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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

### **Columbia University**

<i>Senior Vice Provost for Academic Initiatives</i>	2025–
<i>Dean of Social Science</i>	2022–
<i>Professor of Economics and International Affairs</i>	2014–
<i>Chair, Department of Economics</i>	2019–2022
<i>Chair, Columbia Committee on the Economics of Education</i>	2014–2019
<i>Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs</i>	2012–2015
<i>Associate Professor of Economics and International Affairs</i>	2009–2014
<i>Assistant Professor of Economics and International Affairs</i>	2003–2009

### **National Bureau of Economic Research**

<i>Research Associate</i>	2011–
<i>Faculty Research Fellow</i>	2007–2011

### **Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development**

<i>Fellow</i>	2014–
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### **Federal Reserve Bank of New York**

<i>Visiting Scholar</i>	2015–2016
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### **Russell Sage Foundation**

<i>Visiting Scholar</i>	2010–2011
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### **Cornell University**

<i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i>	2001–2003
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### **The World Bank**

<i>Young Professional</i>	2000–2001
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### **Bolivian Catholic University**

<i>Associate Professor</i>	1999–2000
<i>Assistant Professor</i>	1998–1999

### **Ministry of Planning, Bolivia**

<i>Analyst</i>	1992–1994
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## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

### **Social Science Research Council**

<i>Board of Directors</i>	2022—
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### **Universidad Privada Boliviana**

<i>Advisory Board</i>	2022—
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### **WIDER, United Nations University**

<i>Advisory Board</i>	2016–2023
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### **American Economic Journal, Applied Economics**

<i>Editorial Board</i>	2013–2022
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### **The Russell Sage Foundation Journal**

<i>Editorial Board</i>	2017–2020
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### **Latin American Economic Association**

<i>Executive Committee</i>	2014–2017
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### **Journal of Human Resources**

<i>Co-Editor</i>	2010–2014
<b><i>Society of Bolivian Economists</i></b>	
<i>Executive Committee</i>	2009–2013
<b><i>Economía, Journal of the Latin American Economic Association</i></b>	
<i>Associate Editor</i>	2003–2006

## DEGREES

<b><i>University of California, Berkeley</i></b>	
Ph.D., Economics	2000
<b><i>Swarthmore College</i></b>	
B.A., Economics and Political Science	1992

## RESEARCH

### ***Book:***

***Markets, Minds, and Money: Why America Leads the World in University Research.*** Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2020.

### ***Papers:***

*Self-, peer-, and teacher perceptions under school tracking* with Ofer Malamud, Andreea Mitrut, and Cristian Pop-Eleches, ***Review of Economics and Statistics***, forthcoming.

*Interactions between family and school environments: Evidence of dynamic complementarities?* with Leonard Goff, Ofer Malamud, and Cristian Pop-Eleches, ***Journal of Human Resources***, 60(3), 907-949, 2025.

*Why do households leave value added on the table? The role of information and preferences* with Robert Ainsworth, Rajeev Dehejia, and Cristian Pop-Eleches, ***American Economic Review***, 113(4), 1049-1082, 2023.

*Why does the U.S. have the best research universities?* with Bentley MacLeod. ***Journal of Economic Perspectives***, 35(1), 185-206, 2021.

*A research-based ranking of public policy schools.* with Elliott Ash. ***Scientometrics***, 125(21), 499-531, 2020.

*Is education consumption or investment? Implications for the effect of school competition* with Bentley MacLeod. ***Annual Review of Economics***, 11, 563-589, 2019.

*The big sort: College reputation and labor market outcomes*, with Bentley MacLeod, Evan Riehl, and Juan Saavedra. ***American Economic Journal: Applied Economics***, 9(3), 223-261, 2017.

*School vouchers: A survey of the economics literature*, with Dennis Epple and Richard Romano. ***Journal of Economic Literature***, 55(2), 441-492, 2017.

*Reputation and school competition*, with Bentley MacLeod, ***American Economic Review***, 105(11), 3471-3488, 2015.

*Progress and challenges in achieving an evidence-based education policy*, **Latin American Economic Review**, 24(12), 2015.

*Going to a better school: Effects and behavioral responses*, with Cristian Pop-Eleches, **American Economic Review**, 103(4), 1289-1324, 2013.

*Parental choice and school markets: The impact of information on school effectiveness*, with Alejandra Mizala, **Journal of Development Economics**, 103, 313-335, 2013.

*Class size caps, sorting, and the regression discontinuity design*, with Eric Verhoogen, **American Economic Review**, 99(1), 179-215, 2009.

*School choice, stratification, and information on school performance*, with Patrick McEwan and Emiliana Vegas, **Economía** (Journal of the Latin American Economic Association), 8(2), 1-42, 2008.

*Socioeconomic status or noise? Tradeoffs in the generation of school quality information*, with Alejandra Mizala and Pilar Romaguera, **Journal of Development Economics**, 84(1), 61-75, 2007.

