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Employment:

Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland (since July, 2012).

Past Positions:

- 2017-18: State Secretary of Economic Policy, Deputy Minister, Ministry of the Treasury, Argentina (January 2017 – June 2018).
- 2009-12: Professor, Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2006-09: Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2005-06: Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina.
- 2001-04: Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina.
- 2000-01: Assistant Professor, Business School, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina.
- 1998-01: Researcher, Instituto Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina.
- 1993-95: Lecturer, Instituto Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina.

Visiting Positions:

- 2019: Visiting Professor, Social Science Division, New York University, Abu Dhabi. Period: September-December 2019.
- 2019: Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad del Pacifico, Lima, Peru. Period: July 2019.
- 2015-19: Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Xiamen University, China. Period: July 2015 and June 2019.
- 2014-19: Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad Torucato Di Tella, Argentina. Periods: August 2014, 2015 and 2019.
- 2012: Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad Catolica, Chile. Period: August 2012.
- 2009: Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia. Period: June 2009.
- 2008: Visiting Scholar, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, Stanford University. Period: June 2008.
- 2007-16: Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina. Periods: June to August 2007, 2009 to 2013, July to December 2008 and July-August 2016.
- 2006: Edward Laroque Tinker Visiting Professor of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, US. Period: January to May 2006.
- 2003-05: Visiting Professor, Department of Economics, Washington University in Saint Louis, US. Periods: January to May 2003 to 2005.
- 2000-01: Visiting Scholar, University of California at Berkeley, US; affiliated to the Institute of Business and Economics Research (IBER) and to the Center for International and Development Economics Research (CIDER). Invited Lecturer, HAAS Business School.

Current Affiliations:

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), (since April, 2013).
Fellow, Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development (BREAD), (since March, 2013).
Faculty Affiliate, Maryland Center for Economics and Policy, (since September, 2012).
Faculty Affiliate, Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland, (since September, 2012).
Honorary Member, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), (since October, 2010).
Research Affiliate, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), (since September, 2009).
Research Affiliate, Grupo de Análisis para el Desarrollo (GRADE), Lima, Peru (since January, 2005).

Past Affiliations:

Research Affiliate, Missouri Social Science Experimental Lab (MISSEL), Economic Theory Center, Washington University in St. Louis (2010-2012).
Research Affiliate, Center of Political Economy, Washington University in St. Louis (2010-2012).
Research Affiliate, Centro de Estudios Distributivos, Laborales y Sociales (CEDLAS), Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina (2006-2016).

Education:

2000: D. Phil. in Economics, University of Oxford, UK.
1993: M. A. in Economics, Instituto Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina.
1990: Licentiate in Economics, Universidad Nacional de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Professional Activities:

2019: Program Committee Member, Thirty-Seven BREAD conference, University of Maryland, US.
2018: Program Committee Member, Summer meeting, Development Economics Group, National Bureau of Economic Research, Boston, US.
2017: Chair, Program Committee, Annual meeting, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Argentina.
2017: Scientific Committee Member, Econometric Society Summer Meeting, St. Louis, US.
2017: Program Committee Member, Econometric Society Summer Meeting, St. Louis, US.
2017: Member, Board of Directors, Fundacion Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina.
2017: Member, Board of Directors, Instituto Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina.
2017-present: 25th LACEA Anniversary Associate.
2016-present: Scientific Committee Member, Editorial Universidad del Pacifico, Perú.
2016: Scientific Committee Member, Human Capital Workshop, Research Institute for Development, Growth and Economics (RIDGE), Montevideo, Uruguay.
2016: Editorial Board Member, Ensayos Económicos, Argentine Central Bank.
2016: Scientific Committee Member, Latin American Crime and Policy Network Annual Meeting, LACEA, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina.
2015-2016: Member, Technical Advisory Group, PROSPERA and Public Finance Secretary, Government of Mexico.
2015: Co-Chair, Edulab at the Ministry of Education, Government of Peru, Innovation for Poverty Action (IPA) and Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL).
2014-2016: Co-Scientific Director, Latin American Office, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT.

- 2014-2016: Co-Director, LICIP, Research Lab on Crime, Institutions and Policies, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (UTDT).
- 2014-present: Faculty Steering Committee, Maryland Center for Economics and Policy, University of Maryland.
- 2014: Program Committee Member, Annual meeting, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Brazil.
- 2014: Committee Member, IZA/DFID Program on Growth and Labor Markets in Low-Income Countries.
- 2013: Program Committee Member, Bread-NBER Meeting, National Bureau of Economic Research, Boston, US.
- 2013: Program Committee Member, Latin American Meetings of the Econometric Society (LAMES), Mexico.
- 2012: Academic Director, Summer Camp on Environmental Economics and Climate Change in Latin America, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC, US. Faculty: P. Aghion (Harvard), M. Crooper (Maryland), L. Davis (UC Berkeley), G. Libecap (UC Santa Barbara), R. Stavins (Harvard) and F. Weinschelbaum (UDESA).
- 2011-2016: Co-Chair, Urban Service Initiative, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT.
- 2011: Scientific Committee Member, Econometric Society Summer Meeting, St. Louis, US.
- 2011: Program Committee Member, Econometric Society Summer Meeting, St. Louis, US.
- 2011: Program Committee Member, Annual meeting, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Chile.
- 2010-2016: Member, Board of Directors, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, US.
- 2010-2016: Member, Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, US.
- 2010-2014: Co-chair, Health Program, Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts, US.
- 2010: Chair, Academic Program, conference on The Legacy and Work of Douglass C. North, Washington University in St. Louis, US.
- 2009: Chair, Program Committee, Annual meeting, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Argentina.
- 2008-2012: Board Member, Center for New Institutional Social Sciences (CINSS), Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2008-2010: Member, Executive Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA).
- 2008: Program Committee Member, Annual meeting, International Society for New Institutional Economics, Toronto, Canada.
- 2007: Program Committee Member, Annual meeting, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Colombia.
- 2007: Author of the solution paper for the Copenhagen Consensus Center and the Inter-American Development Bank on reducing poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- 2006: Invited Thematic Evaluator for the World Bank Research Evaluation in the area of Human Development. Evaluating Committee: Abhijit Banerjee, Angus Deaton (Chairman), Nora Lustig and Kenneth Rogoff.
- 2006: Program Committee Member: Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (LAMES), Mexico.
- 2004-2008: Member, Executive Committee of the Network of Inequality and Poverty of LACEA, Inter-American Development Bank and World Bank.
- 2004-2005: Chairman, Executive Committee of the Network of Inequality and Poverty of LACEA, Inter-

- 2003-2004: American Development Bank and World Bank.
Member, Steering Committee of the Social Policy Monitoring Network, Inter-American Development Bank.
- 2002-2005: Coordinator, Argentine Chapter of the Network of Inequality and Poverty of LACEA, Inter-American Development Bank and World Bank.
- 2001-present: Advisory Board Member, *Económica*, Universidad Nacional de la Plata.
- 2000: Advisor of the Minister of Economics on Labor Market Reform and Social Policies, Argentina (Minister Dr. J.L. Machinea).

Editorial Work:

Academic:

- 2019: Invited Co-Editor, *Special Issue: 50 years of the economics of crime*, **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**.
- 2019: Invited Editor, *Special Issue: Research at the Policy Frontier in Latin America, Volume II*. **Latin American Economic Review**, Springer.
- 2018-2020: Academic Editor, **PLOS ONE**.
- Since 2015: Associate Editor, **Latin American Economic Review**, Springer.
- 2015: Invited Editor, *Special Issue: Research at the Policy Frontier in Latin America, Volume I*. **Latin American Economic Review**, Springer.
- Since 2012: Associate Editor, **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**.
- Since 2010: Associate Editor, **Journal of Development Economics**.
- 2004: Invited Editor, *Symposium: The Labor Market in Latin America*. **Económica**, Volume 50, 2004, Universidad de La Plata.

Awards:

- 2016: Academia Nacional de Ciencias Económicas, Argentina: 2016 best published paper prize for “Autocracy, Democracy and Trade Policy” (with G. Torrens).
- 2016: Konex Diploma in Development Economics, awarded to one of the five most significant scholars in the field during the period 2006-15, Fundación Konex, Argentina.
- 2015: Ronald Coase Institute Award for Outstanding Achievement (awarded by the Board of Directors including K. Arrow, G. Libecap, D. North and S. Peltzman).
- 2012: 2012 Best Article Award, *Economic Inquiry*. Paper: Modeling Informality Formally: Households and Firms.
- 2006: Research Medal for *Property rights for the poor: The effects of land titling*. Global Development Network Annual Conference (Saint Petersburg, Russia).
- 2006: Bronze Medal for *Pro-market beliefs among Argentine squatters* based on the paper The Formation of Beliefs: Evidence from the Allocation of Land Titles to Squatters. First annual competition sponsored by the Financial International Corporation and the Financial Times.
- 2005: Japanese Award for Most Innovative Development Project for *Foreign Direct Investment, Labor Markets, Environment and Economic Development: A case study on Argentina*. Global Development Network Annual Conference (Dakar, Senegal).
- 2003: Research Medal for *Water for Life: The impact of the Privatization of Water Services on Child Mortality*. Global Development Network Annual Conference (Cairo, Egypt).
- 2000-2001: Research Fellowship, University of California at Berkeley.
- 1998: Overseas Research Student Doctoral Scholarship, Department of Education and Skills, UK.
- 1995-97: CONICET Doctoral Scholarship.
- 1994: USIA Scholarship, Summer Institute in the US Economy and Public Policy for Foreign

University Teachers, United States Information Agency, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Publications:

Books:

1. Institutions, property rights and economic growth: The legacy of Douglass North, Edited with Itai Sened, 2014, **Cambridge University Press**.

Peer Review Academic Journals

1. The political economy of trade and labor mobility. *Forthcoming in Canadian Journal of Economics* (with G. Torrens).
2. Crime and durable goods. **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**, Volume 173, 2020, pages 146-63 (with L. Jaitman and F. Weinschelbaum).
3. The effect of non-contributory pensions on material and subjective well-being. **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, Volume 68, pages, 1233-1255, 2020 (with R. Bando and P. Gertler).
4. Differences in citations patterns across journal tiers: The case of economics. **Economic Inquiry**, Volume 58, 2020, pages 1217-1232 (with M.V. Anauati and R. Galvez).
5. The causal effect of competition on prices and quality: Field experimental evidence. **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics**, Volume 11, 2019, pages 33-56 (with. M. Busso).
6. Voter Response to Peak and End Transfers: Evidence from a Conditional Cash Transfer Experiment. **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**, Volume 11, 2019, pages 232-60 (with. N. Hajj, P. Ibarraran, N. Krishnaswamy and P. McEwan).
7. International organizations and structural reforms. **Journal of International Economics**, Volume 121, 2019, 103249 (with I. Torre and G. Torrens).
8. Why not taxation and representation? A note on the American Revolution. **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**, Volume 166, 2019, pages 28-52 (with G. Torrens).
9. An empirical approach based on quantile regression for estimation citation ageing. **Journal of Infometrics**, Volume 13, 2019, pages 738-750 (with R. Galvez).
10. Horizontal and vertical conflict: Experimental evidence. **Kyklos**, Volume 72, 2019, pages 239-269 (with C. Long, C. Navajas Ahumada and G. Torrens).
11. Long-term care in Latin America? Theory and policy considerations. **Economia, Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association**, Volume 20, 2019, pages 1-32. Lead Article (with M. Caruso and P. Ibarraran).

12. Poverty alleviation strategies under informality: Evidence for Latin America. **Latin American Economic Review**, Volume 28, 2019. Special Issue. Lead Article (with M. Caruso and F. Weinschelbaum).
13. Educational upgrading and return to skills in Latin America: Evidence from a demand-supply framework. **Latin American Economic Review**, 2019, Volume 28 (with. P. Acosta, G. Cruces and L. Gasparini).
14. The half-life of happiness: Hedonic adaptation in the subjective well-being of poor slum dwellers to a large improvement in housing. **Journal of the European Economic Association**, Volume 16, 2018, pages 1189-1233 (with. P. Gertler and R. Undurraga).
15. Stirring up a hornets' nest: Geographical distribution of crime. **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**, Volume 152, 2018, pages 17-35 (with. I. Lopez Cruz and G. Torrens).
16. Path dependent import substitution policies: The case of Argentina in the XX century. **Latin American Economic Review**, Volume 27, 2018 (with P. Somaini). Special Issue.
17. Argentine trade policies in the XX century: 60 years of solitude. **Latin American Economic Review**, Volume 27, 2018 (with I. Brambilla and G. Porto). Special Issue.
18. The effect of aid on growth: Evidence from a quasi-experiment. **Journal of Economic Growth**, Volume 22, 2017, pages 1-33 (with S. Knack, C. Xu and B. Zou). Lead Article.
19. Shelter from the storm: Upgrading housing infrastructure in Latin America Slums. **Journal of Urban Economics**, Volume 98, 2017, pages 187-213 (with P. Gertler, S. Martinez, R. Cooper, A. Ross and R. Undurraga).
20. On the effect of the costs of operating formally: New experimental evidence. **Labour Economics**, Volume 45, 2017, pages 143-157 (with M. Melendez and C. Navajas).
21. On the distributive effects of terms of trade shocks: The role of non-tradable goods. **Journal of Globalization and Development**, Volume 8, 2017, pages 1-20 (with D. Heymann and N. Magud). Lead Article.
22. The *synth_runner* package: Utilities to automate synthetic control estimation using synth. **Stata Journal**, Volume 17, 2017, pages 834-849 (with Brian Quistorff).
23. Collective action: Experimental evidence. **Games and Economic Behavior**, Volume 99, 2016, pages 36-55 (with M.V. Anauati, B. Feld and G. Torrens).
24. Non-contributory pensions. **Labour Economics**, Volume 38, 2016, pages 35-48 (with P. Gertler and R. Brando).
25. Promoting handwashing behavior: The effect of a large-scale community and school level interventions. **Health Economics**, Volume 25, 2016, pages 1545-1599 (with P. Gertler, N. Ajzenman and A. Orsola).
26. Fiscal federalism and legislative malapportionment: Causal evidence from independent but related natural experiments. **Economics and Politics**, Volume 28, 2016, pages 133-159 (with I. Torre and G. Torrens).

