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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Arizona State University; 2019 (expected).

M.Sc. in Economics (Research), London School of Economics and Political Science; 2013.

B.Sc. in Economics, University of Costa Rica; 2009.

Research Interests

Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, Structural Transformation, Labor Economics.

Work in Progress

“World Polarization.”

“Job Polarization, Structural Transformation, and Labor Force Participation.”

“Structural Transformation: A Race between Demographics and Technology”, with [B. Ho-bijn](#) and [T. Schoellman](#).

Publications

“Structural Transformation and Sectoral Productivity in Costa Rica”, with A. Alfaro (2015). **Central Bank of Costa Rica**, *Working Paper Series No. 07-2015* (In Spanish).

“Combination of Potential Product Estimations with Bayesian Averaging”, with C. Monge (2015). **Central Bank of Costa Rica**, *Working Paper Series No. 01-2015* (In Spanish).

“Price Adjustment in Costa Rica: A First Assessment Using Micro-Data” (2014). **Revista de Ciencias Económicas**, Instituto de Investigaciones en Ciencias Económicas, Universidad de Costa Rica, vol. 32, November.

“The Employment Dynamics in Costa Rica and the International Economic Crisis”, with A. Hernández & M. P. Zuñiga-Brenes (2013). In A. Ulate & M. Soto (eds.) **Costa Rica: Impacts and Lessons from the International Crisis 2008-2009**. United Nations Development Program & University of Costa Rica (In Spanish).

“The Out-of-Pocket and Catastrophic Health Expenditure Puzzle: The Costa Rican Case”, with M. P. Zuñiga-Brenes & J. R. Vargas-Brenes (2012). In Knaul, M.; Wong, R.; Arreola-Ornelas, H. (eds.) **Financing Health in Latin America, Volume 1: Household Spending and Impoverishment**. Global Health and Equity Series, Harvard University

Press.

“Approximation of Seasonal Patterns in the Foreign Exchange Market in Costa Rica: 2006-2012”, with A. Rodríguez (2012). **Central Bank of Costa Rica**, *Working Paper Series No. 04-2012* (In Spanish).

“Validation of the ARMA Model for Inflation Forecasting in Costa Rica” (2011). **Central Bank of Costa Rica**, *Working Paper Series No. 03-2011* (In Spanish).

“Validation of the VAR Model of Monetary Policy Transmission Channels in Costa Rica”, with J. P. Vásquez, (2011). **Central Bank of Costa Rica**, *Working Paper Series No. 05-2011* (In Spanish).

Research Experience

Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis: Research Analyst (Summer 2017).

Central Bank of Costa Rica: Junior Researcher, Research Department (May 2011 - August 2012; August 2013 - July 2014).

University of Costa Rica: Junior Researcher, Development Observatory (August - December 2010). Research Assistant, Development Observatory (February - June 2010). Research Assistant, Central American Population Center (August 2007 - July 2010).

Teaching Experience

Instructor: Macroeconomic Theory 2 (UCR, I-2014).

Teaching Assistant: Topics in Macroeconomics 2 (UCR, II-2010), Topics in Macroeconomics 1 (UCR, I-2010), Intermediate Econometrics (UCR, I-2010), Basic Econometrics (UCR, II-2009), Development Economics (UCR, I-2009), Macroeconomic Theory 4 (UCR, I-2009), Microeconomic Theory 1 (UCR, II-2008), Macroeconomic Theory 3 (UCR, I-2008), Macroeconomic Theory 2 (UCR, I-2007).

Honors and Awards

CASEE Summer Fellowship (ASU, 2017).

Best writing performance in comprehensive exam (ASU, 2017).

Best oral performance in comprehensive exam (ASU, 2017).

Graduate Program scholarship (Central Bank of Costa Rica, 2012-2013).

University of Costa Rica-Rutgers University study abroad scholarship (UCR, I-2011).

Stimulus scholarship for research activities (UCR, 2010).

Honors scholarship for undergraduate academic performance (UCR, 2005, 2008 & 2009).

Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent).