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EMPLOYMENT	Cornell University , <i>Brooks School of Public Policy and Department of Economics</i> Assistant Professor 2021 – Cornell University , <i>Policy Analysis and Management</i> Assistant Professor 2020 – 2021 Postdoctoral Associate 2018 – 2020
EDUCATION	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign , <i>Department of Economics</i> Ph.D. in Economics 2018 Universidad de San Andrés , Buenos Aires, Argentina Master in Economics 2011 B.S. in Economics 2008
FIELDS	Behavioral Economics, Public Economics, Development Economics
PUBLICATIONS	Integrating Learning Platforms within Regular School Time: Experimental Evidence from Chilean Primary Schools (with Roberto Araya, Elena Arias Ortiz & Julian Cristia) - Economics of Education Review , June 2025, Vol. 106, 102647. Betting on the House: Subjective Expectations and Home Sales (with Ricardo Perez-Truglia) - American Economic Journal: Applied Economics , January 2025, Vol. 17, No. 1, pages 459-500. Backlash Against Expert Recommendations: Reactions to COVID-19 Advice in Latin America . (with Facundo Albornoz, Guillermo Cruces, Bridget Hoffmann & Maria Lombardi) - (AEARCTR-0006968). - Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization , December 2024, Vol. 228, 106752. Does Education Prevent Job Loss During Downturns? Evidence from Exogenous Schools Assignments and Covid-19 in Barbados (with Diether Beuermann, Kirabo Jackson, Bridget Hoffmann & Diego Vera-Cossio). - European Economic Review , February 2024, Vol. 162, 10467. Resource Rents, Coercion, and Local Development: Evidence from Post-Apartheid South Africa (with Paulo Bastos) - World Development , September 2023, Vol. 169, 106289. Choosing Your Pond: Location Choices and Relative Income (with Ricardo Perez-Truglia). Review of Economics and Statistics , September 2022, Vol. 104(5): 1010-1027. Stepping Up During a Crisis: The Unintended Effects of a Noncontributory Pension Program during the COVID-19 Pandemic (with Bridget Hoffmann and Diego Vera). Journal of Development Economics , May 2021, Vol. 150, 102635.

The Unequal Burden of the Coronavirus Pandemic: Evidence from Latin America and the Caribbean (*with Bridget Hoffmann and Diego Vera*). **PLoS ONE**, October 2020, Vol. 15(10):e0239797.

Information Policies and Higher Education Choices: Experimental Evidence from Colombia (*with Leonardo Bonilla & Andres Ham*) **Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics**, December 2019, Vol. 83.

Access to Preprimary Education and Progression in Primary School: Evidence from Rural Guatemala (*with Paulo Bastos & Julian Cristia*). **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, April 2017, Vol. 65, no. 3, pp. 521-547.

Losing My Religion: The Effects of Religious Scandals on Religious Participation and Charitable Giving (*with Ricardo Perez-Truglia*). **Journal of Public Economics**, September 2015, Vol. 129, pp. 106-119.

Deconstructing the Hedonic Treadmill: Is Happiness Autoregressive? (*with Ricardo Perez-Truglia*). **The Journal of Socio-Economics**, May 2011, Vol. 40(3), pp. 224-236.

WORKING PAPERS Learning Through Living Room Screens: Experimental Evidence from Kenya (*with Jasmin Baier, Laura Barasa, Anushka Ghosh & Mark Millrine*) - **Conditionally Accepted via pre-results review: Journal of Development Economics** under the title “Bridging Educational Gaps Watching TV at Home: The Impact of an Educational TV Show on Kenyan Children.”

Feeling Rich or Looking Rich? Self-Perceived vs Socially-Perceived Relative Income (*with Katsunori Yamada, Ricardo Perez-Truglia & Hitoshi Shigeoka*) - (AEARCTR-0004824) - **Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Public Economics**

Small Fish in a Big Pool: The Impact of Relative Assessments on Performance (*with Dan Bernhardt*) - Under review at *Management Science*.

Learning about Inflation and Exchange Rates: Experimental Evidence in a Small Open Economy (*with Diether Beuermann, Bridget Hoffmann, Jeetendra Khadan & Diego Vera-Cossio*) - Under review at *Journal of International Economics*.

Can't Stop the One-Armed Bandits: The Effects of Access to Gambling on Crime (*with Ignacio Sarmiento & Andres Ham*) - updated draft soon.

IN PROGRESS From Static to Adaptive: Comparing the Efficacy of Messaging Strategies in Student Online Engagement (*with Raphaelle Aulagnon, Julian Cristia and Mauricio Romero*) - Analysis complete, draft soon

How Much do we Gain from Personalization? Experimental Evidence from Peru (*with Raphaelle Aulagnon, Julian Cristia, Jose Montiel Olea and Mauricio Romero*) - AEARCTR-0012190 - Analysis complete, draft soon

Artificial Intelligence, Inequality, and the Public: The Impact of Economic Literacy on Policy Views (*with Marcel Preuss*) - Fielding experiment

Who You Race Against: Peer Effects in Competitive Swimming (*with Dan Bernhardt*) - Data collection in progress

The Behavioral Effects of Performance Thresholds (*with Dan Bernhardt*) - Data collection

in progress

The Long-Run Effects of Early Math Learning: Evidence from a Fourth-Grade Intervention in Chile - *Data collection in progress*

How does Elicitation Affect Expectation Updating? - *Piloting in progress*

Information Demand and Market Behavior (*with Ricardo Perez-Truglia*) - *In design*

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Cornell University

Instructor

- Data Management and Programming (Master's)—*Summer 2026*.
- Topics in Public Finance and Behavioral Economics (Ph.D.)—*Fall 2024, 2025*.
- Nonprofits and Public Policy (Undergraduate & Master's)—*Spring 2019, 2020, Fall 2020 - 2022, 2024, 2025*.
- Public Finance: Economics of the Public Sector (Master's)—*Spring 2020 - 2025*.
- Multiple Regression Analysis (Undergraduate)—*Spring 2021 - 2023*.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Instructor

- Economic Statistics II (Undergraduate)—*Summer 2015*.