*Apples and oranges: Educational enrollment and attainment across countries in Latin America and the Caribbean*, with Valentina Calderón, **International Journal of Educational Development**, 26(6), 572-590, 2006.

*The effects of generalized school choice on achievement and stratification: Evidence from Chile's school voucher program*, with Chang-Tai Hsieh, **Journal of Public Economics**, 90(8-9), 1477-1503, 2006.

*Identifying class size effects in developing countries: Evidence from rural Bolivia*, **The Review of Economics and Statistics**, 88(1), 171-177, 2006.

*Does school choice lead to sorting? Evidence from Tiebout variation*, **American Economic Review**, 95(4), 1310-1326, 2005.

*The central role of noise in evaluating interventions that use test scores to rank schools*, with Kenneth Chay and Patrick McEwan, **American Economic Review**, 95(4), 1237-1258, 2005.

*What difference does it make if school and work are connected? Evidence on cooperative education in the U.S.*, with David Stern and Neal Finkelstein, **Economics of Education Review** 16(3), 213-229, 1997.

### **Chapters and other publications:**

*Creating and sustaining research universities: Potential returns and definite challenges*, in Juanjo Ganuza and Antonio Cabrales, Eds., **Challenges and Opportunities for the Future of Higher Education**. Papeles de la Economía Española 180. 2024. [In Spanish].

*Higher education in the United States: Laissez-faire, differentiation, and research*. **Asian Economic Policy Review**, 1-18, 2023.

*Learning and earning: An approximation to college value added in two dimensions*, with Evan Riehl and Juan Saavedra, in Caroline Hoxby and Kevin Stange, Eds., **Productivity in Higher Education**. The University of Chicago Press, 2019.

*Competition among schools: Traditional public and private schools*, in Eric Hanushek, Stephen Machin and Ludger Woessman, Eds., **Handbook of the Economics of Education**. Elsevier, 2016.

*Competition and educational productivity: Incentives writ large*, with Bentley MacLeod, in Paul Glewwe, Ed., ***Education Policy in Developing Countries***. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2013.

*Education* in Jose Antonio Ocampo, Ed., ***The Oxford Handbook of Latin American Economics***. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

*Capitalization and privatization in Bolivia: An approximation to an evaluation*, with Gover Barja and David McKenzie, in John Nellis and Nancy Birdsall, Eds., ***Reality Check: The Distributional Impact of Privatization in Developing Countries***. Washington D.C.: Center for Global Development, 2005.

*Arbitrary variation in teacher salaries*, with Emiliana Vegas, in Emiliana Vegas, Ed., ***Incentives to Improve teaching: Lessons from Latin America***. Washington, D.C.: The World Bank, 2005.

*Capitalization, regulation and the poor: Access to basic services*, with Gover Barja, in Cristina Ugaz and Catherine Waddams Price, Eds., ***Utility Privatization and Regulation***. Northampton: Edward Elgar, 2003.

***Teachers in Bolivia: Impact, Incentives and Performance***, with Wilson Jiménez, Maria Luisa Talavera, and Werner Hernany. La Paz: La Imprenta, 2000. [In Spanish].

*Universal education*, in ***Defeating Poverty: Eight Goals at a Time***. La Paz: UNDP/Edobol, 2000. [In Spanish].

*The Geographic distribution of population in Bolivia*, in Fernando Campero, Ed., ***Bolivia in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century***. La Paz: EDOBOL, 2000. [In Spanish].

*Participating in growth: Economic expansion, income distribution and poverty in urban Bolivia, 1989-1992*. La Paz: Papiro, 1994. [In Spanish].

*Economic Access to Basic Health Care in Bolivia*, in ***Poverty and Health in Bolivia***. La Paz: World Health Organization, 1994. [In Spanish].

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Torino International Economics Festival, Featured speaker	2025
Spain Economics of Education Association meetings, Keynote speaker	2025
Universidad de los Andes Economics of Education Conference, Keynote speaker	2024
Centre for Economic Research and Policy Conference, Keynote speaker	2021
Senior Academic Seminar, Nottingham University	2018
Tenth-anniversary meetings of the Impact Evaluation Network, Keynote speaker	2017
American Economic Review, Excellence in Refereeing award	2017
Fifth Congress of Colombian Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Featured speaker	2016
Korea Development Institute Conference on Educational Investment, Featured speaker	2016
Research Institute for Development, Growth, and Economics, Keynote address	2016
School of International and Public Affairs, Outstanding Teaching Award	2013
Bolivian Academy of Economic Sciences, Member	2013
Research in Economic Development meetings, University of Ottawa, Plenary address	2013
Quarterly Journal of Economics, Excellence in Refereeing award	2012
American Economic Review, Excellence in Refereeing award	2011
First Interdisciplinary Congress on Education in Chile, Plenary address	2010
Network on Inequality and Poverty meetings, Keynote address	2010

Society of Bolivian Economists, Keynote address	2009
Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis, Outstanding Referee award	2009
National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation, Postdoctoral Fellowship	2005
Smith Richardson Foundation, Domestic Public Policy Research Fellowship	2001
Journal of Development Economics, University of California, Dissertation Prize	2000
Robert Burch Center for Public Finance Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley	1998
Economics Department, University of California, Continuing Student Fellowship	1997
Swarthmore College, High Honors and Phi Beta Kappa	1992

#### UNIVERSITY SERVICE (COLUMBIA)

Faculty Task Force on the Arts and Sciences	2021–2022
Budget Committee, Faculty of Arts and Sciences	2020–2021
Policy and Planning Committee, Faculty of Arts and Sciences	2020–2021
Advisory Committee, Center for Teaching and Learning	2017–2021
Presidential Committee on the Fourth Purpose	2019–2020
Presidential Committee on the Creation of a Climate School	2020–2020
Provost’s Advisory Council for the Enhancement of Faculty Diversity	2018–2020
Executive Committee, Institute of Latin American Studies	2010–2019
Provost’s Faculty Advisory Committee	2013–2018
Provost’s Committee on Institutional Research	2015–2018
Internal Review Committee for Columbia Law School	2018–2018
Arts and Sciences Subcommittee on Teaching in Promotion Decisions	2016–2017
Search Committee, Director for the Center for Teaching and Learning	2016–2017
Provost’s Faculty Pay Equity Committee	2015–2016
Provost’s Faculty Quality of Life Committee	2014–2016
Faculty Senate	2006–2008

#### REFEREE SERVICE

<i>American Economic Review</i>	<i>American Economic Review: Insights</i>
<i>American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i>	<i>American Economic Journal: Applied Economics</i>
<i>American Economic Journal: Microeconomics</i>	<i>B.E. Journals in Economic Analysis and Policy</i>
<i>Comparative Education Review</i>	<i>Econometrica</i>
<i>Economic Development and Cultural Change</i>	<i>Economic Inquiry</i>
<i>Economic Journal</i>	<i>Economic Modelling</i>
<i>Economics Letters</i>	<i>Economics of Education Review</i>
<i>Education Finance and Policy</i>	<i>Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis</i>
<i>Journal of Applied Econometrics</i>	<i>Journal of Development Economics</i>
<i>Journal of Economic Literature</i>	<i>Journal of the European Economic Association</i>
<i>Journal of Human Resources</i>	<i>Journal of Labor Economics</i>
<i>Journal of Policy Analysis and Management</i>	<i>Journal of Political Economy</i>
<i>Journal of Public Economic Theory</i>	<i>Journal of Public Economics</i>
<i>Journal of Urban Economics</i>	<i>Labour Economics</i>
<i>PLOS ONE</i>	<i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences</i>
<i>Quantitative Economics</i>	<i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i>
<i>Review of Economic Studies</i>	<i>Review of Economics and Statistics</i>
<i>World Bank Economic Review</i>	

#### ACADEMIC TALKS:

<i>Banco de México</i>	<i>Bocconi University</i>
<i>Boston University</i>	<i>Brookings Institution</i>
<i>Brown University</i>	<i>Bureau of Research on Development</i>

*Carnegie Mellon*  
*Columbia University*  
*Dartmouth College*  
*European University Institute*  
*Georgetown University*  
*Hong Kong University of Science and Technology*  
*ITAM*  
*Inter-American Development Bank*  
*Latin American Economic Association*  
*London School of Economics*  
*M.I.T.*  
*Northwestern University*  
*Nottingham University*  
*Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú*  
*Purdue University*  
*Rice University*  
*Society of Labor Economists*  
*Swarthmore College*  
*Teachers College*  
*Texas A&M*  
*Universidad de Guanajuato*  
*Universitat Pompeu Fabra*  
*University College London*  
*University of California at Davis*  
*University of Chicago*  
*University of Houston*  
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*  
*University of Maryland*  
*University of Minnesota*  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
*University of Texas*  
*University of Virginia*  
*Vanderbilt University*  
*Washington University*  
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*Duke University*  
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*Harvard University*  
*Hunter College*  
*Institute for International Economic Studies*  
*Iowa State University*  
*Leibniz University*  
*Michigan State University*  
*New York University*  
*Notre Dame de la Paix University*  
*Paris School of Economics*  
*Princeton University*  
*Rensselaer Polytechnic*  
*Russell Sage Foundation*  
*Southern Methodist University*  
*Syracuse University*  
*Tel Aviv University*  
*Universidad de Chile*  
*Universidad de los Andes*  
*Universite de Toulouse*  
*University of California at Berkeley*  
*University of California at Los Angeles*  
*University of Florida*  
*University of Illinois at Chicago*  
*University of Indiana*  
*University of Michigan*  
*University of Notre Dame*  
*University of Sao Paulo*  
*University of Toronto*  
*Uppsala University*  
*Warwick University*  
*Wesleyan University*  
*Yale University*