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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics. *University of California, Berkeley,* United States. 2025 - 2031 (expected)

M.Sc. in Economics. *Universidad de la República,* Uruguay. 2020 - 2023

B.A. in Economics. *Universidad de la República,* Uruguay. 2015 - 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher in Economics. *University of California, Berkeley,* United States. 2025 - Present
Prof. Edward Miguel (Summer 2026, Winter 2027), Gabriel Zucman (Fall 2025, Spring 2026).

Predoctoral Fellow in Economics. *University of Zurich,* Switzerland. 2022 - 2025
Prof. Dina Pomeranz, Dave Donaldson, Juan Carlos Suárez Serrato, Paul Carrillo, Monica Singhal, and Gabriel Zucman.

Visiting Researcher in Economics. *Tilburg University,* Netherlands. 2022 - 2022
Prof. Patricio Dalton and Elena Cettolin.

Research Assistant in Economics. *Universidad de la República,* Uruguay. 2020 - 2022
Prof. Andrea Vigorito.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Working papers
"Welfare stigma after take-up."

Work in progress
"The costs of being seen: Welfare stigma and the salience of social assistance" (with Camilla Cherubini & Martín Serramo).

"From intra-household bargaining to intra-household cooperation: Experimental Evidence from Guatemala" (with Patricio Dalton, Carla De Oliveira, & Juan Pedro Ronconi).

"Grades, Future Academic Performance, and Labor Market Outcomes" (with Mathías Fondo & Joaquín Paleo).

RESEARCH GRANTS ($131,565)

As Principal Investigator
2026 Graduate Student Research Funding – Stanford's King Center ($7,500).
2026 George P. Shultz Dissertation Fund – Stanford's SIEPR ($7900).
2026 Development Challenge – CEGA ($17,165).

As Co-Investigator
2026 Construyendo Futuros – J-PAL LAC ($30,000).
2025 Fund for Innovation in Development ($75,000).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor. *University of California, Berkeley,* United States. 2026 - Present
ECON 131: Public Economics – Prof. Emmanuel Saez (Spring 2027), Prof. Danny Yagan (Fall 2026).

Teaching Assistant. *Department of Economics, University of Zurich,* Switzerland. 2023 - 2024
Global Policy Analysis: Poverty, Development, Growth – Prof. Dina Pomeranz (Spring 2023, 2024; Summer 2024).

Teaching Assistant. *Department of Economics, Universidad de la República,* Uruguay. 2021 - 2022
Game Theory (Fall 2022); Introduction to Scientific Work (Fall 2021).

Student Tutor. *Teaching Support Unit, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas,* Uruguay. 2018 - 2018
Introduction to Microeconomics and Introduction to Calculus to an incarcerated student (Fall, Winter 2018).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Economics Consultant. *United Nations Development Programme,* Uruguay. 2019 - 2020

Data Analyst. *Facultad de Ciencias Económicas,* Uruguay. 2017 - 2019

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LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

Mentor Management Leader. *Graduate Applications International Network,* Switzerland. 2024 - 2026
Leading a team of ∼5 volunteers in selecting and managing ∼60 academic mentors on the mentoring program that supports prospective economics graduate students from Africa apply to graduate programs.

Member of the Predoc Wellbeing Committee. *University of Zurich,* Switzerland. 2024 - 2025
Serving as a first contact point for predocs to raise any issues of diverse nature and determine next steps.

Member of the Central Board of Directors. *Universidad de la República,* Uruguay. 2018 - 2020
Representing (with voting power) students in the Central Board of Directors, helping govern university-wide matters.

Member of the Executive Board. *National Students' Federation,* Uruguay 2018 - 2020
Coordinated executive meetings; represented students in governing bodies; organized several events and activities.

Member of the Governing Board. *Facultad de Ciencias Económicas,* Uruguay. 2016 - 2018
Representing (with voting power) students in the School's Governing Board, helping govern school-wide matters.

Member of the Executive Board *Economics Students' Association,* Uruguay 2015 - 2017
Coordinated executive meetings; represented students in governing bodies; organized several events and activities.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Research awards

2023 First Place: Best Master's Thesis "Daniel Vaz" Award, *Society of Economists of Uruguay* (SEU).
Award to the Best Master's Theses of the Year, *Department of Economics, Universidad de la República.*

2020 Special Mention: Best Contribution of Young Researchers, *Network of Inequality and Poverty Conference.*

Fellowships

2026 **The James L. Pierce Fellowship for Economics Ph.D. Students**, *University of California, Berkeley.*
2025 The James L. Pierce Fellowship for Economics Ph.D. Students, *University of California, Berkeley.*
2022 Academic Exchange Program, *Universidad de la República.*
Student Mobility Scholarship, *Universidad de la República.*

2021 Postgraduate Studies Research Scholarship, *Universidad de la República.*

2020 Research Initiation Fellowship, *Universidad de la República*
Full-time Student Scholarship, *Universidad de la República.*

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2026 Public Finance Seminar (Fall), Development Lunch (Fall), Development Lunch (Spring), *University of California, Berkeley* (Berkeley).

2025 XIV Encuentro Anual de la Sociedad de Economistas del Uruguay, *Universidad de la República* (Montevideo).
Development Lunch (Fall), *University of California, Berkeley* (Berkeley).

2024 3rd Gender and Economics Workshop, *University of Luxembourg* (Luxembourg).

2023 XII Encuentro Anual de la Sociedad de Economistas del Uruguay, *Universidad Católica* (Montevideo).

2022 Departmental Economic Workshop, *Tilburg University* (Tilburg).
Human Development and Capability Association Conference, *University of Antwerp* (Antwerp).
International Adam Smith Society Conference, *Universidad de los Andes* (Bogota).

2021 COES Conference, *Centro de Estudios de Conflicto y Cohesión Social* (Santiago de Chile).
Network of Inequality and Poverty Conference, *Universidad de la República* (Montevideo).

2020 Network of Inequality and Poverty Conference, *Universidad de la República* (Montevideo).

SUMMER SCHOOLS

2025 Stone Center Summer Institute, *University of California, Berkeley.*
2022 Human Development & Capability Association Summer School, *University of Antwerp.*

MISCELLANEOUS

Languages Spanish (native), English (proficient), French (beginner).
Coding skills Stata (advanced), LaTeX (advanced), R (intermediate), Markdown (intermediate), Python (beginner), Matlab (beginner).
Affiliations Society of Economists of Uruguay, Ágora.

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