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EDUCATION

Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford. Sep 2023 – Sep 2024
Master of Public Policy (MPP)

- Luksic Foundation Scholarship

School of Business and Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Mar 2016 – Dec 2016
Master in Economics

School of Business and Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Mar 2011 – Dec 2015
Bachelor of Business and Economics

WORK EXPERIENCE

Centro de Estudios Públicos (CEP) July 2025 – Present
Researcher

- Research on economics and public policy, with a focus on labor markets and gender equity.

Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford Jul 2024 – July 2025
Research Assistant

- Co-editor of a special issue of the Oxford Review of Economic Policy on the Economics of Care.
- Co-author of the introductory chapter, based on a systematic review of academic and policy literature on care.

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Jan 2025 – May 2025
Senior Research Associate

- Coordinated the impact evaluation of a subsidy program for over 100 mining-sector SMEs, using a randomized controlled trial (RCT).
- Designed and validated data collection instruments.
- Coordinated and supervised field teams to ensure data quality and protocol compliance.

UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education (IESALC) Jul 2024 – Sep 2024
Consultant

- Developed evidence-based policy recommendations to improve financial policies aimed at improving access to higher education for disadvantaged groups in the Global South.
- Authored a comparative report on financial aid policies in 15 countries, aimed at informing policymakers.

Confederation of Chilean Industry (SOFOFA) Sep 2021 – Sep 2023
Economist – Public Policy Department

- Conducted applied research and policy analysis on topics including labour markets, social security, gender equality, and productivity.
- Developed evidence-based policy recommendations through data analysis, collaboration with external experts, and insights from working groups with partner companies.
- Prepared reports, presentations, and briefings, translating complex data into clear, actionable recommendations for decision-makers.
- Represented SOFOFA in Congress, presenting evidence-based policy proposals on issues such as working-hour flexibility and gender quotas on boards of directors.

Ministry of Labour and Social Security Jan 2019 – Aug 2021
Economic Analyst – Department of Studies

- Designed and evaluated major public programs including universal childcare, labor inclusion quotas, and job protection schemes during COVID-19.
- Assessed policy impact using administrative data and national surveys with advanced data analysis methods.
- Created policy briefs and presentations tailored for parliamentarians and media audiences, ensuring evidence-based recommendations were clear, actionable, and impactful.

Ministry of Agriculture – Office of Agricultural Studies and Policies (ODEPA) Mar 2018 –Jan 2019
Analyst – Rural Development Department

- Conducted quantitative analysis to identify disparities between urban and rural areas, including poverty and access to services.
- Led discussions to revise Chile's national definitions of urban and rural areas, advocating for adopting the OECD standards and assessing the potential policy impacts.
- Represented Chile at the OECD Conference on Rural Development to define the OECD Principles of Rural Development.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Mar 2017 – Sep 2017
Intern – Economics Department

- Contributed to the OECD Economic Survey Chile 2018 through quantitative analysis of household surveys.
- Investigated employment barriers in Chile and Colombia to inform evidence-based policy interventions.
- Coauthored the OECD working paper "Employment Barriers of the Vulnerable in Chile".

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universidad de los Andes, Chile. School of Business and Economics. 2018
Lecturer

- Lecturer in Introduction to Economics.

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. School of Business and Economics. 2014 - 2015
Teaching Assistant

- Microeconomics II and Introduction to Microeconomics courses.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Languages: English (C1), French (A2), Spanish (native).
- Software: MS Office (advanced), STATA (advanced), Latex (advanced).