27. Quantifying the Life Cycle of Scholarly Articles across Fields of Economic. **Economic Inquiry**, Volume 54, 2016, pages 1339-1355 (with M.V. Anauati and R. Galvez).
28. Optimal climate change adaptation and mitigation to climate change in small environmental economies. **Economía, Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association**, Volume 17, 2016, pages 65-94 (with O. Chisari and S. Miller).
29. The deregularization of land titles. **Man and the Economy**, Volume 3, 2016, pages 169-188 (with E. Schargrodsky). Lead Article.
30. Estimating neighborhood choice models: Lessons from a housing assistance experiment. **American Economic Review**, Volume 105, 2015, pages 3385-3415 (with A. Murphy and J. Pantano).
31. On the distributive costs of drug related homicides. **Journal of Law and Economics**, Volume 58, 2015, pages 779-803 (with. N. Ajzenman and E. Seira).
32. The rise of noncumminacable diseases in Latin America and the Caribbean: Health in Latin America: Challenges for public health policies. **Latin American Economic Review**, Volume 24, 2015 (with M.V. Anauati and F. Weinschelbaum). Special Issue. Lead Article.
33. Climate change in Latin America and the Caribbean: Policy options and research priorities. **Latin American Economic Review**, Volume 24, 2015 (with B. Feld). Special Issue.
34. Autocracy, democracy and trade policy. **Journal of International Economics**, Volume 93, 2014, pages 173-193 (with G. Torrens).
35. Factor endowments, democracy and trade policy convergence. **Journal of Public Economic Theory**, Volume 16, 2014, pages 119-156 (with N. Schofield and G. Torrens).
36. The political Coase theorem: Experimental evidence. **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization**, Volume 103, 2014, pages 17-38 (with G. Torrens and M. Yanguas).
37. Natural disasters and economic growth. **Review of Economics and Statistics**, Volume 95, 2013, pages 1549-1561 (with E. Cavallo, I. Noy and J. Pantano). Reprinted in M. Skidmore (2017): The Economics of Natural Disasters, Edward Elgar Publisher.
38. Experimental heterogeneous effects in conditional cash transfers. **Journal of Public Economics**, Volume 103, 2013, pages 85-96 (with P. McEwan).
39. Optimal recall period for caregiver-reported illness in studies that estimate treatment effects: a multicountry study. **American Journal of Epidemiology**, Volume 177, 2013, pages 361-370 (with B. Arnold, B. Briceño, J. Colford, P. Gertler, A. Hubbar and R. Pavani).
40. Social status and corruption. **Nordic Journal of Political Economy**, Volume 38, 2013, pages 1-16 (with F. Weinschelbaum). Lead Article.
41. Social mobility: What is it and why does it matter? **Económica**, Volume 59, 2013, pages 167-229, Universidad Nacional de La Plata.

42. Reality versus propaganda in the formation of beliefs about water privatization. **Journal of Public Economics**, Volume 96, 2012, pages 553-567 (with R. Di Tella and E. Scharfgrödsky).
43. Land property rights and resource allocation. **Journal of Law and Economics**, Volume 54, 2012, pages 329-345. Special issue on Markets, Firms and Property Rights: A Celebration of the Research of Ronald Coase (with E. Scharfgrödsky).
44. Modeling informality formally: Households and firms. **Economic Inquiry**, Volume 50, 2012, pages 821-838 (with F. Weinschelbaum). 2012 Best Article Award.
45. Investment and expropriation under oligarchy and democracy. **Economics and Politics**, Volume 24, 2012, pages 24-46 (with F. Albornoz and D. Heymann).
46. Conscription and Crime: Evidence from the Argentine Draft Lottery. **American Economic Journal: Applied Economics**, Volume 3, 2011, pages 119-136 (with M. Rossi and E. Scharfgrödsky).
47. Preschool and maternal labor supply: Evidence from a regression discontinuity design. **Economic Development and Cultural Change**, Volume 59, 2011, pages 313-334 (with S. Berlinski and P. McEwan).
48. Trends in tariff reforms and in the structure of wages. **Review of Economics and Statistics**, Volume 92, 2010, pages 482-494 (with G. Porto).
49. Property rights for the poor: Effects of land titling. **Journal of Public Economics**, Volume 94, 2010, pages 700-729 (with E. Scharfgrödsky). Reprinted in Spanish as Solano: Efectos del otorgamiento de títulos de propiedad de la tierra. **Desarrollo Económico**, Volume 50, 2011, pages 3-44. Lead Article.
50. Payroll taxation, wages and employment: New quasi-experimental evidence. **Labour Economics**, Volume 17, 2010, pages 743-749 (with G. Cruces and S. Sduka).
51. Performance Pay and Productivity of Low- and High-Ability Workers. **Labour Economics**, Volume 17, 2010, pages 317-322 (with I. Francescheli and E. Gulmez).
52. Housing, Health and Happiness. **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy**, Volume 1, 2009, pages 75-105 (with M. Cattaneo, P. Gertler, S. Martinez and R. Titiumnik). Featured in *Science*, February 17, 2008.
53. The effect of pre-primary education on primary school performance. **Journal of Public Economics**, Volume 93, 2009, pages 219-234 (with S. Berlinski and P. Gertler).
54. Water in shantytowns: Health and savings. **Economica**, Volume 76, 2009, pages 607-622 (with M. Gonzalez-Rozada and E. Scharfgrödsky). Lead Article. Reprinted in A. Chong, S. Duryea and E. La Ferrara (eds.) (2009): Privatization for the public good? Welfare effects of private intervention in Latin America, Harvard University Press.
55. School Decentralization: Helping the good get better, but leaving the poor behind. **Journal of Public Economics**, Volume 92, 2008, pages 2106-2120 (with P. Gertler and E. Scharfgrödsky). Reprinted in Spanish in Cueto, Santiago (ed.) (2009): Reformas pendientes en la educación secundaria, PREAL, Santiago de Chile.

