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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA
PhD in Economics Candidate, 2020-2026 (expected)
Dissertation Committee: James Hines Jr. (*chair*), Joel Slemrod, Damian Vergara, Mel Stephens
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.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public Finance, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconometrics, Development

WORKING PAPERS

1. **“From Formality to Reality: Reassessing VAT Equity in Dual Economies”**, with Ana P. Franco
Presented at: 2025 NTA 118th Annual conference (forthcoming); 2025 Michigan Tax Invitational (MTAXI); 2024 IIPF Annual Congress; University of Michigan; NTA 117th Annual Conference on Taxation; 29th Annual LACEA Meeting 2024; National University of La Plata - MA in Economics Alumni Workshop 2024
Previous title: “Incidence of the Value Added Tax in Countries with High Informality”
2. **“Unintended consequences of Place-Based Policies: Evidence from the Argentinean Patagonia”**
Presented at: 2025 IIPF Annual Congress
3. **“Gender Heterogeneities in the response to Self-employment Incentives”**
4. **“Can Automatic Government Spending Be Procyclical?”** (2021), with A. Izquierdo, J. Puig, C. Vegh, and G. Vuletin.
Invited to R&R to *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking* [also NBER Working Paper No. 28521]
5. **“Social Transfer Multipliers in Developed and Emerging Countries: The Role of Hand-to-Mouth Consumers”** (2021), with J. Bracco, P. Juarros, D. Riera-Crichton, and G. Vuletin.
Invited to R&R to *World Bank Economic Review* [also World Bank Policy Research working paper no. WPS 9627.]

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

1. **“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]
2. **“Slowdown of monetary inequality reduction in developing countries”** (2021), with L. Gasparini, J. Bracco, and M. Pistorio. *Journal of Income Distribution*, 29(1-2).
3. **“Economic Structure and Wage Inequality: Evidence for Latin America”** (2021), with M. Ciaschi and L. Gasparini. *El Trimestre Económico*, 88(349), 77-106.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

1. **“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. DOI: 10.1596/978-1-4648-1413-6.
2. **“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. ISSN 1853-0168.
3. **“AUH’s distributive incidence”** (2017), with J. Bracco, G. Falcone, and L. Gasparini. In the framework of UNICEF-FCE/UBA-CEDLAS/UNLP project “Analysis and proposals for improvements to extend the protection of monetary income through the AUH”, Argentina. ISBN: 978-92-806-4915-4
4. **“Trade Reforms and Industry Wage Premium: Evidence from Argentina”** (2017), with G. Falcone. CEDLAS Working paper No. 212, Argentina. ISSN 1853-0168.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, United States.
Summer Research Assistant, 2021-2022. References: Ashley Craig, Ana Reynoso

Office of the Chief Economist for Latin America and the Caribbean, World Bank, Washington, DC, United States.

Research Analyst, 2018-2020. References: Guillermo Vuletin, Carlos Vegh

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

Junior Researcher, 2014-2018. References: Leonardo Gasparini, Guillermo Cruces

Department of Economics, UNLP, La Plata, Argentina.

Research Assistant, 2013. Reference: Irene Brambilla

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Amazon, New York, NY, United States.

Economist intern, Summer 2023. Reference: Xue Hu

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Head Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan

Introduction to Economics (Winter 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024). References: Prof. Ronald Caldwell

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan

Introduction to Economics (Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Fall 2022, Winter 2024).

References: Prof. Justin Wolfers, Prof. Ronald Caldwell

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Universidad Nacional de La Plata

Graduate courses

Impact Evaluation, M.A. in Economics (2017). Reference: Prof. María Laura Alzúa

Undergraduate courses

Macroeconomics I (2017, 2018, 2019). References: Prof. Ricardo Bebczuk

Spatial Economics, Poverty and Income Distribution (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017).

Reference: Prof. Leonardo Gasparini

Microeconomics I (2011, 2012, 2013, 2014). Reference: Prof. Jorge Sereno

Visiting Lecturer, Universidad Nacional de La Plata

Economics I, M.A. in Public Health (2017)

Teaching Assistant, other courses delivered by CEDLAS

“Course on the Incidence of Public Policies” (Sep-Oct 2016), National Secretary of Finance, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

“Theoretical-practical course on Impact Evaluation of Public Policies - Intermediate level” (Oct 2016), with IDRC. La Plata, Argentina

“Theoretical-practical course on Labor Markets, Poverty and Inequality in Latin America” (Jun-Jul 2016), with IDRC. La Plata, Argentina

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2025 Michigan Tax Invitational (MTAXI) 2025; University of Michigan; IIPF Annual Congress; NTA (forthcoming, November 2025).

2024 IIPF Annual Congress; University of Michigan; 29th LACEA-LAMES Conference; 2024 UNLP MA in Economics Alumni Workshop

2023 University of Michigan

2018 DESALC, I Meeting of Graduate Students on Inequalities in Latin America and the Caribbean, 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 One-Term 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 to work at CEDLAS, UNLP, Argentina
2014-2015 Research Assistant Scholarship, Granted by the Faculty of Economic Sciences, UNLP, to work at CEDLAS, UNLP, Argentina

SERVICE

2023-2024 [UMich] Graduate Economics Society Co-President
2022-2023 [UMich] Graduate Economics Society member
2021-2022 [UMich] Graduate Economics Society - Women in Economics coordinator
2015-2017 [UNLP] Editorial Assistant in *ECONÓMICA*, academic journal edited by Department of Economics

MEMBERSHIPS

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

LANGUAGES & OTHER SKILLS

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