Teaching Assistant

- Applied Econometrics (Ph.D.)—*Fall 2014*.
- Economic Statistics II (Undergraduate)—*Spring 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016*.

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS,
INVITED TALKS

2026 (*and upcoming*): UCLA Anderson, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Advances with Field Experiments, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg .

2025: National University of Singapore, Cornell University, Lakes Development Economics Workshop, FLX Economics of Education Workshop, Advances with Field Experiments, Lemma Seminar at Pantheon ASSAS Universite.

2024: University of Warwick, Universidad de San Andres.

2023: University of South Carolina, Advances with Field Experiments, Yildiz Technical University.

2022: Cornell AEP Development Seminar, ESA Special Meeting, Advances with Field Experiments, IEB Workshop on Urban Economics, NY Fed Conference on Survey Expectations, EconNet Seminar IADB.

2021: CEBI Workshop on Subjective Beliefs in Macroeconomics and Household Finance, LACEA.

2020: CEDH, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, NBER Summer Institute - Real Estate, Urban Economic Association, Jinan University, National Tax Association, Southern Economic Association.

2019: PacDev, Syracuse/Cornell Summer Workshop in Education and Social Policy, NEUDC, CPC Workshop.

2018: University of Warwick, Tulane University, Cornell University PAM, Loyola Marymount University, University of Arkansas, Kindai University, University of Pennsylvania.

2017: SEA 87th Annual Meeting, NTA 110th Annual Conference on Taxation, Advances with Field Experiments, Binghamton University.

2016 and earlier: World Bank DIME Seminar (2016), ASSA Annual Meeting (2015), Congress of the Peruvian Economic Association (2014), Higher School of Economics (2012), OVE-SPD Brown Bag Seminar at the Inter-American Development Bank (2011). OVE-SPD Brown Bag Seminar at the Inter-American Development Bank (2010). LACEA (2010), European Population Conference (2010). XIII World Congress of Social Economics (2010), Universidad de San Andrés (2009). IDB-RES (2009). XLIII Annual Meeting of the Argentinean Association of Political Economy (2008).

OTHER APPOINTMENTS	<i>Invited Researcher, J-PAL</i>	2023 –
	<i>Bethe House Fellow</i>	2023 –
	<i>Special Sworn Status with U.S. Census Bureau.</i>	2019 –
REFEREE SERVICES	Quarterly Journal of Economics, American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, Journal of Political Economy, American Economic Review: Insights, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economic and Statistics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Public Economics, Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, European Economic Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law and Economics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, National Tax Journal, Economics of Education Review, World Development, Social Choice and Welfare, Economica, Oxford Economic Papers, National Science Foundation, Nature, PNAS, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Labour Economics, Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics, Journal of Neuroscience Psychology and Economics.	
OTHER SERVICE	2026 NEUDC Field Organizer. 2025 NTA Annual Conference Field Organizer (Behavioral). Organizer Health Economics Seminar— <i>Spring 2022, 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024.</i> Co-organizer of PAM/SPP seminar—2021 - 2022. Honors Thesis Seminar— <i>Fall 2025.</i>	
PH.D. ADVISING	<i>(Committee member for all listed students.)</i> Zhengyuan Wu (Cornell Applied Economics 2023, Placement: Senior Data Scientist, Citibank) Revathy Suryanarayana (Cornell Public Policy 2024, Placement: Assistant Professor, UT Southwestern Medical School) Huiyi Chen (Cornell Applied Economics 2024, Placement: Assistant Professor, James Madison University) Seungmin Lee (Cornell Applied Economics 2024, Placement: Post-Doc, Notre Dame) Qingli Fan (Cornell Economics 2025, Placement: Economist, Amazon) Fangqing Yu (Cornell Economics, current student) Daniel Hurtado (Cornell Public Policy, current student) Francisco Tunon (Cornell Applied Economics, current student)	

Lakshita Sharma (Cornell Applied Economics, current student)
 Yuting Ren (Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas LEMMA, current student)

AWARDS AND
GRANTS

2024-25 CCSS Small Research Grant (\$ 5,000).
 2023-24 CCSS Small Research Grant (\$ 7,000) (*with Marcel Preuss*).
 2023-24 CCSS Faculty Fellow.
 COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund Grant 2020 (\$10,000).
 Robert Ferber Dissertation Award for Excellence in Survey Research, 2017. Departmental Thesis Completion Award, 2016. Robert Willis Haberson Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, 2015. Summer fellowship. Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2015. 2nd place at the World Championship of Econometrics (Econometric Game), Amsterdam, 2015. Graduate fellowship: Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2012-2013. Paul W Boltz Fellowship, 2012. Graduate fellowship: Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2011-2012. XV Annual Meeting of LACEA Grant, 2010. Argentinean Association of Political Economy: Young investigator special mention, 2008.

PAST
APPOINTMENTS

World Bank
Short-term Consultant *Jun 2013 to Mar 2014*

Inter-American Development Bank
Research Fellow *Feb 2009 to Jan 2011*