56. On the emergence of public education in land rich economies. **Journal of Development Economics**, Volume 86, 2008, pages 434-446 (with D. Heymann, C. Dabus and F. Thome).
57. Giving children a better start: Preschool attendance and school-age profiles. **Journal of Public Economics**, Volume 92, 2008, pages 1416-1440 (with S. Berlinski and M. Manacorda).
58. Why has unemployment risen in the new South Africa? **Economics of Transition**, Volume 16, 2008, pages 715-740. Special issue (with A. Banerjee, J. Levinsohn, Z. McLaren and I. Woolard).
59. The impact of privatization on the earnings of restructured workers: Evidence from the oil industry. **Journal of Labor Research**, Volume 29, 2008, pages 162-176 (with F. Sturzenegger).
60. The Formation of Beliefs: Evidence from the Allocation of Land Titles to Squatters. **Quarterly Journal of Economics**, Volume 122, 2007, pages 209-41 (with R. Di Tella and E. Scharfrodsky).
61. The effect of a large expansion of pre-primary schools on enrollment and maternal employment. **Labour Economics**, Volume 14, 2007, pages 665-80 (with S. Berlinski).
62. Fertility and female labor supply in Latin America: New causal evidence. **Labour Economics**, Volume 14, 2007, pages 565-73 (with G. Cruces).
63. Optimal income support targeting. **International Tax and Public Finance**, Volume 13, 2006, pages 661-84 (with S. De Wachter).
64. Targeting health interventions: The central role of facility placement. **Fiscal Studies**, Volume 27, 2006, pages 373-395 (with M. Fernandez and E. Scharfrodsky).
65. Water for life: The impact of the privatization of water supply on child mortality. **Journal of Political Economy**, Volume 113, 2005, pp. 83-120 (with P. Gertler and E. Scharfrodsky). Abridged version reprinted in Gerald Meier and James Rauch (2005): Leading Issues in Economic Development, 8th edition, Oxford University Press. Reprinted in Diana Pinto and Peter Smith (2010): Health Care Systems in Developing and Transition Countries: The Role of Research Evidence, Edward Elgar Publisher.
66. Persistence and regional disparities in unemployment. **Regional Science and Urban Economics**, Volume 30, 2005, pages 237-57 (with C. Lamarche, A. Porto and W. Sosa Escudero).
67. Changes in the Panamanian wage structure: A quantile regression analysis. **Económica**, Volume 51, 2005, pages 3-27, Universidad Nacional de La Plata (with R. Titiunik).
68. The health effects of land titling. **Economics and Human Biology**, Volume 2, 2004, pages 353-72. Lead article. Special Issue (with E. Scharfrodsky).
69. The impact of trade liberalization on wage inequality: Evidence from Argentina. **Journal of Development Economics**, Volume 72, 2003, pages 497-513 (with P. Sanguinetti).
70. Duration and risk of unemployment in Argentina. **Journal of Development Economics**, Volume 71, 2003, pages 199-212 (with H. Hopenhayn).

71. Great expectations and hard times: The Argentine convertibility plan. **Economia, Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association**, Volume 4, 2003, pages 109-160 (with D. Heymann and M. Tommasi). Expanded versión reprinted in Spanish as Expectativas frustradas: El ciclo de la convertibilidad. **Desarrollo Económico**, Volume 43, 2003, pages 3-44. Lead Article.
72. Financial dollarization and debt deflation under a currency board. **Emerging Markets Review**, Volume 4, 2003, pages 340-67. Lead article. Special Issue (with E. Levy-Yeyati and E. Schargrodsky).
73. Evaluating the impact of school decentralization on education quality. **Economia, Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association**, Volume 2, 2002, pages 275-314 (with E. Schargrodsky).

Articles in Books

74. Internal and external validity of a geographical quasi-experiment embedded in a randomized control experiment, in **Advances in Econometrics**, Volume 38, M. Cattaneo and J. C. Escanciano (eds.), North-Holland, 2016 (with McEwan and Quistorff).
75. Urban land titles: Lessons from a natural experiment, in **Slums: How informal real estate markets work**, Birch, E.; S. Chataraj and S. Wachter (eds.), University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016 (with E. Schargrodsky).
76. Land property rights, in **Institutions, property rights and economic growth: The legacy of Douglass North**, S. Galiani and I. Sened (eds.), Cambridge University Press, 2014 (with E. Schargrodsky).
77. School management in the developing world, in **Education policy in developing countries**, Paul Glewwe (ed.), University of Chicago Press, 2013 (with R. Perez-Truglia).
78. Political centralization and urban primacy: Evidence from national and provincial capitals in the Americas, in **Understanding long-run economic growth: Geography, institutions and the knowledge economy**, Costa, D. and N. Lamoreaux (eds.), National Bureau of Economic Research, 2011 (with S. Kim).
79. Crime distribution and victim behavior during a crime wave, in **The economics of crime: Lessons from Latin America**, Di Tella, R., S. Edwards and E. Schargrodsky (eds.), National Bureau of Economic Research, 2010 (with R. Di Tella and E. Schargrodsky).
80. Poverty, in **Latin American development priorities: Costs and benefits**, B. Lomborg (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2010.
81. Understanding reforms: The case of Argentina, in **Understanding reform in Latin America**, Fanelli, J. (ed.), Palgrave-Macmillan, 2007 (with C. Acuña and M. Tommasi).
82. The benefits and costs of privatization in Argentina: A microeconomic analysis, in **Privatization in Latin America: Myth and realities**, Chong, A. and F. Lopez-De-Silanes (eds.), Stanford University Press, 2005 (with P. Gertler, E. Schargrodsky and F. Sturzenegger).
83. Price instability and search, in **Economics lab: An intensive course in experimental**

- economics**, Friedman, D. and A. Cassar (eds.), Routledge, 2004 (with M. Cura-Juri).
84. The labor market, in **A new economic history of Argentina**, Della Paolera, G. and A. Taylor (eds.), Cambridge University Press, 2003 (with P. Gerchunoff).
 85. The argentine privatization process and its aftermath: Some preliminary conclusions, in **The impact of privatization in the Americas**, Birch, M. and J. Haar (eds.), University of Miami, 2000 (with D. Petrecolli).

