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EDUCATION Ph.D. in Economics, University of London 2007
M.Sc. in Economics, Universidad de Los Andes 2003
B.A. in Economics, Universidad de Los Andes 2002

EXPERIENCE Carlo Alberto Chair, Collegio Carlo Alberto since 2024
Professor of Political Economy, University of Turin 2023-present
Professor of Economics, Universidad del Rosario 2012-2023
Assistant Professor of Economics, Universidad del Rosario 2008-2012
Scholar in Residence, Econ Dept, Stern School of Business, NYU 2020
Adjunct Professor, Econ Dept, Stern School of Business, NYU 2020
Visiting Scholar, Wilf Family Department of Politics, New York University 2019
Research Economist, CAF-Development Bank of Latin America 2015-2018
Visiting Professor, Università di Bergamo 2015
Visiting Scholar, Research Department, IADB 2013
Visiting Fellow, Institute of Development Studies 2010
Visiting Assistant Professor, UCLA 2007-2008
Visiting Fellow, IQSS, Harvard University 2005-2007
Research Assistant, Central Bank of Colombia 2001-2003
Research Assistant, CEDE, Universidad de Los Andes 1999-2001

HONORS & AWARDS Carlo Alberto Chair since 2024
2018 Juan Luis Londoño Award (best Colombian economist under 40) 2019
LACEA Research Associate 2017 - present
Distinguished Professor, Universidad del Rosario 2014
RES/IFS Visiting Scholars Program (IDB) 2013
MICROCON ICO Fund Award 2010
Mentoring Program LACEA-PEG 2009
Global Fellow, International Institute, UCLA 2007-2008
Scholarship for PhD in Economics, Central Bank of Colombia 2004-2007
ORS PhD Scholarship, British Government 2004-2006
Thomas Holloway Scholarship, Royal Holloway, University of London 2003-2006

RESEARCH Accepted or Published
40. “The Peace Baby Boom: Evidence from Colombia’s peace agreement with the FARC” forthcoming **Journal of Human Resources**
39. “How peace saves lives: Evidence from Colombia” **World Development**

38. “Peaceful Entry: Entrepreneurship Dynamics during Colombia’s Peace Agreement” forthcoming **Journal of Development Economics**
37. (Forthcoming) “The rise and persistence of illegal crops: evidence from a naive policy announcement”, forthcoming **The Review of Economics and Statistics**.
36. (Forthcoming) “The Human Capital Peace Dividend” forthcoming **The Journal of Human Resources**.
35. (2022) “Selective Civilian Targeting: The Unintended Consequences of Partial Peace”, **Quarterly Journal of Political Science** Vol. 17(3): 317-354.
34. (2022) “Predicting politicians’ misconduct: Evidence from Colombia”, **Data & Policy**, 4, E41.
33. (2021) “Brothers or Invaders? How Crisis-driven Migrants Shape Voting Behavior” **Journal of Development Economics** Volume 150 (May): 102636.
32. (2021) “Measuring the size and growth of cities using nighttime light”, **Journal of Urban Economics** Volume 125 (September)
31. (2021) “Citizens from 13 countries share similar preferences for COVID-19 vaccine allocation priorities”, **Proceedings of the National Academy of Science** September 21, 2021 118 (38) e2026382118
30. (2021) “The Real Winners’ Curse”, **American Journal of Political Science** Vol. 65(1): 52-68.
29. (2021) “Self-selection into corruption: Evidence from the lab”, **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization** Volume 192 (December): 799-812.
28. (2020) “The Perils of High-Powered Incentives: Evidence from Colombia’s False Positives”, **American Economic Journal: Economic Policy** Vol. 12(3): 1-43.
27. (2020) “End-of-Conflict Deforestation: Evidence from Colombia’s Peace Agreement”, **World Development** Vol. 129: 1048-52
26. (2019) “Inequality, Crime, and the Long Run Legacy of Slavery”, **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization** Vol. 159: 539-552
25. (2018) “Endogenous Taxation in Ongoing Internal Conflict: The Case of Colombia”, **American Political Science Review**, Vol 112(4): 996-1015.
24. (2018) “Beyond Divide and Rule: Weak Dictators, Natural Resources and Civil Conflict”, **European Journal of Political Economy** Vol. 53: 205-221
23. (2018) “Colombia: Democracy, Violence, and the Peace building Challenge”, **Conflict Management and Peace Science** Vol. 35(6): 581-586
22. (2017) “Does the Unemployment Benefit Institution affects the Productivity of Workers? Evidence from the field”, **Management Science** Vol. 63(11), p. 3691-3707
21. (2017) “The Crime Kuznets Curve”, **Journal of Quantitative Criminology**

Vol 33(4): 753-782

20. (2016) "The Need for Enemies", **Economic Journal** Vol. 126 (593): 1018-1054
19. (2016) "Colombia: Dealing with Conservation", **Science** Vol. 354(6309): 190
18. (2016) "Economic Shocks and Crime: Evidence from the Crash of Ponzi Schemes", **Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization** Vol. 131: 263-275
17. (2015) "True Believers, Deserters, and Traitors: Who Leaves Insurgent Groups and Why", **Journal of Conflict Resolution** 59(5): 794-823
16. (2015) "Vote Choice and Legacies of Violence: Evidence from the 2014 Colombian Presidential Elections", **Research and Politics** Vol. 2 (2)
15. (2014) "Can SMS Technology Improve Low Take-up of Social Benefits?", **Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy** Vol. 20(1): 61-81
14. (2014) "Conflict, Crime and Violence in Colombia", **Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy** Vol. 20(1): 1-4 (2014)
13. (2014) "El Lado Oscuro de la Equidad: Violencia y Equidad en el Desempeño Escolar", **Desarrollo y Sociedad** 74(2): 309-334
12. (2013) "Commodity Price Shocks and Civil Conflict: Evidence from Colombia", **Review of Economic Studies** Vol. 80 (4): 1384-1421
11. (2012) "The Persistent Colombian Conflict: Subnational Analysis of the Duration of Violence", **Defence and Peace Economics** Vol. 23(2): 203-223
10. (2012) "Sovereign Risk and Armed Conflict: An Event-study for Colombia", **Defence and Peace Economics** Vol. 23(2), pp. 185-201
9. (2012) "Colombia: Introduction to a Special Issue of Defence and Peace Economics", **Defence and Peace Economics** Vol. 23(2): 107-108 (2012)
8. (2012) "Seguridad Democrática, Presencia de la Policía y Conflicto en Colombia", **Desarrollo y Sociedad** 69(1): 11-32
7. (2011) "Combatant Recruitment and the Outcome of War" **Economics of Governance** Vol. 12(1): 51-74
6. (2011) "Rebellion, Repression and Welfare", **Defence and Peace Economics** Vol. 22(5): 563-579
5. (2011) "Violence and Growth in Colombia: A Review of the Quantitative Literature", **The Economics of Peace and Security Journal** Vol. 6(2): 15-20
4. (2006) "The Severity of the Colombian Conflict Cross-Country Datasets versus New Micro Data", **Journal of Peace Research** 43(1): 99-115
3. (2004) "The Dynamics of the Colombian Civil Conflict: A New Data Set", **Homo Oeconomicus** 21(2): 396-428

2. (2003) “Políticas Públicas Universales o Focalizadas: Ventajas y Desventajas. El Caso del SISBEN en Colombia”, **Revista Ruido Blanco** Vol 2. (1): pp. 19-33.

1. (2003) “Dolarizar, Flotar, Callar”, **Ecos de Economía** No. 16: pp. 49-64

Books

2. (2022) *A Modern Guide to Economics of Crime*, Edward Elgar Publishing

1. (2017) *Urban development and access to opportunities: a challenge for Latin America*, Report on Economic Development (RED) 2017, CAF-Development Bank of Latin America

Book chapters

14. “Colombia: Democratic but Violent?” forthcoming in Felipe Valencia (Ed.) *Roots of Underdevelopment: A New Economic (and Political) History of Latin America and the Caribbean*.

