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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University (June 1998)

M. A. in Economics, Harvard University (March 1996)

Economista, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello (June 1992).

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics and Latin American Studies, Wesleyan University (Fall 2005 - present)

Professor of Public Policy, Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, 2004-2005.

Chief Economist, Economic and Financial Advisory Office to the National Assembly of Venezuela, 2000-2004.

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Maryland at College Park, 1998-2000

SHORT-TERM APPOINTMENTS

Visiting Fellow, Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Spring 2005

Economic Affairs Officer, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations, Summer 2005.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Associate Editor, *Economía: Journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association*, 2008-present.

Permanent Faculty Participant, Growth Lab, Center for International Development, Harvard University, 2006-present.

PUBLICATIONS

In English:

Articles in Periodicals

1. "Anarchy, State, and Dystopia: Venezuelan Economic Institutions before the Advent of Oil," (with Adam J. Gomolin), *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 28(1), forthcoming 2009.
2. "What Makes Growth Shared? On the Political Economy of Inclusive Development," forthcoming, *Annual World Bank Conference on Development Economics 2008*, Washington: The World Bank.
3. "Freed from Illiteracy? A Closer Look at Venezuela's *Robinson* Campaign," (with Daniel Ortega), *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, October 2008.
4. "Venezuela's Revolution in Decline: Beware the Wounded Tiger," *World Policy Journal*, Spring 2008.
5. "An Empty Revolution: The Unfulfilled Promises of Hugo Chávez," *Foreign Affairs* 87(2), March/April 2008.
 - Discussed by *The Economist* (2/28/08).
 - See also my response to Venezuela's Ambassador to the US in "Revolutionary Road? Debating Venezuela's Progress," *Foreign Affairs*, 87(4), July/August 2008.
6. "The Anarchy of Numbers: Understanding the Evidence on Venezuelan Economic Growth," *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* XXVII(4), 2006.
7. "The Political Economy of Investment in Human Capital," (with José Pineda), *Economics of Governance*. 7(2), 2006.
8. "Inequality, Redistribution and Rent-Seeking," *Economics and Politics*, Vol. 16 (November), 2004.
9. "Trade Policy and Economic Growth: A Skeptic's Guide to the Cross-National Evidence" (with Dani Rodrik), *NBER Macroeconomics Annual 2000*.
 - Reprinted in Winters, Alan (forthcoming) *The WTO, Poverty and Inequality*. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.
 - Reprinted in Greenaway, David, Holger Görg, and Richard Kneller (forthcoming), *Globalization and Productivity*, Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing.
 - Discussed by *The Economist* (7/1/1999).
10. "Why Do Resource-Abundant Economies Grow More Slowly?" (with Jeffrey Sachs), *Journal of Economic Growth*, September 1999.
 - Reprinted in Pineda, José and Francisco Sáez, eds. (2006) *Crecimiento económico en Venezuela: Bajo el signo del petróleo*. Caracas: Banco Central de Venezuela.
11. "Does Distributional Skewness Lead to Redistribution? Evidence from the United States", *Economics and Politics*, July 1999.

Invitations to Resubmit

12. "Cleaning Up the Kitchen Sink: Growth Empirics When the World is Not Simple," invitation to resubmit, *Journal of Development Economics*.

13. "Trade Policy and Factor Prices: An Empirical Strategy," (with Daniel Ortega), invitation to resubmit, *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy (Topics)*.