Working Papers

86. Aspiration adaptation in resource-constrained environments. *Revision Invited* (with P. Gertler and R. Undurraga).
87. Persuasive propaganda during the 2015 argentine ballotage. *Under Review* (with R. Di Tella and E. Schargrodsky).
88. Assessing external validity. *Under Review* (with Hao Bo).
89. Where have all the children gone? An empirical study of child abandonment and abduction in China. *Under Review* (with X. Bao, K. Li and C. Long).
90. When children rule: Parenting in modern families (with M. Staiger and G. Torrens).
91. Trust and savings in financial institutions (with P. Gertler and C. Navajas).

Other Publications

Published Conference Proceedings

1. The changing role of the public sector: An ex-post view of the privatization process in Argentina. **Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance**, Volume 36, 1996, pages 131-52. Annual conference of the International Institute of Public Finance, Lisbon, Portugal (with D. Petrecolli).

Peer Review Academic Journals (in Spanish)

2. El gasto de consumo en Argentina: Un análisis econométrico. **Económica**, Volume 41, 1995, pages 33-67, Universidad Nacional de La Plata (with M. Sanchez).

Policy Documents

3. Agenda para la elaboración de una estrategia energética. Metas estratégicas para transformar Argentina, CIPPEC, Argentina, July, 2019 (with D. Bondorevsky).
4. [La Reforma Tributaria Argentina de 2017](#), Secretaria de Política Económica, Ministerio de Hacienda, Argentina. July, 2018. ISBN 978-987-46896-0-3 (coordinated jointly with S. Afonso and M. Tappata).
5. Improving access to urban services for the poor, J-PAL, 2012 (with E. Duflo and M. Mobarak).

Comments and Others

6. *Introduction to Special issue on the 50 years of the economics of crime*, **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, Volume 159, 2019, pages 421-425 (with L. Jaitman and R. Soares).
7. *Introduction to Research at the Policy Frontier in Latin America (Volume II)*, **Latin American Economic Review**, Volume 28, 2019, pages 2-6.
8. How to make replication the norm, **Nature**, Volume 554, 2018, pages 417-419 (with P. Gertler and M. Romero).
9. *Introduction to Research at the Policy Frontier in Latin America (Volume I)*, **Latin American Economic Review**, Volume 24, 2015, pages 2-6.
10. *Introduction to Institutions, property rights and economic growth: The legacy of Douglass North*, Cambridge University Press, 2014 (with I. Sened).
11. Comments on “Early Childhood Development in Latin America and the Caribbean” by Norbert Schady. **Economia, Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association**, Volume 6, 2006, pages 214-16.
12. Comments on “The electoral consequences of the Washington Consensus” by E. Lora and M. Olivera. **Economia, Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association**, Volume 5, 2005, pages 46-48.
13. Introduction to *Symposium: The Labor Market in Latin America*. **Económica**, Volume 50, 2004, pages 3-7, Universidad Nacional de La Plata.
14. Comments on “Intergenerational mobility in Latin America” by J. Behrman, A. Gaviria and M. Szekely. **Economia, Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association**, Volume 2, 2001, pages 38-41.

Book Reviews

15. Cristian Baeza and Truman Packard. Beyond survival: Protecting households from health shocks in Latin America, (Stanford University Press). **Journal of Economic Literature**, Volume XLV, 2007, pages 767-770.
16. Luigi Manzetti (ed.). Regulatory Policy in Latin America: Post-Privatization Realities, (North-South Center Press). **Journal of Latin American Studies**, Volume 34, 2002, pages 466-67.

Research Grants:

- 2019-2020: Ministry of Science and Technology, China. High Level Foreign Expert Member. Xiamen University, China.
- 2019-2020: New York University Abu Dhabi Internal Grant. \$ 5.000.
- 2017-2019: IPA, Financial Inclusion Program. Project: *Matching Contributions as an incentive for saving by informal workers in the Private Pension System*. Principal Investigator. \$ 390.000.
- 2016-2017: World Bank, Strategic Fund for Impact Evaluation. Project: *Turning Pipe Dreams into Reality*:

- Improving access to water and sanitation services in a Nairobi Slum.* Co-Principal Investigator (with P. Gertler). \$390,000.
- 2013-2017: J-PAL, Urban and Sanitation Services Initiative (funded by Melissa and Bill Gates Foundation). Project: *Demand for Sanitation in Kenya Urban Slums.* Co-Principal Investigator (with P. Gertler). \$190,000.
- 2013-2016: The Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP). Project: *Financial Inclusion through Non-Banking Agents.* Co-Principal Investigator (with P. Gertler). \$300,000.
- 2013-2015: IPA Yale Savings and Payments Fund (funded by Melissa and Bill Gates Foundation). Project: *Financial Inclusion for the Rural Poor.* Co-Principal Investigator (with P. Gertler). \$135,000.
- 2012-2013: IADB. The Cost of Crime in Latin America. Project: *Using Real Estate Prices to Measure the Cost of Violent Crime.* Principal Investigator. \$35,000.
- 2012: International Development Research Centre (IDRC). Project: *Testing Interventions to Influence Dietary Decisions among Black Women in South Africa.* Investigator. Principal Investigator: K. Gumede, J-PAL South Africa. Grant #106893-001. \$40,000.
- 2011-2016: Melissa and Bill Gates Foundation. Project: *Urban Services Initiative.* Co-Chair (with E. Duflo and Mushfiq Mobarak). J-PAL Project. \$4,750,000.
- 2011-2012: Weidembaun Center. Project: *Laboratory experiments in political economy.* Principal Investigator. \$15,000.
- 2010-2011: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Project: *Titling, urban land market development, and the process of regularization and de-regularization.* Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Schargrodsky). \$25,000.
- 2010-2011: Resource for Business Network, Inter-American Development Bank. Project: *Formalization and Transaction Costs.* Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Schargrodsky). \$40,000.
- 2010-2011: Weidembaun Center. *Program on behavioral economics.* Co-Principal Investigator (with D. Levine). \$60,000.
- 2009-2011: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). Project: *Slum housing upgrading of informal settlements in Latin America.* OW 1.20. Investigator. PIs: P. Gertler and R. Cooper. \$495,000.
- 2009-2010: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Project: *Impact of railway expansion on urban spatial patterns.* Principal Investigator. \$30,000.
- 2008-2010: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK. Project: *Evaluation of housing interventions in shantytown in Latin America.* RES-167-25-0317. Investigator. PIs: P. Gertler and R. Cooper. \$450,000.
- 2008-2111: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), UK. Project: *International Dimensions of Political Regime Dynamics.* RES-062-23-1360. Investigator. Principal Investigator: Facundo Albornoz. \$135,000.
- 2008-2009: Bradley Foundation. Project: *Political Centralization and Urban Primacy in the Americas.* Co-Principal Investigator (with S. Kim). \$10,000.
- 2008-2009: National Agency of Science and Technology Promotion (Argentina): Project: *Property rights and poverty reduction: The effects of land titling on long-term human capital accumulation.* Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Schargrodsky). \$30,000.
- 2007-2010: *Handwashing Behavior at Scale in Peru.* Co-Principal Investigator for Peru (With Alexandra Orsola-Vidal). This project is part of the *Sanitation and Hand Washing Program in the Developing World*, funded by the Melissa and Bill Gates Foundation through WSP, World Bank. PIs: Paul Gertler and Jack Molyneaux. \$ 6,500,000 (Global Program).
- 2006-2012: Weidembaun Center, small grants program. Several projects. Principal Investigator. \$40,000.
- 2006-2007: Ronald Coase Institute. Project: *Property rights and poverty reduction: The effects of land titling on long-term human capital accumulation.* Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Schargrodsky). \$30,000.
- 2005-2006: Research Network, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank. Project: *Does Society Wins of Loose as a Result of Privatization? Provision of Public Services and Welfare of the Poor.* Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Schargrodsky and M. Gonzalez-Rozada). \$ 40,000.
- 2004-2005: Research in Education Fund, PREAL. Project: *Trade-offs between efficiency and equality in school*

- decentralization*. Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Schargrodsky and P. Gertler). \$10,000.
- 2003-2004: Research Network, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank. Project: *Infant health, poverty and public policy*. Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Schargrodsky). \$40,000.
- 2003-2004: World Bank, Project: *Land for the Poor: Evaluating the Effects of Property Rights on Welfare and Empowerment*. Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Schargrodsky). \$30,000.
- 2003-2004: GDN Global Network. Project: *Understanding Reform. Country Study: Argentina*. Investigator. PI: Mariano Tommasi. \$60,000.
- 2002-2003: Research Network, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank. Project: *Debt composition and balance sheet effects of exchange and interest rate volatility*. Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Levy-Yeyati and E. Schargrodsky). \$40,000.
- 2003: Thematic Group Funding, World Bank: *Reaching the poor program*. Principal Investigator. \$40,000.
- 2002: Thematic Group Funding, World Bank: *The impact of decentralization on school quality*. Principal Investigator. \$10,000.
- 2001-2002: Regional Policy Dialogue, Poverty Reduction and Social Protection Network, Inter-American Development Bank. Studies on Poverty and Social Protection Project: *Crime, property rights and access to justice*. Co-Principal Investigator (with R. Di Tella and E. Schargrodsky). \$25,000.
- 2001: Research Network, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank. Project: *Cost and Benefits of Privatizations*. Principal Investigator. \$40,000.
- 1999-2001: National Agency of Science and Technology Promotion (Argentina). Project: *Employment, Unemployment, Wages and Labor Market Policies*. Investigator. PI: Hugo Hoppenhayn. \$180,000.

