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# PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University	
Chair, Department of Economics	2019-
Professor of Economics and International Affairs	2014-
Chair, Columbia Committee on the Economics of Education	2014-2019
Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs	2012-2015
Associate Professor of Economics and International Affairs	2009–2014
Assistant Professor of Economics and International Affairs	2003-2009
National Bureau of Economic Research	
Research Associate	2011-
Faculty Research Fellow	2007-2011
Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development	
Fellow	2014-
Federal Reserve Bank of New York	
Visiting Scholar	2015-2016
Russell Sage Foundation	
Visiting Scholar	2010-2011
Cornell University	
Assistant Professor of Economics	2001–2003
The World Bank	
Young Professional	2000-2001
Bolivian Catholic University	
Associate Professor	1999–2000
Assistant Professor	1998–1999
Ministry of Planning, Bolivia	
Analyst	1992–1994
OTHER APPOINTMENTS	
American Economic Journal, Applied Economics	
Member of the Editorial Board	2013-
WIDER, United Nations University	
Advisory Board member	2016–
The Russell Sage Foundation Journal	
Member of the Editorial Board	2017-2020
Latin American Economic Association	
Member of the Executive Committee	2014–2017
Journal of Human Resources	
Co-Editor	2010–2014
Society of Bolivian Economists	
Member of the Executive Committee	2009–2013
Economía, Journal of the Latin American Economic Association	
Associate Editor	2003-2006

#### **DEGREES**

University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D. in Economics 2000
Swarthmore College
B.A. in Economics and Political Science 1992

#### RESEARCH

#### Book:

*Markets, Minds, and Money: Why America Leads the World in University Research*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2020.

### Journal Articles:

Why does the U.S. have the best research universities? with Bentley MacLeod. Journal of Economic Perspectives, 2021.

Is education consumption or investment? Implications for the effect of school competition with Bentley MacLeod. *Annual Review of Economics*, 2019.

The big sort: College reputation and labor market outcomes, with Bentley MacLeod, Evan Riehl, and Juan Saavedra. American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, 9(3), 223-261, 2017.

School vouchers: A survey of the economics literature, with Dennis Epple and Richard Romano. *Journal of Economic Literature*, 55(2), 441-492, 2017.

Reputation and school competition, with Bentley MacLeod, American Economic Review, 105(11), 3471-3488, 2015.

Progress and challenges in achieving an evidence-based education policy, Latin American Economic Review, 24(12), 2015.

Going to a better school: Effects and behavioral responses, with Cristian Pop-Eleches, American Economic Review, 103(4), 1289-1324, 2013.

Parental choice and school markets: The impact of information on school effectiveness, with Alejandra Mizala, **Journal of Development Economics**, 103, 313-335, 2013.

Class size caps, sorting, and the regression discontinuity design, with Eric Verhoogen, American Economic Review, 99(1), 179-215, 2009.

School choice, stratification, and information on school performance, with Patrick McEwan and Emiliana Vegas, *Economía* (Journal of the Latin American Economic Association), 8(2), 1-42, 2008.

Socioeconomic status or noise? Tradeoffs in the generation of school quality information, with Alejandra Mizala and Pilar Romaguera, *Journal of Development Economics*, 84(1), 61-75, 2007.

Apples and oranges: Educational enrollment and attainment across countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, with Valentina Calderón, *International Journal of Educational Development*, 26(6), 572-590, 2006.

The effects of generalized school choice on achievement and stratification: Evidence from Chile's school voucher program, with Chang-Tai Hsieh, *Journal of Public Economics*, 90(8-9), 1477-1503, 2006.

Identifying class size effects in developing countries: Evidence from rural Bolivia, **The Review of Economics and Statistics**, 88(1), 171-177, 2006.

Does school choice lead to sorting? Evidence from Tiebout variation, American Economic Review, 95(4), 1310-1326, 2005.

The central role of noise in evaluating interventions that use test scores to rank schools, with Kenneth Chay and Patrick McEwan, *American Economic Review*, 95(4), 1237-1258, 2005.

