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Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Vanderbilt University (since June 2013)

Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Stanford University, 2013.
Graduate program in Economics, Universidad de San Andrés, 2005.
Licenciatura en Economía, Universidad de Buenos Aires, 2004.

Research and teaching fields

Empirical microeconomics, including Industrial Organization, Transportation and Urban Economics, Public Policy and International Trade

Working papers

1. Congesting the commons: A test for strategic congestion externalities in the airline industry
2. "The marginal congestion of a taxi in New York City," joint with Daniel Mangrum.
(R&R at the *American Economic Review*)
3. Language barriers to foreign trade: Evidence from translation rates

Research in progress

1. "Substituting bike rides for taxi trips: Evidence from the launch of the Citibike program in New York City," joint with Francis Ratsimbazafy.
2. "Traffic speed and urban infrastructure," joint with Dan Work.
3. "Internet commerce supply and sales-tax shielding: Evidence from the Amazon platform," joint with Paulo Somaini.
4. "Estimating gravity equations allowing for small sample error and selection in trade flows," joint with Amit Gandhi and Zhentong Lu.

Teaching

- 2015,18 Graduate Empirical Industrial Organization (Vanderbilt Econ 9510)
2014- Undergraduate Intermediate Microeconomics (Vanderbilt Econ 3010)
Advising *Secondary advisor*: Li Zhao (Shanghai Jiao Tong U). *PhD committee*: Carlos Manzanares, Christian Hung, Salama Freed.

Previous positions

- Fall 2017 Visiting scholar, Northwestern University Department of Economics.
2009-12 Research Assistant for Profs. Timothy Bresnahan and Pete Klenow (2010/11)
2006-07 Research Assistant for Prof. Juan Carlos Hallak, Universidad de San Andrés
2003-04 Assistant. Central Bank of Argentina
2001 Correspondent for Buenos Aires news bureau. AFX News Ltd.
2000-01 Business desk editor and reporter. Buenos Aires Herald

Fellowships and awards

- 2016 *Research Scholar Grant*, Vanderbilt University.
2015 *Trans-institutional grant for Big Data infrastructure*, Vanderbilt University.
2013 *Best paper by a young researcher*, Annual Conference of the International Transportation Economics Association, held at Northwestern University.
2013 Dissertation fellowship, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research
2007-08 Graduate fellowship, Stanford University
2005 Graduate fellowship, Universidad de San Andrés
2004 *Diploma de honor (Magna Cum Laude)*, Universidad de Buenos Aires

Presentations

- 2019 UW-Madison. 11th Invitational Choice Symposium, Urban Affairs Association
2018 Stanford GSB, University of Toronto, Ryerson University. NBER-SI, IT/Digitization and IO sessions, Urban Economics Association, INFORMS “Smart cities” session, Midwest Trade Conference, US International Trade Commission.
2017 Northwestern (Economics and Transportation Center), National University of Singapore, San Andrés. AEA (Econometric Society transportation session), IIOC, Transportation Research Forum, Northwestern & University of Chicago IO day.
2016 AEA (Transportation session), IIOC.
2015 AEA (Transportation and e-commerce sessions).
2014 DEGIT XIX.
2013 UBC-Sauder, Georgetown-McDonough, MIT-Sloan, Notre Dame, UT-Knoxville, Yale-SOM. ITEA, EARIE, Bill Ethier Festschrift.
2012 Annual Conference at Universidad de San Andrés.

Refereeing

American Economic Review, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Urban Economics. Committees: LACEA.