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Education

PhD, Economics, University of Michigan, 2002-2007 (expected)
M.A., Economics, University of Michigan, 2004
M.A., Economics, Universidad de Chile, 1999
B.A., Economics, Universidad de Chile, 1999

Fields

Primary Fields: Public Finance and Development Economics
Other Areas of Interest: Labor Economics

Dissertation

Essays on Public Finance and Development

Chapter 1: “Child Support and Intra Household Allocation in Chile” (Job Market Paper)

Chapter 2: “Home Production and VAT Regressivity: Evidence from El Salvador”

Chapter 3: “Remittances and Poverty in Migrants’ Home Areas: Evidence from the Philippines” (with Dean Yang)

Publications

Remittances and Poverty in Migrant’s Home Areas: Evidence from the Philippines, with Dean Yang, in Caglar Ozden and Maurice Schiff, eds, *International Migration, Remittances and the Brain Drain*, World Bank, 2005

Structural Change in Labor Demand, with Gustavo Morales and Rodrigo Valdes, *Economía Chilena*, 2001

Work in Progress

Financial Innovations to Stimulate Remittances and Savings: An Experimental Approach, with Nava Ashraf and Dean Yang

Corporate Tax Avoidance and the Effectiveness of Investment Tax Incentives, with Joel Slemrod and Estelle Dauchy

Limited Understanding of Individual Retirement Accounts among Chileans, with Claudia Sahm

Invited Presentations

Seminar in Public Finance, University of Michigan, 2006
Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank, 2006
LACEA, Paris 2005
Sociedad Chilena de Economía, 2000

Work Experience

- 2005-present Research Fellow IDB REG2
- *Financial innovations and remittances, an experimental approach. El Salvador.*
 - *The impact of remittances on poverty and inequality in Honduras.*
 - *Distributional impact of government expenditure and taxes in El Salvador.*
- 2004-2005 Research Assistant Dean Yang (Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan)
Research Assistant James R. Hines and Joel Slemrod (Office of Tax Policy Research, University of Michigan)
- *Remittances in El Salvador and Philippines.*
 - *Tax Havens.*
 - *Tax Incentives and Investment.*
 - *Corporate Tax rates in US states.*
 - *Social Security in US.*
- 2000-2002 Coordination of Economic Policies, Ministry of Finance
- *Analysis and development of several tax reforms: corporate and personal tax rate, VAT, special tax system for foreign firms. Design and congressional defense of tax reform on fuels.*
 - *Analysis of health reform (Plan Auge).*
 - *Analysis of minimum wage impact on employment.*
 - *Macroeconomic forecasting (employment and imports).*
- 1999 Instructor Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile
- *Teaching and research responsibilities.*
- 1997-1999 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile
- *Income Distribution in Chile.*

Teaching Experience

As Lecturer:

2002: *Economics of Social Policies* (team teaching), Universidad Alberto Hurtado, MA in Economics. 2001: *Introduction to Macroeconomics*, Universidad de Chile, BA. 2000: *Economics of Social Policies* (team teaching), Universidad de Chile, BA. 1999-2000: *Microeconomics I*. Universidad de Chile, B.A.

As Teaching Assistant

2003-2004: *Econ 101*, University of Michigan. 1999: *Introduction to Economics and Microeconomics I*, Universidad de Chile, BA and MA. 1998: *Industrial Organization*, Universidad de Chile, BA. 1997: *Labor Economics*, Universidad de Chile, BA. 1996: *Macroeconomics*, Universidad de Chile, BA.

Other Schooling and Training

Summer School Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development. Banff, Canada, 2005

Diploma in Philosophy, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, 1999

Fellowships, Awards and Distinctions

2005 Summer School Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development Fellowship.

2003-2004 Summer Research Fellowship, Departments of Economics, University of Michigan

2002-2003 International Center Fellowship, University of Michigan

2001 Summer School fellowship. University of Göttingen, Germany

2000 Best Graduate, Master in Economics, University of Chile

1999 Best Graduate, B.A. in Economics, University of Chile

1998-1999 Fellowship for M.A. Economics, Department of Economics, University of Chile

Dissertation Committee

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