

CURRICULUM VITAE¹

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economics of Inequality and Poverty, Education Economics, Gender Economics, Labor Economics, Migration.

EDUCATION

- 2014. PhD in Applied Economics (Excelent Cum Laude) Departament d'Economia Aplicada – Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (DEA – UAB). Thesis title “Three Essays on Economic Development”, Advisors Xavier Ramos (UAB), and Roxana Gutiérrez (UAB).
- 2010. M.Sc in Applied Economics, DEA-UAB.
- 2007. Licenciatura en Economía (BA Economics), Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y de Administración, Universidad de la República (UdelaR).

CURRENT APPOINTMENT

- 2023 - present. Associate professor, Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics, Universidad de la República.
- 2018 - present. National Agency for Research and Innovation (Level I Researcher)

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENT

In Uruguay

- 2017-2023. Assistant professor, Department of Economics, Faculty of Economics, Universidad de la República
- 2016 - 2018. Posdoctorate research position at Instituto de Economía, Faculty of Economics, Universidad de la República (FCEA-UdelaR), Uruguayan' National Research and Innovation Agency (ANII: Agencia Nacional de Investigación).
- 2015 - 2016. Research assistant at group "Economic Dynamics", Statistics Institute, FCEA.

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2004-2015. Teaching assistant, Faculty of Economics, Universidad de la República (PhD study leave from 2008 to 2015).

In Spain

- 2013-2015 UAB. Research Staff Training.
- 2011 UAB. Research assistant, Economic analysis group.
- 2010 UAB - Pompeu Fabra. Research assistant, project "Distribution of social transfers in European countries".

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022-present. Trabajo de Iniciación a la Investigación. Undergraduate level, FCEA - UdelaR
- 2018 - present. Education economics. Master in Economy, FCEA - UdelaR.
- 2017 - present. Bases y paquetes. Undergraduate level, FCEA - UdelaR.
- 2015- present. Introducción a la Metodología de la Investigación. Undergraduate level, FCEA - UdelaR.
- 2004 - 2015. Economía I. Undergraduate level, FCEA - UdelaR.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles (peer review)

- Impact of COVID-19 on higher education: Evidence from Uruguay (with Failache, E.; Katzkowicz, N.; Machado, A.; Fiori, N.) *International Journal of Educational Development* (2025), Volume 117, 103374.
- Are women and men equally happy at work? Evidence from PhD holders at a public university in Uruguay, *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics* (2022), Volume 97, 101821; with Santiago Burone.
- Selection and educational attainment: why some children are left behind? Evidence from a middle-income country; *Education Economics* (2022); with Xavier Ramos.
- Trayectorias académicas y laborales de personas doctoradas en Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades. Evidencia para Uruguay. *Revista Mexicana de Investigación Educativa*, 2021, 26(91); with Robaina, S.; Pellegrino, A.; Vigorito, A.
- So dissatisfied to leave? The role of perceptions, expectations and beliefs on youths' intention to migrate. Evidence from a developing country. *Journal of Happiness Studies* (2019).
- University supply expansion and Inequality of Opportunity of access. The case of Uruguay. *Education Economics* (2019).
- Linearity and causality on the dynamic relationship between income inequality and economic growth: evidence from high income Latin American country, *Cuadernos de Economía* (2018); with Brida, J.G., y Lanzilotta, B.
- Contexto general de la dimensión económica de la Zona Costera uruguaya, *Revista de Ciencias Sociales*, Departamento de Sociología, Año XXIII / Nº 26, April, 2010, pp. 30 – 52, Uruguay. ISSN 0797-5538; with Piaggio, M.

Chapter book (peer review)

- "Does inequality foster or hinder the growth of entrepreneurship in the long run?", with Gutiérrez-Romero R; *Research on Economic Inequality*, Vol. 25, 2017.

