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Academic appointments

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, William & Mary, 2023–present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University, 2014–2023.

Affiliations

J-PAL, Invited Researcher, 2024–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 and forthcoming papers

“Preferences, access, and the STEM gender gap in centralized high school assignment” with Diana K. L. Ngo. Forthcoming, *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

“Motivating bureaucrats with behavioral insights when state capacity is weak: Evidence from large-scale field experiments in Peru” with Stanislao Maldonado and Juan Manuel Hernández-Agramonte. *Journal of Development Economics*, 160, 2023.

“Second-order beliefs and gender” with Kristine Koutout and Greg Leo. *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, 200: 752-781, 2022.

“Mechanism performance under strategy advice and sub-optimal play: A school choice experiment” with Kristine Koutout, Martin Van der Linden, and Myrna Wooders. *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*, 94, 2021.

“Can large, untargeted conditional cash transfers decrease high school dropout? Evidence from Mexico City’s Prepa Sí.” *Journal of Development Economics*, 143, 2020.

“Family networks and school choice.” *Journal of Development Economics* 134: 372-391, 2018.

“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.

“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

“Reduction in belief elicitation” with Kristine Koutout and Greg Leo.

“Gendered beliefs among peers” with Luis C. Carvajal-Osorio and Kristine Koutout.

“Public-private partnerships in education: Experimental evidence from Colombia” with Felipe Barrera-Osorio and Luis C. Carvajal-Osorio.

“The limitations of place-based policy in centralized school choice” with Diana K. L. Ngo.

Other Publications

Book review of *Productivity in Higher Education* by Caroline M. Hoxby and Kevin Stange, eds. *Journal of Economic Literature* 57(4): 798-799. 2020.

“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

Co-PI, National Science Foundation, SES-2214992, “Public-Private Partnerships in Education: Experimental Evidence” (Lead PI Felipe Barrera-Osorio), \$414,029. 2022-2024.

SEC Faculty Travel Grant, \$1,414. 2019.

Faculty/Graduate Student Collaborative Research Grant, Vanderbilt University, “Identifying Gender Bias” (with Greg Leo and Kristine Koutout), \$5,000. 2017.

Small Grant, Spencer Foundation, “Can large, untargeted scholarships decrease high school dropout? Evidence from Mexico City’s Prepa Sí,” \$37,119. 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

William & Mary

Microeconomics of Development (Undergraduate), Spring 2024.

Intermediate Microeconomic Theory (Undergraduate), Fall 2023-Spring 2024.

Vanderbilt University

Development Economics (Undergraduate), Fall 2016, Fall 2020-Spring 2023.

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

Seminar in Research on Economic Development (MA), 2014-2022.

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

Vanderbilt Visions (Undergraduate orientation seminar), Fall 2022.

Guest lecturer: Honors Seminar (Undergraduate), 2014, 2018-2022; Applied Econometric Methods (PhD), 2020; Introduction to Latina and Latino Studies (Undergraduate), 2017, 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.

Presentations

Conferences

IPA-ITAM Research and Funding for Development Seminar (2024), Society of Labor Economists Meeting (2024), South East Exchange of Development Studies (2023), Southern Economic Association (2022), Pacific Conference for Development Economics (2022), Southern Economic Association Meeting (2021), LACEA LAMES Annual Meeting (2021), 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 Meeting (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

William & Mary (2023), Florida Applied Micro Virtual Seminar Series (2023), University of Tennessee (2022), Workshop of Experimental and Behavioral Economics of the Americas (2022), Universidad del Rosario (2021), University of Hawaii (2021), Texas Tech University (2020), 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

Conference organization

Program committee, Development Economics in the South Workshop (DevSouth), 2024.

Co-organizer, Development Economics in the South Workshop (DevSouth), 2023.

Referee service

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Public Policy, American Economic Review, Canadian Public Policy, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economica, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Empirical Economics, Food Policy, International Journal of Educational Development, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization, Journal of Public Economics, Labour Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Scandinavian Journal of Educational Research, School Effectiveness and School Improvement, World Bank Economic Review, World Development.

Grant reviewer

National Science Foundation, Economic and Social Research Council.