13. (2022) “Unbundling the Relationship between Economic Shocks and Crime” in Buonanno, P., Paolo Vanin and Juan Vargas (Eds.) *A Modern Guide to the Economics of Crime*. Edward Elgar Publishing

12. (2022) “The changing nature of economics of crime” in Buonanno, P., Paolo Vanin and Juan Vargas (Eds.) *A Modern Guide to the Economics of Crime*. Edward Elgar Publishing

11. (2021) “Pandemic Corruption: Insights from Latin America” in Bandiera, O. Erica Bosio and Gian Carlo Spagnolo (Eds.) *Discretion, Efficiency, and Abuse in Public Procurement in Ordinary and Extra-Ordinary Times*. CEPR Press

10. (2020) “Text Messages as Social Policy Instrument: Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial with Internal Refugees in Colombia”, in Chong, Alberto and Mónica Yáñez- Pagans (Eds.) *Information Technologies and Economic Development in Latin America*, Anthem Press

9. (2019) “Crime: Economics of, the Standard Approach”, in Marciano, Alain, Ramello, Giovanni Battista (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, Springer

8. (2019) “Prisons”, in Marciano, Alain, Ramello, Giovanni Battista (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Law and Economics*, Springer

7. (2019) “Autonomy without impunity”, in Fajardo, G. and P. Sanguinetti (Eds.) *Integrity in public policy: keys to prevent corruption*, Report on Economic Development (RED) 2019, CAF-Development Bank of Latin America

6. (2016) “Strategic Atrocities: Civilians under Crossfire – Theory and Evidence from Colombia”, in Charles Anderton and Jurgen Brauer (Eds.) *Economics Aspects of Genocides, Other Mass Atrocities, and their Prevention*, Oxford University Press: 425-451

5. (2016) “The social environment: enabling or limiting?”, in Berniell, L., y D. de la Mata (Eds.) *More Skills for Work and Life: The contributions of Families, Schools, Jobs, and the Social Environment*, Report on Economic Development (RED) 2016,

CAF-Development Bank of Latin America (Chapter 5)

4. (2014) “Inequidad Regional en Colombia”, in Melendez, M. and A. Montengro (Eds.) *Equidad y Movilidad Social: Diagnósticos y Propuestas para la Transformación de la Sociedad Colombiana*, Ediciones Uniandes, p: 695-767
3. (2014) “Hitos del Conflicto y Riesgo País”, in Arias, M. A., A. Camacho, A. M. Ibáñez, D. Mejía and C. Rodríguez (Eds.) *Costos Económicos y Sociales del Conflicto en Colombia Cómo Construir un Posconflicto Sostenible?*, Ediciones Uniandes
2. (2012) “Costos del Conflicto y Consideraciones Económicas para la Construcción de Paz”, in Rettberg, A. (Ed.) *Construcción de Paz en Colombia*, Ediciones Uniandes: 239-272
1. (2006) “El Conflicto Colombiano: Quién Hizo Qué a Quién – Un Enfoque Cuantitativo (1988-2003)” in Gutierrez, F. (Ed.) *Nuestra Guerra Sin Nombre*, Norma-Vitral, Bogota: 505-540

SERVICE

Academic Leadership

Conference Chairman, LACEA-LAMES 2021 Annual Meeting	2022
Board Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) –	2020 – present
LACEA Executive Committee member	2020 – present
Director, America Latina Crime and Policy Network (AL CAPONE)	2018 – present
Research Director, RIDGE Crime Workshop	2018 – present

Additional Service

Editor

Associate editor <i>Defense and Peace Economics</i>	2016 -
Editorial board <i>Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy</i>	2014 -
Associate editor <i>The Economics of Peace and Security Journal</i>	2014 -
Associate editor <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i>	2015 - 2019
Guest editor <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i> . Vol. 35(6)	2016
Guest editor <i>Defense and Peace Economics</i> . Vol. 23(2)	2012
Guest editor <i>Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy</i> . Vol. 20(2)	2014

