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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D., Economics, *University of Chicago*, 2004
M.A. Economics, *University of Chicago*, 2000
M.A. Economics, *Universidad de los Andes, Colombia*, 1997
B.A. Economics, *Universidad Javeriana, Colombia*, 1996

Academic Position

2004-present Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, UCSB

Publications

- "Airborne Diseases: Tuberculosis in the Union Army," *Explorations in Economic History*, Vol. 48(2), 325-342
- "Escaping High Mortality," *Journal of Economic Growth*, 2007, Vol. 12(4), 351-387
- "Altruism, Fertility and the Value of Children: Health Policy Evaluation and Intergenerational Welfare," (with Rodrigo Soares) *Journal of Public Economics*, 2009, Vol. 93(1-2), 280-295
- "Economic Development and the Escape from High Mortality," *World Development*, 2007, Vol. 35(4), 543-568
- "Equilibrium, Convergence, and Capital Mobility in Neoclassical Models of Growth," *Economics Letters*, 2008, Vol. 99(1), 10-13
- "Income Distribution and Macroeconomics in Colombia," *Journal of Income Distribution*, 2007, Vol. 16(2), 6-24
- "Capital Accumulation, Unemployment, and the Putty-Clay," *Economics Bulletin*, 2004, Vol. 5(19), 1-8
- "Income Distribution, Human Capital, and Economic Growth in Colombia," *Journal of Development Economics*, 2001, Vol. 66(1), 271-287

Working Papers (submitted)

- "A Competitive Theory of Mismatch"
- "Agricultural Productivity, Structural Change, and Economic Growth in Post-Reform China" (with Kang Cao), revise and resubmit *Journal of Development Economics*
- "Disease and Diversity in Africa's Past Economic Development"

- “Gallantry in Action: Evidence of Favorable Selection in a Volunteer Army” (with Tom Koch)
- “Population Growth and Technological Change: A Re-examination”
- “Random Choice and Market Demand”
- “Reconsidering the Fiscal Advantages of Conscription” (with Tom Koch)

Working Papers (in progress)

- “Sex and Contraceptive Reliability: Some Results on Behavior and Welfare” (with Raaj Sah)
- “Females not Born: Some Results on Sex-Selective Abortions” (with Raaj Sah)
- “Birth Order, Education, and Family Size” (with Jesper Bagger, Hani Mansour, and Sergio Urzúa)
- “A Simple Theory of the Aggregate Production Function” (with Kang Cao and Hrish Singhania)
- “Skill bundling and earnings inequality” (with Tee Kilenthong)
- “Wealth, Inequality, and the Rate of Time Preference”

Fellowships and research awards

John M. Olin Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2003

Lauchlin Currie Fellowship, Banco de la República Colombia, 1999-2003

Academic Senate Faculty Grant, UCSB, 2006-2007

Social Science Research Grant Program (ISBER), UCSB, 2009-2011

Other work and research experience

- 2001-2004: Graduate Research Assistant, *Center for Population Economics, University of Chicago*
- 1998-1999: Director of International Studies, *Departamento Nacional de Planeacion, Colombia*
- 1996-1997: Junior Researcher, *Departamento Nacional de Planeacion, Colombia*

Other teaching experience

- *University of Chicago*: Lecturer. Elements of Economic Analysis 4. Fall 2001, Fall 2002, Summer 2003
- *Universidad de los Andes, Colombia*: Lecturer. Intermediate Macroeconomics, 1997, 1998. Summer Visiting Professor, 2004, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011
- *Universidad Nacional, Colombia*: Summer Visiting Professor, 2006

Peer Review Referee work

Journal of Political Economy, Review of Economic Dynamics, Journal of Economic Growth, World Development, Social Science & Medicine, Economics Bulletin, Journal of Public Economic Theory, Journal of Macroeconomics, Economic Inquiry, Population Studies, Journal of Human Capital, Journal of Monetary Economics, Economic Inquiry