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Education

Department of Business and Economics, Universidad de Chile.
B.A in Economics (with *honors*)

2019 - 2024

Professional Experience

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) & Inter American Development Bank (IADB)
Dic. 2024
· *Research assistant in microentrepreneurship programs.* Jun. 2025

I worked on evaluating the impact of two micro-entrepreneurship programs (RCTs) led by Professor Claudia Martinez in Chile. My responsibilities included conducting event study analyses to evaluate program treatment effects using administrative data and applying machine learning techniques to analyze treatment effect heterogeneity on survey data. Additional robustness checks using machine learning techniques were also conducted. Finally, I contributed by interpreting results, preparing project reports and presentations, and developing the replication package for the study.

Instituto Milenio para las Imperfecciones de Mercado (MIPP) Oct. 2023
· *Research assistant in microeconomics and machine learning.* Feb. 2025

I worked as a research assistant for Professor Damian Clarke on topics related to applied microeconomics and machine learning. My responsibilities included reviewing theoretical and applied literature, developing applied exercises for a forthcoming book by Professor Clarke, creating and implementing two statistical packages in Stata for panel data and event study analysis (matrix completion with nuclear norm, and matching in event studies), and contributing to the development of a future academic paper on applied microeconomics.

Centro de Estudios Pùblicos (CEP) Nov. 2022
· *Research assistant in economics and public policy* May. 2023

I worked as a research assistant to Gabriel Ugarte at the Centro de Estudios Pùblicos (CEP) in Chile, focusing on education and public policy. My responsibilities included reviewing national and international literature on the educational challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, analyzing mitigation measures and public investments implemented in other countries, conducting simulations to estimate the long-term economic and fiscal impacts of human capital losses in Chile, and drafting internal reports and policy briefs. This work concluded with the writing and publication of the article “Crisis educacional escolar pospandemia” at CEP.

Additional Experience

Independent Research: I have conducted independent research on topics related to adolescent drug consumption and municipal-level crime rates in Chile, using data from SENDA and the Undersecretariat for Crime Prevention. Additionally, I carried out research on the impact of political uncertainty on business cycle variables in small open economies in Latin America.

Teaching: I have served as a teaching assistant for thirteen courses in total: eleven at the University of Chile, one at Diego Portales University, and one at the University of Exeter (UK). Notable among these are courses in Labor Economics, Econometrics (x3), Behavioral Economics, and Public Policy Workshop at the University of Chile, as well as a Data Science for Economists course at the University of Exeter.

Master's Courses: I completed six courses from the Master's in Economics program

at the University of Chile, including Math Camp, Microeconomics I, Econometrics I, Microeconometrics, Topics in Economic History, and Advanced Methods for Empirical Industrial Organization.

Computer Skills **Statistical software:** Stata (advanced, programming level), Python (intermediate), R (intermediate), Matlab (basic).

Other: L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office, Github, Quarto.

Other **Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent)
Citizenship: Chilean
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