Chapters in books

1. "Understanding Fiscal Expansions," forthcoming in Roy, Rathin and Heuty, Antoine, eds. *Fiscal Space for Human Development*. New York: United Nations Development Programme.
2. "Plenty of Room? Fiscal Space in a Resource-Abundant Economy" (with Maria A. Moreno) forthcoming in Roy, Rathin and Heuty, Antoine, eds. *Fiscal Space for Human Development*. New York: United Nations Development Programme.
3. "Trade and Development," in Ros, Jaime and Amitava Dutt (forthcoming), *International Handbook of Development Economics*. Edward Elgar.
4. "Washington Consensus" in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, forthcoming, Oxford University Press.
5. "Growth Collapses," (with Ricardo Hausmann and Rodrigo Wagner) forthcoming in Carmen Reinhart, Andrés Velasco and Carlos Vegh, eds. *Money, Crises, and Transition: Essays in Honor of Guillermo Calvo*. Cambridge: MIT Press.
6. "Does One Size Fit All In Policy Reform? Cross-National Evidence and its Implications for Latin America," forthcoming in Scott Mainwaring and Tim Scully, Jr., eds. *Democratic Governability in Latin America*.
7. "Growth Empirics in a Complex World: A Guide for Applied Economists and Policymakers," forthcoming in J. A. Ocampo, Jomo K. S. and Rob Vos, eds, *Growth Divergences: Explaining Differences in Economic Performance*, New York: Zed Books, 2007.
8. "Openness and Growth: What Have We Learned?" forthcoming in J. A. Ocampo, Jomo K. S. and Rob Vos, eds, *Growth Divergences: Explaining Differences in Economic Performance*, New York: Zed Books, 2007.
9. "Have Collapses in Infrastructure Spending led to Cross-Country Divergence in Per Capita GDP?" forthcoming in J. A. Ocampo, Jomo K. S. and Rob Vos, eds, *Growth Divergences: Explaining Differences in Economic Performance*, New York: Zed Books, 2007.
10. "Factor Shares and Resource Booms: Accounting for the Evolution of Venezuelan Inequality" in Cornia, G. A., ed. *Inequality, Growth, and Poverty in an Era of Liberalization and Globalization*, Oxford University Press, 2004.
11. "Labor and the Politics of Human Capital Accumulation" in Posusney, Marsha and Cook, Linda, *Privatization and Labor: Responses and Consequences in Global Perspective*, Edward Elgar, 2003.

Short Articles, Comments, and Book Reviews.

1. "What Can We Learn About the Real World from Growth Regressions?" *Challenge*, July-August 2008.
2. "Venezuela: The Emperor Wants New Clothes," *Economic and Political Weekly*, December 1, 2007.
3. "Economic Policies of the New Radical Left Will Fail," *Americas Quarterly*, Fall 2007.
4. "Why Chávez Wins," *Foreign Policy* electronic edition, January 2007.
 - a. Reprinted in Italian as "Perché Chávez vince: dati e propaganda" in *Aspenia*, no.36, (Milan: The Aspen Institute), pp. 86-87.
5. "Sharing the Oil Wealth? Appraising the effects of Venezuela's social programs," *LASA Forum*. Winter 2007.
6. "Comment on Rodríguez-Clare" *Economía* 6(1), 2006, pp.30-36.
7. "Comment on Hausmann and Rodrik" *Economía* 6(1), 2006, pp. 90-98.
8. Review of *Globalization and Progressive Economic Policy* by Dean Baker, Gerald Epstein and Robert Pollin, *Economica*, Volume 68 Issue 272, November 2001.

In Spanish:

Articles in Periodicals

1. "Un nuevo índice encadenado del Producto Interno Bruto de Venezuela, 1957-2001." *Revista BCV* XVIII(2), 2004 99-118.
2. "Las consecuencias económicas de la Revolución Bolivariana". *Revista Nueva Economía*, Academia de Ciencias Económicas, n° 19, April 2003, Caracas.
3. "Reflexiones sobre el presupuesto de la nación del año 2002. Visión de corto y largo plazo" *Revista Nueva Economía* n° 17, April 2002. Caracas.
4. "¿Por qué Venezuela tiene diferenciales de tasas tan altos?" (with Felipe Pérez Martí), *Revista BCV*, series Foros, X.2.2001.
5. "La política comercial en Venezuela" *Revista BCV*, serie Foros, May 2000
6. "El colapso económico venezolano," (1999) *Temas de Coyuntura* 35(1) Caracas, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello.
7. "Es el mercado eficiente?" (1994) *Temas de Coyuntura* 30(1); Caracas, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello.
8. "Introducción" (with Osmel Manzano) (1999) *Temas de Coyuntura* 35(1).

Chapters in books

1. "Caudillos, políticos y banqueros: Un ensayo sobre el surgimiento e incidencia de las instituciones económicas venezolanas antes del petróleo" in Pineda and Sáez, eds. (2006) *Crecimiento económico en Venezuela: Bajo el signo del petróleo*. Caracas: Banco Central de Venezuela.
2. "La política fiscal venezolana 1943-2000", (with Clara López Obregón) *Reporte de Coyuntura Anual 2001*: Oficina de Asesoría Económica y Financiera de la Asamblea Nacional.
3. "La economía política del crecimiento económico en América Latina". *Reporte de Coyuntura Anual 2001*: Oficina de Asesoría Económica de Venezuela.

