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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

PhD in Economics

2020–2026 (expected)

M.A. in Economics

2020–2022

Universidad Nacional de La Plata (UNLP), La Plata, Argentina

M.A. in Economics, with honors

2015–2018

B.A. in Economics, with honors

2010–2014

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Public Finance, Labor Economics, Development

DISSERTATION

“From Formality to Reality: Reassessing VAT Equity in Dual Economies”, with Ana P. Franco

“Spatial Sorting and Wage Determination: The Effects of a Place-Based Tax Cut in Argentina”

“Gender Heterogeneities in the response to Self-employment Incentives”

WORKING PAPERS

“Can Automatic Government Spending Be Procyclical?” (2021), with A. Izquierdo, J. Puig, C. Vegh, and G. Vuletin.

R&R to *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking* [also NBER Working Paper No. 28521]

“Social Transfer Multipliers in Developed and Developing Countries: The Role of Hand-to-Mouth Consumers” (2021), with J. Bracco, P. Juarros, D. Riera-Crichton, and G. Vuletin.

R&R to *World Bank Economic Review* [also World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. WPS 9627.]

PUBLICATIONS

“Fooled by the Cycle: Permanent versus Cyclical Improvements in Social Indicators” (2022), with J.A. Camarena, L. Morano, J. Puig, D. Riera-Crichton, C. Vegh, L. Venturi, and G. Vuletin.

Journal of International Money and Finance, Vol. 127 (October 2022) [also NBER Working Paper No. 26199]

“Slowdown of monetary inequality reduction in developing countries” (2021), with L. Gasparini, J. Bracco, and M. Pistorio.

Journal of Income Distribution, 29(1-2).

“Economic Structure and Wage Inequality: Evidence for Latin America” (2021), with M. Ciaschi and L. Gasparini.

El Trimestre Económico, 88(349).

POLICY PAPERS

“Effects of the business cycle on social indicators in Latin America and the Caribbean: When dreams meet reality”, with C. Vegh, D. Riera-Crichton, J. Puig, J. A. Camarena, L. Morano, L. Venturi, and G. Vuletin.

LAC Semi-annual Report; April 2019. Washington, DC: World Bank.

“Income Distribution in Latin America. The Evolution in the Last 20 Years: A Global Approach” (2018), with L. Tornarolli and M. Ciaschi. CEDLAS Working paper No. 234, Argentina.

“AUH’s distributive incidence” (2017), with J. Bracco, G. Falcone, and L. Gasparini.

In the framework of UNICEF-FCE/UBA-CEDLAS/UNLP project, Argentina.

“Trade Reforms and Industry Wage Premium: Evidence from Argentina” (2017), with G. Falcone.

CEDLAS Working paper No. 212, Argentina.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Summer Research Assistant. References: Ashley Craig, Ana Reynoso.

2021–2022

Office of the Chief Economist for LAC, World Bank, Washington, DC, USA

Research Analyst. References: Guillermo Vuletin, Carlos Vegh.

2018–2020

Center for Distributive, Labor, and Social Studies (CEDLAS), La Plata, Argentina

Junior Researcher. References: Leonardo Gasparini, Guillermo Cruces.

2016–2018

Department of Economics, UNLP, La Plata, Argentina

Research Assistant. Reference: Irene Brambilla.

2013

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Amazon, New York, NY, USA
Economist Intern. Reference: Xue Hu

Summer 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(Head) Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan
Introduction to Economics (Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Fall 2024).
Ref.: [Ronald Caldwell](#); [Justin Wolfers](#).

Teaching Assistant, Universidad Nacional de La Plata
Graduate: Impact Evaluation (2017); Economics I (2017)
Undergraduate: Macroeconomics I (2017-2019); Spatial Economics (2014-2017); Microeconomics I (2011-2014)

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2025 Michigan Tax Invitational (MTAXI) 2025; University of Michigan; IIPF Annual Congress; NTA (2025).
2024 IIPF Annual Congress; University of Michigan; 29th LACEA-LAMES Conference; 2024 UNLP MA Alumni Workshop
2023 University of Michigan
2018 DESALC, I Meeting of Graduate Students on Inequalities in LAC, Colegio de México
2017 Annual Meeting-Argentinian Political Economy Association (Bariloche, Argentina), Universidad Nacional del Sur (Bahía Blanca, Argentina); Universidad Nacional de La Plata (La Plata, Argentina)
2016 Annual Meeting-Argentinian Political Economy Association (Tucumán, Argentina)

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2025 University of Michigan Rackham International Travel Grant: \$1,400.
2025 University of Michigan Candidate Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant: \$3,000.
2025 University of Michigan Rackham Dissertation Fellowship: Tuition and stipend, Fall 2025.
2025 Economics department nominee for the *Susan Lipschutz, Margaret Ayers Host, and Anna Olcott Smith Awards for Rackham Graduate Students*, University of Michigan
2024 University of Michigan President's Challenge Fellowship: Tuition and stipend, Winter 2025.
2024 University of Michigan Travel Award: \$1,400.
2024 University of Michigan Rackham International Travel Grant: \$1,150.
2024 University of Michigan Rackham International Research Award (RIRA): \$4,500.
2024 University of Michigan Economics Department Winter Graduate Research Award: \$5,000.
2017 "Outstanding Graduate 2017" Award, UNLP, Argentina
2016-2018 Graduate Scholarship - Type "A", granted by SeCyT-UNLP, Argentina
2015 "Dr. Joaquín V. González" Award, granted by La Plata Municipality, Argentina
2015 "Manuel Belgrano" Award, Faculty of Economic Sciences, UNLP, Argentina
2015-2018 Research Assistant Scholarship, granted by the Faculty of Economic Sciences, UNLP
2014-2015 Research Assistant Scholarship, granted by the Faculty of Economic Sciences, UNLP

SERVICE

Umich Graduate Economics Society Co-President (2023-24), Member (2022-23), Women in Economics coordinator (2021-22);
Editorial Assistant in *ECONÓMICA* academic journal in UNLP-Argentina

MEMBERSHIPS

National Tax Assoc., International Institute of Public Finance, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Assoc.

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), Portuguese (Beginner), French (Beginner)
Software: Stata, R, SQL, Python, MATLAB, $\text{\LaTeX}$

CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION

Citizenship: Argentina

US Visa: F-1

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

James Hines Jr, *Chair*
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jslemrod@umich.edu

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