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# Academic Appointment

- 2022 - Present: Associate Professor, Universidad Santo Tomás, Chile.

- 2011 - 2022: Assistant Professor, Universidad Santo Tomás, Chile.

#### Education

- 2020. Ph.D. in Economics, State University of New York at Binghamton, U.S.A. Visiting Student at Cornell University, U.S.A. (Fall 2019).

- 2011. M.Sc. in Economics (Distinction), Universidad de Chile, Chile.
- 2005. Bachelor in Environmental Engineering (Ranked 1st in the cohort), Universidad de Medellín.

Research Interests - Primary: Productivity Analysis & Econometrics.

- Structural identification of firm-level production functions.
- Analysis of firms and market structure.
- Semi/Nonparametric Econometrics.
- **Secondary:** Macroeconomics & Labor Economics.
  - Unemployment fluctuations (Modeling approaches using Search-and-Matching, Heterogeneous Agents).

#### **Publications**

- (2024) Racial Disparities in Labor Outcomes: The Effects of Hiring Discrimination over the Business Cycle. With Florian Kuhn. Economic Analysis and Policy.
- (2023) Crime under-reporting in Bogotá: a spatial panel model with fixed effects. With S. Kumbhakar and L. Sandoval. Empirical Economics.
- (2023) The effect of crop insurance in Ecuadorian rice farming: a technical efficiency approach. With M. Castro, A. Reyes, and A. Villegas. Agricultural Finance Review.
- (2015) Export diversification dynamics in Latin America. With Agosin, Manuel R. In Handbook on Trade and Development. Edited by Morrissey, O., López, R. A., and Sharma, K. Edward. Elgar Publishing.

#### **Working Papers**

#### In productivity analysis and econometrics:

- Spillovers, efficiency, and human capital in rice production in Ecuador, a semiparametric smooth coefficient spatial autoregressive stochastic frontier approach. With M. Castro, A. Reyes, A. Villegas. (2023).
- Energy Costs, Productivity, and Market Power (2020).

### In macroeconomics & labor:

- Decoupling in Latin America: Real Wages, Return to Schooling, and Productivity (2023).

# Other Non Peer-Reviewed **Publications**

- Role as Editor: The China-Chile Business Bulletin. Institutions: The China-Chile Research Center at GDUFS and the UST, 2015.

# Referee for Journals

- Research in Labor Economics, Empirical Economics

# Seminar and Conference Presentations

- 2023: Presented at The 2nd Inter-Conference Symposium, 6to Congreso Regional de Economía Agraria, and the 1st Latin-American Workshop on Productivity and Efficiency (Montevideo, Uruguay).
- 2022: Presented at the Society for Economic Measurement SEM (Calgary, Canada); and at the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association LACEA (Lima, Peru).
- 2021 (online): Participated in the Encuentro Anual de la Sociedad de Economía de Chile SECHI; at the Academic Seminar at the Department of Economics, Universidad de Santiago de Chile USACH; and at ENEFA.
- 2020 (online): Academic Meeting at Guangdong University of Foreign Studies and UST.
- 2019: Presented at the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association LACEA (Mexico).
- Others (before the Ph.D.): Presentations at East China Normal University, Faculty of Finance and Statistics (Shanghai, China, 2014); Beijing Normal University, Emerging Markets Institute (Beijing, China, 2014); Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, GRIIS (Guangzhou, China, 2014); Encuentro Anual de la Sociedad de Economía de Chile SECHI (Chile, 2011); National Meeting of Schools and Administration Faculties ENEFA (2011, 2012, 2013).

# Research Grants and Related Projects

- Eficiencia y Contagio en la Industria Financiera en Chile: Awarded by the Commission for the Financial Market (CMF), Chile, in a competitive call for research projects in 2023. The project is scheduled to start in March 2024 and is expected to be completed by September 2025.
- Spillovers and Efficiency: A Spatial Autoregressive Stochastic Frontier Panel Data Model with Fixed Effects: Awarded by Universidad Santo Tomás, Chile, under the *Concurso de Investigación Iniciación 2022*. Served as Principal Researcher. Completed in December 2022.