What difference does it make if school and work are connected? Evidence on cooperative education in the U.S., with David Stern and Neal Finkelstein, *Economics of Education Review* 16(3), 213-229, 1997.

## Chapters and other publications:

*Learning and earning: An approximation to college value added in two dimensions*, with Evan Riehl and Juan Saavedra, in Caroline Hoxby and Kevin Stange, Eds., *Productivity in Higher Education*. The University of Chicago Press, 2019.

Competition among schools: Traditional public and private schools, in Eric Hanushek. Stephen Machin and Ludger Woessman, Eds., *Handbook of the Economics of Education*. Elsevier, 2016.

Competition and educational productivity: Incentives writ large, with Bentley MacLeod, in Paul Glewwe, Ed., *Education Policy in Developing Countries*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013.

Education in Jose Antonio Ocampo, Ed., *The Oxford Handbook of Latin American Economics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Capitalization and privatization in Bolivia: An approximation to an evaluation, with Gover Barja and David McKenzie, in John Nellis and Nancy Birdsall, Eds., **Reality Check: The Distributional Impact of Privatization in Developing Countries.** Washington D.C.: Center for Global Development, 2005.

Arbitrary variation in teacher salaries, with Emiliana Vegas, in Emiliana Vegas, Ed., *Incentives to Improve teaching: Lessons from Latin America*. Washington, D.C.: The World Bank, 2005.

Capitalization, regulation and the poor: Access to basic services, with Gover Barja, in Cristina Ugaz and Catherine Waddams Price, Eds., *Utility Privatization and Regulation*. Northampton: Edward Elgar, 2003.

*Teachers in Bolivia: Impact, Incentives and Performance*, with Wilson Jiménez, Maria Luisa Talavera, and Werner Hernany. La Paz: La Imprenta, 2000. [*In Spanish*].

Universal education, in **Defeating Poverty: Eight Goals at a Time**. La Paz: UNDP/Edobol, 2000. [In Spanish].

The Geographic distribution of population in Bolivia, in Fernando Campero, Ed., Bolivia in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. La Paz: EDOBOL, 2000. [In Spanish].

Participating in growth: Economic expansion, income distribution and poverty in urban Bolivia, 1989-1992. La Paz: Papiro, 1994. [In Spanish].

*Economic Access to Basic Health Care in Bolivia*, in *Poverty and Health in Bolivia*. La Paz: World Health Organization, 1994. [*In Spanish*].

# **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Senior Academic Seminar, Nottingham University Tenth anniversary meetings of the Impact Evaluation Network, Keynote speaker American Economic Review, Excellence in Refereeing award Fifth Congress of Colombian Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Featured speaker Korea Development Institute Conference on Educational Investment, Featured speaker Research Institute for Development, Growth, and Economics, Keynote address 2016 School of International and Public Affairs, Outstanding Teaching Award 2013 Bolivian Academy of Economic Sciences, Member 2013 Research in Economic Development meetings, University of Ottawa, Plenary address Quarterly Journal of Economics, Excellence in Refereeing award American Economic Review, Excellence in Refereeing award First Interdisciplinary Congress on Education in Chile, Plenary address 2010 Network on Inequality and Poverty meetings, Keynote address 2010 Society of Bolivian Economists, Keynote address 2010 Society of Bolivian Economists, Keynote address 2009 Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Outstanding Referee award National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation, Postdoctoral Fellowship 2005 Smith Richardson Foundation, Domestic Public Policy Research Fellowship 2005 Smith Richardson Foundation, University of California, Dissertation Prize 2000 Robert Burch Center for Public Finance Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley Economics Department, University of California, Continuing Student Fellowship 1997 Swarthmore College, High Honors and Phi Beta Kappa	Centre for Economic Research and Policy Conference, Keynote speaker	2021
American Economic Review, Excellence in Refereeing award  Fifth Congress of Colombian Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Featured speaker  Korea Development Institute Conference on Educational Investment, Featured speaker  Research Institute for Development, Growth, and Economics, Keynote address  School of International and Public Affairs, Outstanding Teaching Award  Bolivian Academy of Economic Sciences, Member  Research in Economic Development meetings, University of Ottawa, Plenary address  Quarterly Journal of Economics, Excellence in Refereeing award  American Economic Review, Excellence in Refereeing award  First Interdisciplinary Congress on Education in Chile, Plenary address  Network on Inequality and Poverty meetings, Keynote address  Society of Bolivian Economists, Keynote address  Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Outstanding Referee award  National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation, Postdoctoral Fellowship  Smith Richardson Foundation, Domestic Public Policy Research Fellowship  Journal of Development Economics, University of California, Dissertation Prize  Robert Burch Center for Public Finance Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley  Economics Department, University of California, Continuing Student Fellowship	Senior Academic Seminar, Nottingham University	2018
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	Robert Burch Center for Public Finance Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley	1998
Swarthmore College, High Honors and Phi Beta Kappa 1992	Economics Department, University of California, Continuing Student Fellowship	1997
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# UNIVERSITY SERVICE (COLUMBIA)

