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Employment

Assistant Professor in Economics, Boston University	2024 –
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Education

University of Chicago Ph.D. in Economics Committee: Esteban Rossi-Hansberg, Ufuk Akcigit, Chang-Tai Hsieh, Erik Hurst	2024
Universidad de los Andes, Colombia B.A. in Economics and B.Sc. in Mathematics	2017

Research Fields

Macroeconomics, Spatial Economics

Working Papers

“Estimating Production Functions in Differentiated-Product Industries with Quantity Information and External Instruments”
with Nicolas de Roux, Marcela Eslava, and Eric Verhoogen
R&R Journal of the European Economic Association

“Output Market Power and Spatial Misallocation”

“(In)formal Growth: Knowledge Dynamics with Learning Segmentation”
with Jose M. Quintero

Work in Progress

“Climate Risk Across the United States”
with Adrien Bilal, and Esteban Rossi-Hansberg

“Green Buildings: Aggregate Effects of Housing Carbon Policies”
with Olivia Bordeu, and Alvaro Contreras Mellado

Awards, Scholarships, and Grants

University of Chicago Data Funds Award (\$3,000)	2023
University of Chicago Henry Morgenthau Jr. Memorial Fellowship	2023 – 2024
University of Chicago Mansueto Institute Urban Doctoral Fellow	2020 – 2021
University of Chicago Neubauer Fellowship	2018 – 2023
Universidad de los Andes Cum Laude degree in Economics	2017
Universidad de los Andes Ulpiano Ayala award, best undergraduate thesis in Economics Thesis advisor: Pierre-Olivier Weill	2017

Teaching

Boston University

Undergraduate Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory

Spring 2025, 2026

Graduate 1st Year Macroeconomic Theory

Fall 2024, 2025

University of Chicago

Graduate 2nd Year Spatial Economics, TA

Winter 2023

MBA International Commercial Policy, TA

Fall 2020, 2021

Undergraduate Macroeconomics Honors, TA

Winter, Spring 2021

Graduate Math Camp

Summer 2021

Professional Activities

Presentations

2025: Arizona State University Macroeconomics Annual Conference, BU Junior Macro Conference, University of New Hampshire, XAmsterdam Macroeconomics Workshop.

2024: SED (Buenos Aires), RIDGE (Santiago) Growth and Development in Macroeconomics-Trade, World Bank, Cornell, BU-BC Green Line Macro Meeting, SED (Barcelona), NASMES (Nashville), Arizona State University, Boston College, Boston University, Eunadi Institute for Economics and Finance, PUC Chile, Universidad de Chile, University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh

Pre-2024: Northwestern, LACEA-LAMES, AMES

Refereeing Activity

Journal of Political Economy, Journal of the European Economic Association, The Economic Journal, Review of Economics and Statistics, American Economic Review, International Economic Review

Data Clearances

U.S. Census Bureau Special Sworn Status