# Teaching Experience

### at Universidad Santo Tomás (UST), Chile

- Undergraduate level: Econometrics; Macroeconomics (2011-2015 and 2021-Present).
- Postgraduate level: Introductory Macroeconomics of Latin America A Short Summer Course for New Zealand Exchange Students (January 2024); International Economics (M.A. in International Business Management, 2014).

#### at Universidad de Santiago de Chile (USACH), Chile

- Postgraduate level: Econometrics II, Master in Economics (2022-II, 2023-II). Link to the website.
- Postgraduate level: Computational and Numerical Methods in Econometrics (Elective Course, Master in Economics, 2022-I). Link to the syllabus.

### at SUNY Binghamton, USA

- Undergraduate level: Econometrics (Spring 2019), Principles of Macroeconomics (Summer 2019), Principles of Microeconomics (Fall 2017).
- Guest lecture: Econometrics (Ph.D. Core).
- Teaching Assistant: Econometrics (Ph.D. Core and Undergraduate); Macroeconomics (Ph.D. Core and Undergraduate); Advanced Macroeconomics (Ph.D. Field Course); Economic Forecasting Time Series (Master's Program in Economics).

# at Universidad Diego Portales, Chile

- Undergraduate level: Macroeconomics (2009-2012).

# Student Supervisor

- Chair (Postgraduate, Thesis Finished): (1) K. Abarca; (2) J. Valdes; (3) D. Estay.; (4) G. Gutiérrez; (5) A. Hinojosa.
- Committee Member (Undergraduate Thesis): (1) N. Labrin.

# University Services

- Coordinator of the Field of Economics for the School of Commercial Engineering at UST (current).
- Temporary Coordinator of Research for the School of Commercial Engineering at UST (2023).
- Coordinator of the Research Seminar Series at the Faculty of Business and Economics at UST (2021-2023).
- Director of the China-Chile Research Center at UST (2014-2015; 2022).
- Involved in promoting international partnership agreements at UST (e.g., joint teaching with the University of St. Thomas in Houston, USA).
- Organized talk series and public lectures for outreach and public engagement. Recent topics include:
  - The Future of Work, featuring guest J. Lafortune from Universidad Católica, Chile (2023).
- Green Logistics, featuring guest S. Hohmann from Westfälische Hochschule, Germany (2022).
- Fintech Industry in Chile and Regulation, featuring guests A. Puente from the Ministry of Finance and R. Gago from FinteChile (2022).
- Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence: Present and Future Business Perspectives, featuring guest Alexis Montecinos from MIT, USA (2021).
- Solar Energy and Economy, Potential Challenges in Carbon Reductions, featuring guests L. Gonzalez from CLAPES Universidad Catolica and C. Millan from Cerro Dominador (2021).
- Engaged in social and media outreach:
  - Appearances on CNN-Chile (Agenda Económica).
  - Contributions to Diario Financiero, Revista Dinero, El Pulso.
- Coordinator of the Qualifying/Comprehensive Exam for the School of Commercial Engineering at UST (2011-2014).

- Other Experience Research Assistant for the project Fondecyt Regular 1085014, led by Manuel Agosin at Universidad de Chile, 2009-2010.
  - Prior to academia: Served as an Engineer and Consultant in the gold and coal mining industry in Colombia, including roles at companies such as Mineros S.A. and Mineros Nacionales, from 2005 to 2008.

# Honors & Awards - Binghamton University:

- Alice E. Trost Economics Dissertation Award, 2020.
- Academic scholarship/assistantship for Ph.D. in Economics (2015-2020).
- Universidad Santo Tomás: Scholarship (Beca de Perfeccionamiento, 2015-2020).
- Universidad de Chile: Academic scholarship (2008-2009).
- Universidad de Medellín: Athletic scholarship.

#### Other Skills

- Software and Programming: Proficient in Julia, Matlab, R, Stata, Python, Gauss; familiar with LATEX, Markdown, HTML (basic).
- Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native).