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EDUCATION

University of Delaware January 2023
MS in Economics (*Sponsored by the Graduate Fellowship*)

University of Massachusetts Boston May 2019
MA in Applied Economics (*Sponsored by the Foreign Fulbright Scholarship*)
- Thesis: Off the Farm: An Evaluation of Non-Farm Employment on Poverty Alleviation in Rural Nicaragua.

Universidad Thomas More, Nicaragua January 2016
BA in Economics and Finances - Cum Laude
- Honors Graduation Thesis
- Thesis: Determinants of labor mobility in Nicaragua. A case on labor informality.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Electronic Payment Technology and Tax Capacity: Evidence from Uruguay's Financial Inclusion Reform. (With Anne Brockmeyer) *Forthcoming*. American Economic Journal: Economic Policy. (Reproducibility Package)

Working Papers

- Land Regularization and Technical Efficiency in Agricultural Production: An Empirical Study in Andean Countries. (With Maja Schling and Juan Mattos) (*Work in Progress*)
- Causas y consecuencias económicas y sociales del embarazo adolescente en Nicaragua. (With Alvaro Altamirano) 2016. FUNIDES Working Papers.

Blogs

- Why digital transactions aren't a silver bullet for tax compliance: Evidence from Uruguay. (With Anne Brockmeyer) 2024. VoxDev.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Economist Consultant, *Inter-American Development Bank* January 2023 - Present
Supervisor: Dr. Maja Schling
- Conducted empirical analysis on agricultural productivity across Latin America and provide key insights to inform policy development and lending operations.
- Contributed to the preparation of monitoring and evaluation plans for operations, ensuring effective assessment and continuous improvement of agricultural initiatives.

Research Analyst Consultant, *World Bank* June 2019 - Aug 2021
Supervisor: Dr. Anne Brockmeyer
- Conducted advanced quasi-experimental econometric analysis on extensive administrative tax return micro-data to evaluate the impact of tax policy and administration reforms in LAC.

Research Assistant, *University of Massachusetts Boston*
Supervisor: Dr. Susan Crandall - *Center for Social Policy*
Supervisor: Dr. Keren Horn - *Economics Department*

Fall 2018
Spring 2018

Economic Analyst Sept 2015 - Sept 2017
Fundación Nicaragüense para el Desarrollo Económico y Social (FUNIDES)
- Supported studies leveraging national household surveys to uncover insights into labor and gender dynamics, including female labor participation, teen pregnancy, and childcare access.
- Contributed to randomized control trials in agricultural settings, with responsibilities spanning evaluation and survey design, enumerator training, data collection supervision, and data analysis.

COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Manage Successful Impact Evaluation Surveys July 2021
World Bank - DIME

Ridge Summer School in Economics - Puebla, Mexico Nov 2019
International Economic Association

Micromaster in Data, Economics and Development Policy May 2019
MITx ([Credential](#))

Evaluating Social Programs June 2018
The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL-MIT)

SKILLS

Statistic and Econometric Analysis:	Stata (Teaching Experience), R, Nlogit
Survey Design:	CSPRO, SurveyCTO
Geo-spatial Analysis:	ArcGIS
Software and Tools:	L ^A T _E X, Git, Tableau, MS Office, Power BI
Language:	Spanish (Native), English (Fluent) Portuguese (Beginner)

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Presentations
2021: Brunel University London, IIPF Annual Congress
2023: SEBOL Annual Development Economics Conference

Consulting
Criminal activity (extortions) and micro-entrepreneurial behavior (Guatemala)
with Dr. Alejandro Estefan - University of Notre Dame May-August 2022

Evaluation of a sorghum productivity intervention
FUNIDES- Nicaragua June- August 2018

Internships
FIDEG (July - Aug 2015) Central Bank of Nicaragua (April - June 2015) FUNIDES (Jan - March 2015) Business Women Network (Aug - Dec 2013)