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Academic appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University, 2014–present.

Education

Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley, 2014.

M.A. Economics, Miami University, 2008.

B.A. Economics and Spanish, University of Oklahoma, 2007.

Fields of Research Interest

Development Economics, Economics of Education, Labor Economics.

Research

Published papers

1. “Can Large, Untargeted Conditional Cash Transfers Decrease High School Dropout? Evidence from Mexico City’s Prepa Sí.” *Journal of Development Economics*, 143, 2020.
2. “Family Networks and School Choice.” *Journal of Development Economics* 134: 372-391, 2018.
3. “Commuting to Educational Opportunity? School Choice Effects of Mass Transit Expansion in Mexico City” with Diana K. L. Ngo. *Economics of Education Review* 63: 116-133, 2018.
4. “Flourish or Fail? The Risky Reward of Elite High School Admission in Mexico City” with Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet. *Journal of Human Resources* 52(3): 756-799, 2017.

Working Papers

5. “Motivating Bureaucrats with Non-monetary Incentives when State Capacity is Weak: Evidence from a Large Field Experiment in Peru” with Stanislawo Maldonado and Juan Manuel Hernández-Agramonte.
6. “Mechanism Performance under Strategy Advice and Sub-Optimal Play: A School Choice Experiment” with Kristine Koutout, Martin Van der Linden, and Myrna Wooders.
7. “Beliefs about Beliefs about Gender” with Kristine Koutout and Greg Leo.
8. “Closing the STEM Gender Gap: Choice, Access, and Policies in Mexico City High Schools” with Diana K. L. Ngo.
9. “High School Value-Added and its Spillovers in Mexico City.”

Other Publications

10. "Recent Advances in Impact Analysis Methods for Ex-post Impact Assessments of Agricultural Technology: Options for the CGIAR" with Alain de Janvry and Elisabeth Sadoulet. Report prepared for the workshop: Increasing the rigor of ex-post impact assessment of agricultural research: A discussion on estimating treatment effects, organized by the CGIAR Standing Panel on Impact Assessment, 2010.

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

SEC Faculty Travel Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2019.

Faculty/Graduate Student Collaborative Research Grant (with Greg Leo and Kristine Koutout), Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University, 2017.

Small Grant, Spencer Foundation, 2016.

Dissertation Research Award, Institute of Business and Economic Research, UC Berkeley, 2012.

Weiss Family Fellowship, Center for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley, 2011.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley, 2011.

Summer Travel Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley, 2010.

Sidney Hoos Award for Best Second-Year Econometrics Paper, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UC Berkeley 2010.

Teaching

Vanderbilt University

Development Economics (Undergraduate), Fall 2016.

Development Economics (PhD field course), Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2019.

Seminar in Research on Economic Development (MA), 2014-2019.

Probability and Statistics (MA), Fall 2017, Fall 2019.

University of California, Berkeley

International Economic Development Policy, graduate student instructor, Fall 2012 and 2013.

STATA module, Master of Development Practice Boot Camp, Summer 2012 and 2013.

Applied Econometrics, graduate student instructor, Fall 2010.

Recent Presentations

Conferences: Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (2019), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (2019), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (2019), Stanford/BREAD Conference on Behavioral Economics and Development (2019), Advances with Field Experiments Conference (2018), APPAM International Conference (2018), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (2018), Southern Economic Association Meeting (2017), APPAM Fall Research Conference (2017), Midwest International Economic Development Conference (2017), Southern Economic Association Meeting (2016), MineduLAB Launch Workshop (2016), Society of Labor Economists

Meetings (2015), VEAM-FEST (2015), Southern Economic Association Meeting (2014), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (2014), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (2013), Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference (2012), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (2010).

Invited Seminars: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (2019), Western Kentucky University (2018), University of Georgia AAE (2016), Universidad del Pacífico (2016), GRADE (2016), Lima School of Economics (2016), University of Kentucky (2015), Miami University (2014), Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (2014), Vanderbilt University (2014), University of Colorado at Denver (2014), Villanova University (2014), Mathematica Policy Research (2014), International Food Policy Research Institute (2014).

Professional Activities

Reviewer: *American Economic Review*, *Canadian Public Policy*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *Economica*, *Economics of Education Review*, *Food Policy*, *International Journal of Educational Development*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Journal of Human Capital*, *Journal of Public Economics*, *Scandinavian Journal of Educational Research*, *World Bank Economic Review*.