Unpublished Research

Articles

1. "[The Price of Political Opposition: Evidence from Venezuela's Maisanta.](#)" (with Chang-Tai Hsieh, Edward Miguel, and Daniel Ortega) .
2. "[Why did Venezuelan Growth Collapse?](#)" (with Ricardo Hausmann).
3. "[Are capital shares higher in poor countries? Evidence from Industrial Surveys.](#)" (with Daniel Ortega), Wesleyan Economics Working Paper 2006-023.
4. "[How Important is the Credibility Problem in Politics? Evidence from State-Level Abortion Legislation](#)" (with Eduardo Zambrano) Wesleyan Economics Working Paper No. 2006-014.
5. "[Public Investment in Infrastructure and Productivity Growth: Evidence from the Venezuelan Manufacturing Sector.](#)" Wesleyan Economics Working Paper No. 2006-010.
6. "[Cleaning Up the Kitchen Sink: On the Consequences of the Linearity Assumption for Cross-Country Growth Empirics.](#)" Wesleyan Economics Working Paper No. 2006-004.

Edited Books

1. [Venezuela: Anatomy of a collapse](#) (co-edited with Ricardo Hausmann).
2. *The Bolivian Growth Puzzle* (co-edited with Ricardo Hausmann and George Gray Molina).
3. *The Peruvian Growth Puzzle* (co-edited with Ricardo Hausmann and Eduardo Morón).

Work in Progress

1. "Just Trade" (with John Roemer).
2. "Testing for Poverty Traps" (with Cameron Shelton).
3. "Why are labor shares declining?" (with Arjun Jayadev).

Press Articles and Interviews

1. "[Venezuela's Empty Revolution.](#)" *International Herald Tribune*, February 27, 2008.
2. "[Should Egalitarians support Chávez?](#)" *Guardian Unlimited*, January 12, 2007.
3. "[Ask the expert: Chávez and Venezuela.](#)" *Financial Times*, Electronic Edition, January 23, 2007.
4. Numerous op-ed columns for Venezuelan newspapers including *El Nacional*, *El Universal*, *El Mundo* and *El Globo*.

Television Interviews

1. *Democracy Now* (syndicated PBS/NPR program),
 - a. December 17, 2007, Interview with Amy Goodman on [Venezuela's Failed Constitutional Reforms](#).
 - b. February 2, 2007, Interview with Amy Goodman on [Chávez's New Decree Powers](#).
 - c. May 31, 2007, Interview with Amy Goodman on [Shutdown of Venezuela's RCTV Network](#).
2. *Brian Lehrer Live*, CUNY TV, January 17, 2005.
3. *McNeil-Lehrer Newshour*, January 15, 2007. Program on [Venezuelan Steps towards Socialism](#).
4. *Numerous TV interviews in Venezuelan networks*, including *Globovision*, *Radio Caracas Televisión*, *Venevisión* and *Venezolana de Televisión*.

Referee Work

American Economic Review, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Journal, Economics of Governance, Economics Letters, Economics and Politics, Energy Journal, Estudios de Economía, *Economía*, International Economic Review, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of Policy Reform, Journal of Political Economy, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Oxford University Press, Penn State University Press, Review of Development Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of International Economics, Revista BCV, Revista de Economía Aplicada, Quarterly Journal of Economics, World Development.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

1. Andean Development Corporation and Center for International Development, Harvard University, "Economic Growth in the Andean Region" (joint with Ricardo Hausmann). \$223,124.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate level:

1. Economic Growth
2. Latin American Economic Development
3. International Economics
4. International Trade

5. Political Economy
6. The Venezuelan Economy

MBA Level

7. Statistics

PhD Level

8. Political Economy and Economic Growth

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2008:

1. Center for Global Development, Washington DC (June 25)
2. World Bank Annual Conference on Development Economics, Cape Town, South Africa (June 11)
3. Florida International University, Summit of the Americas Center, Conference on Ten Years of Venezuelan Foreign Policy (May 29).
4. Dartmouth College, Latin American Students Association (May 14).
5. University of Miami, III Annual Latin America Conference (May 8).
6. The Brookings Institution (May 2).
7. Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University (April 28).
8. World Bank, Latin America and Caribbean Office (April 4).
9. Pacific Development Conference, University of California at San Diego (March 15).
10. Latin American and Iberian Institute, University of New Mexico (March 11).
11. Public Choice Society Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas (March 9).
12. Conference on Popular Sectors and the State in Chavez's Venezuela, Yale University, (March 7).
13. 23rd Norris and Margery Bendetson EPIIC International Symposium, Tufts University (February 22).
14. New School for Social Research, Schwartz Center for Economic Policy Analysis (February 6)
15. UNDP International Poverty Center, Brasilia (December 14)