- "Flujos Migratorios Dentro de los Países Miembros de la Alianza del Pacífico. Elementos Para la Discusión", Chapter 5, in La Alianza del Pacífico: Nuevos retos e implicaciones para Latinoamérica, 2017. (Eds.) Mora, J. and Osorio-Caballero M.I. Santiago de Cali, Colombia: Sello Editorial Javeriano. ISBN 978-958-8856-92-6

Books

- *Accesibilidad al empleo: el caso de Montevideo*, Editorial Académica Española, December, 2012. ISBN-10: 3846574279.

Working papers

- Brain drain or brain gain? Evidence from a developing country (with Rodríguez-Vivas, M.) IEcon-FCEA DT 05/25.
- Brain drain and job dissatisfaction. Evidence from a developing country (with Santín, S.). IEcon-FCEA DT 18/23.
- Impact of COVID-19 on higher education: Evidence from Uruguay (with Failache, E.; Katzkowicz, N.; Machado, A.; Fiori, N.) IEcon-FCEA DT 02/22.
- O Father Where Art Thou? Early maternal employment and child development when fathers and intrahousehold task division come into the picture. (con Perazzo, I.; Sánchez, G.) IEcon - FCEA DT 05/21.
- Primer censo de personas uruguayas e inmigrantes con título de doctorado. Informe de resultados (with S. Robaina, A. Pellegrino and A. Vigorito), IEcon - FCEA DT 16/19.
- Selection and educational attainment: Why some children are left behind? Evidence from a middle-income country (with X. Ramos), IEcon – FCEA DT 01/19.
- Immigrants' over-education and wage penalty. Evidence from Uruguay. IEcon – FCEA DT 16/18.
- So dissatisfied to leave? The role of perceptions, expectations and beliefs on youths' intention to migrate, IEcon - FCEA DT 12/17.
- "Does inequality foster or hinder the growth of entrepreneurship in the long run?" joint with Gutiérrez-Romero R. IEcon - FCEA DT 10/17
- The impacts of social networks on immigrants' employment prospects: the Spanish case 1997-2007. UAB wp dea13.01, 2013.

Work in progress

- The interplay between gender norms and women's educational attainment. Evidence from a developing country, with Marroig, A. and Queijo, A.
- Impact of gender biases in teachers' attitudes and language on students' academic and career trajectories in STEM fields, with Dean, A.
- Glass ceiling beliefs across academics in Uruguay, with Rodríguez-Vivas, M. and Vigorito, A.

Peer reviewer in international academic journals (last 5 years)

Education Economics, Economics of Education Review, Education Economics, Journal of International Migration and Integration, Papers in Regional Science, Revista de Desarrollo y Sociedad.

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (last 10 years)

- The interplay between gender norms and women's educational attainment. Evidence from a developing country, 33rd Annual IAFFE Conference at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States, July, 2025
- Brain drain or brain gain? Evidence from a developing country, Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Washington DC, United States, April, 2025.
- Brain drain and job dissatisfaction. Evidence from a developing country. Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Ohio, United States, April, 2024.
- Brain drain and job dissatisfaction. Evidence from a developing country. 20th World Congress, International Economic Association (IEA), Medellin, Colombia, December, 2023.
- Intention to emigrate and doctorate holders' subjective well-being. Latin American Population Association (Asociación Latinoamericana de Población, ALAP), Valparaíso, Chile, December, 2022.
- O Father Where Art Thou? Early maternal employment and child development when fathers and intrahousehold task division come into the picture. Annual LACEA Meeting (LACEA: Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association), Lima, Peru, November 2022.
- O Father Where Art Thou? Early maternal employment and child development when fathers and intrahousehold task division come into the picture. 30th IAFFE Annual Conference, June 2022; Geneva, Switzerland.
- Immigrants' overeducation and wage penalty. Evidence from Uruguay. Annual LACEA Meeting, Puebla, Mexico, November, 2019.
- Seminario Internacional de primavera "PROSPECTIVA MULTIDIMENSIONAL DE AMÉRICA LATINA, Frente a las dinámicas globales en curso", Invited speaker. Universidad Autónoma de Mexico, Ciudad de Mexico, March, 2019.
- The role of perceptions, expectations and beliefs on youths' intention to migrate, LACEA Annual Meeting, Guayaquil, November, 2018.
- Trayectorias de personas que concluyeron estudios de doctorado, ALAP, Puebla, México, October, 2018.
- University supply expansion and inequality of opportunity of access. The case of Uruguay, 8th RSEP International Multidisciplinary Conference, Barcelona, Spain, September, 2018.
- II Seminario conjunto de Políticas Públicas en Derechos Humanos: Migración y Derechos Humanos: Políticas Públicas y Protección jurisdiccional, Invited speaker: Estudios migratorios e investigación académica sobre las políticas de migraciones internacionales. Institución Nacional de Derechos Humanos y Defensoría del Pueblo (INDDHH) y Facultad de Derecho - UdelaR, Montevideo, 2018.
- University supply expansion and Inequality of Opportunity of access. The case of Uruguay, Seventh ECINEQ Meeting, New York, US, 2017.
- Dynamic relationship between income inequality and economic growth in Uruguay, 21th LACEA Annual Meeting, Medellín, Colombia, 2016.
- Schooling progression in Uruguay: Why some children are left behind?, 20th LACEA Meeting, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, 2015.

FUNDING PROJECTS

- 2025-2026 Impact of gender biases in teachers' attitudes and language on students' academic and career trajectories in STEM fields Project leader, Women and Science Chair at Université Paris Dauphine-PSL (with Dean, A.).
- 2021 - 2024. ¿Fuga o ganancia de cerebros? Evidencia para Uruguay. CSIC I+D, 2021-2024. Project leader, senior researcher (with Pablo Galaso).
- 2019 - 2021. Emigración de profesionistas calificados en EEUU, estudios de casos para Argentina, Colombia, México y Uruguay. Senior researcher (with Laura Vázquez Maggio, UNAM, México; Lilia Domínguez UNAM, México; Florencia Jensen, UBA, Argentina; Rosa Bermúdez, Universidad de Cali, Colombia).
- 2015 - present. Grupo de Estudios de Familia (GEF); CSIC I+D Grupos, 2019-2023. Senior researcher.
- 2016 – 2018. Grupo de Migración Internacional “Integración social y económica de inmigrantes extranjeros y retornados en el Uruguay”; Funding CSIC I+D, 2015-2018. Senior researcher
- 2017 – 2019. Inmigración latinoamericana reciente en Uruguay. Razones de una inserción laboral precaria. CSIC I+D, 2017-2019. Senior researcher.
- 2014 - 2019. Equity and Development Research Group (EDReG), 2014SGR1279 Generalitat de Catalunya; Spain.
- 2011 - 2013. Pobreza e Igualdad: Métodos e Implicaciones (ECO2010-21668-C03-02). Science and Innovation Ministry, Spain. PhD researcher.

CURRENT AFFILIATIONS

- 2013 - . Economics of Inequality and Poverty (EQUALITAS)
<http://equalitas.es/>
- 2013 - . Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA).
- 2024 - . Asociación Latinoamericana de Población (ALAP).

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2025. Women and Science Chair at Université Paris Dauphine-PSL, Paris, France.
- 03/2015. Posdoctorate scholarship “Fondo Profesor Dr. Roberto Caldeyro”, Agencia Nacional de Investigación e Innovación (ANII), Uruguay.
- 10/2011. Scholarship on Research Staff Training. Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación Gobierno de España.
- 07/2011. Full Scholarship Assistance Workshop. DAWN Training Institute, Development Alternatives with Woman for a New Era (DAWN), Kingdom of Cambodia.
- 01/2011 Grant to Support for Research in Economic Analysis. Researcher head Dr. J. Oliver. UAB.
- 01/2009. General scholarship UAB.