Referee

American Economic Review (10), *Econometrica* (4), *Journal of Political Economy* (2), *Review of Economics Studies* (2), *Review of Economics and Statistics* (2), *American Political Science Review* (5), *American Journal of Political Science* (4), *Journal of the European Economic Association*, *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics*, *Economic Journal* (3), *Journal of Development Economics* (5), *World Development* (2), *Economics and Politics*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Defense and Peace Economics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (4), *Journal of African Economies*, *Journal of Peace Research* (2), *Journal of Institutional Economics*, *International Review of Law and Economics*, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, *De-*

sarrollo y Sociedad (2), Coyuntura Económica, Ensayos Sobre Política Económica, Economía Institucional, Revista de Economía del Rosario, Ensayos de Economía, Colombia Internacional

University service (U.Rosario)	
Director of Graduate Studies	2023
University Senate (<i>Comité Asesor Docente</i>)	2021–2023
Chairman Recruitment Committee	2014–2023

TEACHING

U.Turin

Econometrics Lab: Empirical Methods for Applied Political Economy (undergraduate)

U. Rosario

Impact Evaluation (graduate), Political Economy (graduate and undergraduate), Conflict and Civil War (graduate and undergraduate), Thesis Workshop (graduate), Development Economics (undergraduate), Macroeconomics (undergraduate), Principles of Economics (undergraduate)

Other places

Political Economy of Development (undergraduate) – NYU-Stern (2020)
 Program Evaluation (graduate) – U. Bergamo (2015)
 Economics of Developing Countries (undergraduate) – UCLA (2008)

MENTORING

PhD advisees

- Henry Ballesteros, Universidad del Rosario	En curso
- Leonardo Raffo, Universidad del Rosario	2023
- Andrés Rivera, Universidad del Rosario	2022
- Juanita Villaveces, Universidad Externado	2012

PhD external committee member

- Vinicios Pecanha, Vancouver School of Economics	2023
- Rafael Ch, New York University	2021
- Marcela Rubio, Bocconi University	2021
- Oscar Barrera, Paris School of Economics	2020
- Antonella Bandiera, New York University	2020
- Camilo Pardo, George Mason University	2019
- Santiago Tobón, Universidad de los Andes	2017

Complete Master's theses

- Andrés Castañeda, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2010
- Mauricio Vela, MSc. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes	2011
- Julieth Santamaría, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2011
- Darío Romero, MSc. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes	2012
- Diana Salazar, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2013
- Alejandra Martínez, MSc. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes	2013
- Natalia Lemus, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2013
- Ángela Amaya, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2014
- Paula Castañeda, MSc. in Economics, Universidad Nacional	2015

- Viviana García, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2015
- Juan Carlos Angulo, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2015
- Sofía del Risco, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2015
- Diego Martin, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2015
- Carlos Cardona, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2016
- Laura Becerra, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2017
- Carlos Mesa, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2018
- Juan Camilo Suárez, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2018
- Nicolás Peña, MSc. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes	2018
- Andrea Gamboa, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2018
- Juliana Aragón, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2019
- Sara Restrepo, MSc. in Economics, U. del Rosario	2019
- Carmen Delgado, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2019
- Camila Obando, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2019
- Nathalie Basto, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2019
- Juan C. Perdomo, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2019
- Esteban Alemán, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2019
- Laura Moreno, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2019
- María P. Medina, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2020
- Luisa F. Oyuela, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2020
- María E. Corredor, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2020
- Miguel Purroy, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2021
- Jairo Gudiño, MSc. in Economics, Universidad del Rosario	2021
- Lina Hernandez, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2022
- Gerladine Castelblanco, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2022
- Manuela Gallego, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2022
- Guibor Camargo, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2023
- Cindy L. Roa, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2023
- Grace Ennis, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2023
- Gabriel García, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2023
- Mateo Pedraza, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2023
- Gabriel Prieto, MA in Economics of Public Policy, U. del Rosario	2023

LANGUAGES Spanish (native), English (fluent), Italian (fluent), German (intermediate level)