2007:

16. World Bank Microeconomics of Growth Conference, Rio de Janeiro (December 13-14)
17. Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington DC, Forum on Social Factors in the Bolivarian Republic (December 12)
18. Conference on Globalization and the Rise of the Left in Latin America, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University (December 8).
19. Conference on Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution at Home and Abroad: A New Geometry of Power? Yale Law School (November 30th).
20. Conference on The Challenges of Economic Growth in Bolivia, Andean Development Corporation, La Paz, Bolivia (November 14)
21. New England Council on Latin American Studies, 2007 Annual Meeting (November 10)

22. John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (Lunches on Development Policy Series) (Oct. 29)
23. Keynote Speaker, Conference on the Economic, Social and Environmental Consequences of Trade Liberalization in North Africa and Middle East organized by the UN Economic Commission for Africa and the University Lumiere Lyon France in Rabat, Morocco (October 19, 2006).
24. Latin American Economics Association Annual Meeting, Bogotá (October 4-6)
25. Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory, Venezuela Roundtable (September 24)
26. UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago de Chile (May 16)
27. Wesleyan/UCONN Mini-Conference on Economics Research, Wesleyan University (May 9)
28. New School for Social Research, Conference on "Social Democracy in a Globalized World" (April 27)
29. University of Southern New Hampshire, Conference on Rethinking Development in an Age of Globalization (April 7, 2007)
30. Amherst College, Department of Political Science and Lamont Foundation (April 5)

2006:

31. UNDP International Poverty Center, Brasilia (December 14)
32. Harvard University, Harvard-CAF Conference on Bolivian and Peruvian Economic Growth. (November 16-17)
33. John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (Lunches on Development Policy Series) (Oct. 2)
34. World Bank Research Department, Macroeconomics and Growth Seminar Series (September 13)
35. Inter American Development Bank Research Department, Brainstorming Session on Growth Analysis Methodology (June 29)
36. Central Bank of Chile, Seminar on Growth and Cycles in Chile (June 2)
37. Harvard University, Harvard-CAF Conference on Venezuelan Economic Growth. 1970-2005 (April 28-29)
38. Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, Conference on Venezuela Today. (April 13)
39. Public Choice Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans. (March 30-April 1)
40. The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Conference on Corruption and its Control: The State of the Art. (March 3-4, 2006)
41. Corporación de Estudios para Latinoamérica (CIEPLAN), Santiago de Chile, Conference on Democratic Governability in Latin America (January 12-13)

2005:

42. United Nations Development Programme, Conference on Pro-poor Domestic Resource Mobilization, Dakar, Senegal (November 28)

43. Latin American Economics Association Annual Meeting, Paris, France (October 27-29)
44. United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (October 17)
45. Department of Economics, Wesleyan University (October 12)
46. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (Conference on Democratic Governability in Latin America, October 7-8)
47. Center for International Development, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (October 3)
48. Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Caracas (June 2)
49. Department of Economics, University of Notre Dame (April 18)
50. Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame (February 1, 2005)
51. Department of Economics, Wesleyan University (January 27)
52. Department of Economics, American University (January 25)

1998-2004:

53. Center for International Affairs, Brown University (1999).
54. Central Bank of Venezuela (1999)
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59. Economics Department, Harvard University (1998).
60. Economics Department, University of California-Irvine (1998).
61. Economics Department, Georgia State University (1998).
62. Economics Department, University of Maryland at College Park (1998)
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65. Economics Department, University of Maryland at Baltimore (2000).
66. Economics Department, University of Massachusetts-Amherst (2000)
67. Economics Department, University of Massachusetts-Amherst (2004).
68. Economics Department, University of Miami (2000).
69. Economics Department, George Mason University (2000).
70. Fedesarrollo, Colombia (2003)
71. IRIS Center, University of Maryland (1998)
72. Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración (2000)
73. Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración (2004)
74. Inter American Development Bank (2000)
75. International Monetary Fund (1999)
76. Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association (1999)
77. Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association (2004)
78. National Academy of Economic Sciences of Venezuela (2001)
79. National Bureau of Economic Research (2000).
80. Political Economy Group, Stanford Business School (1999).
81. Political Economy Research Group, Harvard University (1998).

82. Political Science Department, Yale University (2000).
83. Public Choice Society Annual Meeting (2000)
84. World Bank (1999)

ACADEMIC HONORS

1. General Board Fellowship, University of Maryland (1999).
2. General Board Fellowship, University of Maryland (2000).
3. Scholarship of the Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University (1995).