Academic Service:

- 2018-2019: Member, Senior Search Committee, Department of Economics, University of Maryland.
- 2018-2019: Member, Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Economics, University of Maryland.
- 2016: Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Economics, University of Maryland.
- 2015-2016: Member, Graduate Admission Committee, Department of Economics, University of Maryland.
- 2014-2015: Member of the Executive Committee, Department of Economics, University of Maryland.
- 2013-2015: Member of the Board, Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland.
- 2012-2016: Member, Senior Search Committee, Department of Economics, University of Maryland.
- 2010-2012: Director of Honors Program, Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2010-2012: Member, Academic Planning Committee (ACP), School of Arts and Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2009-2012: Member, Affirmative Action Monitoring Committee, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2007-2011: Member, Senior and Junior Search Committees, Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis.

Teaching Experience:

Undergraduate Level

Development Economics
Econometrics
Government: Theory and Practice
Microeconomics
Statistics

Graduate Level

Mathematics for Economists
Econometrics
Development Economics
Microeconometrics
Program Evaluation

PhD Students Supervised (dissertations chaired):

Charles Coutermanche (2008), Washington University in St. Louis – placed at Department of Economics,

University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Field: Health Economics.
 Daifeng He (2009), Washington University in St. Louis – placed at Department of Economics, College of William & Mary. Field: Health Economics.
 Gustavo Torrens (2013), Washington University in St. Louis – placed at Department of Economics, Indiana University, Bloomington. Field: Political Economy.
 Ben Zou (2015), University of Maryland – placed at Department of Economics, Michigan State University. Field: Labor/Development Economics.
 Giordano Palloni (2015), University of Maryland – placed at International Food Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC. Field: Development Economics.
 Brian Quistorff (2016), University of Maryland – placed at Microsoft Research Group. Field: Applied Microeconomics.
 Hao Bo (2020), University of Maryland – placed at Luohan Academy, China. Field: Applied Microeconomics.
 Matthew Staiger (2021, expected), University of Maryland.

Master Students:

Juan Pantano (2002): Economics, UCLA, US.
 Federico Bugni (2003): Economics, Northwestern, US.
 Matias Cattaneo (2003): Economics, UC Berkeley, US.
 Rocio Titiunik (2004): Political Science, UC Berkeley, US.
 Maria Eugenia Garibotti (2005): Economics, NYU, US.
 Emiliano Pagnota (2005): Economics, Northwestern, US.
 Ignacio Franceschelli (2006): Economics, Northwestern, US.
 Paulo Somaini (2007): Economics, Stanford, US.
 Maximiliano Appendino (2008): Economics, Yale, US.
 Ricardo Perez-Truglia (2008): Economics, Harvard, US.
 Laura Jaitman (2009): Economics, UCL, UK
 Andres Maggi (2009): Economics, Princeton, US.
 Fernando Yu (2010): Economics, Harvard, US.
 Andres Drenik (2011): Economics, Stanford, US.
 Ivan Torre (2012): Economics, Sciences Po, France.
 Maria Lucia Yanguas (2013): Economics, UCLA, US.
 Brian Feld (2014): Economics, Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, US.
 Nicolas Ajzenman (2015): Economics, Sciences Po, France.
 Maria Victoria Anauati (2015): Economics, Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina.
 Camila Navajas Ahumada (2016): Economics, UC San Diego, US.
 Martin Caruso (2018): Economics, UC Berkeley, US.

Conferences and Conference Sessions Organized:

2019: Thirty-Seven BREAD conference, University of Maryland, US (joint with K. Leonard).
 2017: Annual meeting, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Universidad de San Andres, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
 2015: Workshop on Crime, LICIP, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (joint with R. Di Tella, L. Jaitman and E. Schargrodsky).
 2014: J-PAL Matchmaking Conference, Urban Services Initiative, Nepal (joint with E. Duflo and M. Mobarak).
 2014: Conference in Honor of Adolfo Canitrot, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina (joint with C. Winograd).
 2013: J-PAL Matchmaking Conference, Urban Services Initiative, Cape Town, South Africa (joint with

- E. Duflo and M. Mobarak).
- 2012: J-PAL Matchmaking Conference, Urban Services Initiative, Colombo, Sri Lanka (joint with E. Duflo and M. Mobarak).
- 2010: Conference on the Legacy and Work of Douglass C. North, Washington University in St. Louis, US (joint with I. Sened).
- 2009: Annual meeting, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 2009: Conference in Honor of Daniel Chudnovsky, Universidad de San Andres, Argentina.
- 2005-2007: First to Third Annual Sessions on Poverty and Inequality, NIP, Argentine Chapter, held at the Argentine Association of Political Economy (AAEP).
- 2005: NIP Sessions at the Tenth Annual LACEA Meetings in Paris, France.
- 2005: NIP Sessions at the CumbreIberoamericana in Salamanca, Spain.
- 2005: VIII Meeting of the LACEA/BID/ World Bank Network of Inequality and Poverty, Universidad de Puebla, Mexico.
- 2004: VII Meeting of the LACEA/BID/ World Bank Network of Inequality and Poverty, Costa Rica.
- 2000-2004: First to Fifth Annual Meeting on Poverty and Inequality, NIP, Argentine Chapter, held at Universities Di Tella, San Andrés and Nacional de La Plata, Argentina.