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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, expected May 2021
M.A. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia, 2012
B.A. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia, 2010

FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Primary: Labor Economics, Applied Econometrics
Secondary: Economics of Education

DISSERTATION

Essays on Treatment Effects from Multiple Unordered Choices
Committee: Prof. Sergio Urzúa (Chair), Prof. Guido Kuersteiner, Prof. Nolan Pope

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Empirical Challenges of Multivalued Treatments Effects”

I study the identification and estimation of treatment effects under multiple unordered options. Career paths, migration decisions, and schooling decisions are common examples of this setting. I analyze a general case of multivalued treatment effects where the identifying variation stems from discrete and continuous instruments. I discuss how to use conditional choice rules to estimate shares of compliers at different margins of choice and their treatment effects. I develop an empirical strategy consistent with this framework and apply it to assess the impact of childcare choice in Colombia on children’s development. In this setting, parents can choose between home care, small centers (12-15 children), or large centers (25 children per teacher). I exploit two different sources of exogenous variation: an experiment aimed at providing information and incentives to some households to switch to large centers and the geographical distance between the child’s home to the nearest center. On average, 22% of parents are induced to change their choices as the random offer and proximity vary. I document the effects of selection across heterogeneous groups, and I find positive but insignificant local average effects of small centers on cognitive, socio-emotional, and nutritional development relative to the unordered alternatives.

OTHER RESEARCH PAPERS

“On Track to Idleness: High-school Type Choices and Labor Market Status after Graduation”, work in progress

“Labor Market Effects of Short-Cycle Higher Education Programs: Challenges and Evidence” with Maria Marta Ferreyra and Sergio Urzúa, work in progress

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Econometrics I (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Winter 2017, Summer 2018, Winter 2019

Instructor, Introductory Microeconomics (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant, Econometrics I (undergraduate), University of Maryland, Fall 2015 and Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant, Advanced Econometrics (undergraduate), Universidad de los Andes, 2010 – 2011

RESEARCH AND RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Prof. Nolan Pope, University of Maryland, Fall 2017 – Spring 2019

Research Assistant, Prof. Felipe Saffie, University of Maryland, Fall 2016

Research Assistant, Prof. Lesley Turner, University of Maryland, Spring 2016

Research Analyst, The World Bank Group, Office of the Chief Economist for the Africa Region, August 2013 – June 2015

Research Assistant, The World Bank Group, Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean, February 2012 – June 2013

Young Researcher Scholarship, Department of Science, Technology, and Innovation, Colombia, 2010

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Best Third Year Paper, 1st Prize, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, 2018

Melville J. Ulmer Award for Best Second Year Paper, University of Maryland, 2017.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2018: Education Division of the Inter-American Development Bank, 2017: Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) Labor Network, 2016: Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) Labor Network

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (fluent)

COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

Stata, R

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