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Education

- Ph.D., Applied Economics, Western Michigan University, 2006.
 - Dissertation: “Essays on the Latin American Foreign Exchange Markets.”
 - Committee: Susan Pozo (WMU), Mark Wheeler (WMU), Ana Maria Herrera (Michigan State University).
- M.A. Applied Economics, Western Michigan University, 2002.
- B.A. Universidad Eafit, Medellín-Colombia. 1999.
 - Thesis: “Crawling Bands and Exchange Rate Volatility: The Impact on Colombian Export Activity.”

Publications

(Peer Reviewed Journals)

- “Long-Run Trends and Exchange Rates in Latin America: Evidence from High Frequency Data.” *Academy of Economics and Finance Papers and Proceedings*, 2006. Forthcoming.
- “Convergence Hypothesis: Evidence from Panel Unit Root Test with Spatial Dependence.” (With L. Liu) *Revista Ecos de Economía*, Forthcoming.
- “The Price Puzzle Revisited: Evidence from Colombia.” (With B. Solomon) *Revista Ecos de Economía*, No.22, 2005, pp.45-55.
- “Exchange Rate as a Determinant of Foreign Direct Investment: Does it Really Matter? Theoretical Aspects, Literature Review and Applied Proposal.” *Revista Ecos de Economía*, No.21, 2005, pp.155-171.
- “Empirical Analysis on the Real Effects of Inflation and Exchange Rate Uncertainty: The Case of Colombia.” *Revista Ecos de Economía*, No.20, 2005, pp.7-28.
- “About the Theory and Empirical Analysis of the Persistence of Profits and its Applicability to Colombia.” *Revista Ecos de Economía*, No.17, 2002, pp.65-76.

Working Papers and Work in Progress

- Integration and Common Volatility across the Latin American Foreign Exchange Markets.
- Remittances, Institutions and Growth: A Panel Semiparametric Study (With Elias Shukralla and Carlos Vargas-Silva).
- Foreign Exchange Markets and the Pattern of U.S. Foreign Direct Investment into Latin America.
- Macroeconomic and Political Uncertainty, Host Country Institutions and Patterns of FDI: Comparison Across Developing Regions (With B. Solomon).
- The Impact of Inflation Targeting In Colombia: Evidence from an Intervention Model.
- Monetary Policy and Foreign Exchange Markets: Evidence from Latin America.

Research Experience

- Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University. (Summer 2002). Project: Statistical Distributions and the Identification of Currency Crisis (Head of the project: Dr. Susan Pozo).
- Research Assistant, Department of Economics. Universidad Eafit. Colombia. (Winter-Fall 1999). Project: Business Cycles And Leading Indicators. (Head researcher on the project).
- Research Assistant: GEE (Grupo de Economía y Empresa) (Group of Economics and the Firm) Department of Economics. Universidad Eafit. Colombia (Head of the Projects: Dr. Alberto Jaramillo, Winter 1997, Fall, 1998).

Teaching Experience

- Assistant Professor, Principle of Microeconomics and Principle of Macroeconomics, (Fall 2006) Sam Houston State University.
- Instructor, Principles of Microeconomics, (Spring 2006, Spring 2005 and Fall 2004) Western Michigan University.
- Instructor, Principles of Macroeconomics, (Fall 2005) Western Michigan University.
- Teaching Assistant: Principles of Macroeconomics, Business Government and Society, (Fall 2002 to Summer 2004) Western Michigan University.

Internships and Work Experience

- Researcher, Planning Office and Economics Department, Universidad Eafit, Medellín, Colombia (2000 –2001)
- Economist, Financial Department, Exxon-Mobil. Internship (1998-1999)

Selected Awards and Fellowships

- “All-University Teaching Effectiveness Award.” Award to graduate students who made significant contributions to the teaching mission of the University. At Western Michigan University, March 2006.
- Doctoral Associateship. Western Michigan University, 2003 – 2006.
- WMU Graduate Student Travel Grant for presenting a paper at the Association of Economics and Finance in Houston, Texas, February 2006 and Midwest Economics Association Meetings in Chicago Illinois, March 2006.
- WMU Graduate Student Travel Grant for presenting a paper at the Midwest Economics Association Meetings in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, March 2005.
- In absentia Fellowship, AIER, American Institute for Economic Research, 2003-2004. Great Barrington, Massachusetts.
- Floyd A. Moore, Graduate Award in Economics. Department of Economics, Western Michigan University. Award from the University’s President for outstanding academic performance in March 2002.
- Elias Harik Award. Department of Economics, Western Michigan University. Award for the Department's best new graduate student in December 2001.
- Research Fellowship. Colciencias. (Colombian National Institute for Research, Development and Science). Sponsored for a one-year fellowship in the Program for Young Scientists in Developing Research Skills.

Professional Associations

- American Economic Association (AEA), Midwest Economics Association (MEA), Academy of Economics and Finance (AEF), Committee On The Status Of Women In The Economics Profession. American Economic Association (CSWEP), GEE Grupo de Economía y Empresa (EAFIT University).

Professional Activities And Conference Presentations

- 2006. Seminar Presentation, “Integration and Common Volatility in Latin American Exchange Rates.” Department of Economics, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, Minnesota.
- 2006. Conference Presentation, “Common Stochastic Trends and Common Volatility in Latin American Exchange Rates.” Academy of Economics and Finance (AEF) Meeting, Houston, Texas.
- 2006. Conference Presentation, “Foreign Exchange Markets and the Pattern of U.S. Foreign Direct Investment into Latin America.” Midwest Economic Association Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2006. Seminar Presentation, “Integration and Common Volatility in Latin American Exchange Rates.” Department of Economics, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.
- 2005-2006 Faculty Seminar Series, “Integration and Common Volatility Across the Latin American Foreign Exchange Markets.” Department of Economics, Western Michigan University. Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2005. Conference Presentation, “Remittances, Institutions and Growth: A Panel Semiparametric Study.” (With Elias Shukralla). Midwest Economic Association Meeting. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 2005. Conference Presentation, “On the Real Effects of Inflation and Inflation Uncertainty: The Case of Colombia.” Midwest Economic Association Meeting. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Journal Refereeing

- Journal of Economics: ECOS de Economía (2004, present).

Languages

- Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), German (Beginner)

Technical Software and Programming Skills:

- GAUSS, E-Views, RATS, SAS.

References (On Request)

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