Budget Committee, Faculty of Arts and Sciences	2020-
Policy and Planning Committee, Faculty of Arts and Sciences	2020-
Advisory Committee, Center for Teaching and Learning	2017-2021
Presidential Committee on the Fourth Purpose	2019-2020
Presidential Committee on the Creation of a Climate School	2020-2020
Provost's Advisory Council for the Enhancement of Faculty Diversity	2018-2020
Executive Committee, Institute of Latin American Studies	2010-2019
Provost's Faculty Advisory Committee	2013-2018
Provost's Committee on Institutional Research	2015-2018
Internal Review Committee for Columbia Law School	2018-2018
Arts and Sciences Subcommittee on Teaching in Promotion Decisions	2016-2017
Search Committee, Director for the Center for Teaching and Learning	2016-2017
Provost's Faculty Pay Equity Committee	2015-2016
Provost's Faculty Quality of Life Committee	2014-2016
Faculty Senate	2006–2008

# REFEREE SERVICE

American Economic Review

American Economic Review: Insights

American Economic Journal: Economic Policy American Economic Journal: Microeconomics

Comparative Education Review

Economic Development and Cultural Change

Economic Journal Economics Letters

Education Finance and Policy Journal of Applied Econometrics

Journal of Economic Literature Journal of Human Resources

Journal of Policy Analysis and Management Journal of Public Economic Theory

Journal of Urban Economics

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

Quarterly Journal of Economics Review of Economics and Statistics American Economic Journal: Applied Economics B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy

Econometrica Economic Inquiry Economic Modelling

Economics of Education Review

Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis

Journal of Development Economics

Journal of the European Economic Association

Journal of Labor Economics Journal of Political Economy Journal of Public Economics Labour Economics

Labour Economics
Quantitative Economics
Review of Economic Studies
World Bank Economic Review

#### ACADEMIC TALKS GIVEN (INCLUDING SCHEDULED):

Banco de México Boston University Brown University

Carnegie Mellon Columbia University Dartmouth College

European University Institute Georgetown University

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

**ITAM** 

Iowa State University Leibniz University Michigan State University

Michigan State University

National Bureau of Economic Research

Northwestern University Nottingham University

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Rensselaer Polytechnic Russell Sage Foundation Southern Methodist University

Syracuse University Tel Aviv University Universidad de Chile Universidad de los Andes

University of California at Berkeley University of California at Los Angeles

University of Florida

Universite de Toulouse

University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Indiana
University of Michigan
University of Notre Dame
University of Sao Paulo
University of Toronto
Uppsala University
Warwick University
Wesleyan University
Yale University

Bocconi University Brookings Institution

Bureau of Research on Development

City University of New York

Cornell University
Duke University

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

Harvard University Hunter College

Inter-American Development Bank Latin American Economic Association

London School of Economics

M.I.T.

New York University

Notre Dame de la Paix University Paris School of Economics Princeton University Rice University

Society of Labor Economists Swarthmore College Teachers College Texas A&M

Universidad de Guanajuato Universitat Pompeu Fabra University College London University of California at Davis

University of Chicago University of Houston

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Maryland University of Minnesota University of Pennsylvania

University of Texas University of Virginia Vanderbilt University Washington University The World Bank