.

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