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EDUCATION

- 2010 (expected): Ph.D. in Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology, USA.
- 2007: MSc. in Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology, USA.
- 2004: Licenciado in Economics (6 year program), Universidad de la República, Uruguay. Highest graduating GPA record holder, 1998 – 2004.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2008: Recipient of the Best Paper Award, 3rd International Conference on Electronic Voting, co-organized by the Council of Europe. Paper: “Assessing the Impact of E-Voting Technologies on Electoral Outcomes: an Analysis of Buenos Aires’ 2005 Congressional Election” with R. Michael Alvarez, Ernesto Calvo, Marcelo Escolar and Julia Pomares.
- 2008: NSF Graduate Student Attendance Grant. The 25th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology.
- 2005-2010: Caltech Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship.
- 2005: Chevening Scholarship for graduate studies in the U.K. (declined).
- 2004: Uruguay’s National Prize in Economics for economists aged 30 or younger.
- 2004: Research Grant awarded by the Scientific Research Council of the Universidad de la República, Uruguay, for the research project: “Modeling the Uruguayan labor market using Computable General Equilibrium models”.
- 2004: Fulbright – Laspau Scholarship for graduate studies in the U.S. (declined).
- 2002: Research Fellowship awarded by the Institute of Economics, School of Economics and Management, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed

- 2009: “Structural cleavages, electoral competition and partisan divide: a Bayesian multinomial probit analysis of Chile’s 2005 election”, with R. Michael Alvarez. *Electoral Studies* 28, pp. 177-189.
- 2009: “Assessing voters' attitudes towards electronic voting in Latin America: Evidence from Colombia's 2007 e-voting pilot”, with R. Michael Alvarez, Ricardo Llamasa and Hugo E. Martinez. *Proceedings of the Second International Conference on e-voting and identity*, Lecture Notes in Computer Science 5767, pp. 75-91. Bochum: Springer.
- 2008: “Assessing the Impact of E-Voting Technologies on Electoral Outcomes: an Analysis of Buenos Aires’ 2005 Congressional Election” with R. Michael Alvarez, Ernesto Calvo, Marcelo Escolar and Julia Pomares. In *Electronic Voting 2008*, Lecture Notes in Informatics 131, pp. 47-62. Bonn: Gesellschaft fur Informatik, 2008.

Submissions, Work in Progress and Working Papers

- “Correcting for Survey Misreport using Auxiliary Information: A Re-Examination of Voter Turnout”, with Jonathan N. Katz. Social Science Working Paper 1294, California Institute of Technology. Under R&R.
- “Assessing the impact of alternative voting technologies on multi-party elections: ballot designs, information effects and partisan biases”, with R. Michael Alvarez, Ernesto Calvo, Marcelo Escolar and Julia Pomares. Under R&R.
- “A Statistical Model of Abstention under Compulsory Voting”. Social Science Working Paper 1290, California Institute of Technology”. Under review.
- "The not-so-popular branch: Bicameralism as a Counter-Majoritarian Device", with Matias Iaryczower and Sebastian Saiegh. Social Science Working Paper 12312, California Institute of Technology. Under Review.
- “A Statistical Model of Electoral Coordination: Explaining the Number of Parties and Legislative Lists in Uruguay”, with Ines Levin. Under Review.
- “Reassessing the Link Between Voter Heterogeneity and Political Accountability: A Latent Class Regression Model of Economic Voting”, with Jonathan Katz. In Progress.
- “Up to the promise? The Impact of Electronic Voting on Trust in the Election Process in Latin America”, with R. Michael Alvarez, and Julia Pomares. In Progress.

- “Policy-based abstention in Brazil’s 2002 Election”. Social Science Working Paper 1288, California Institute of Technology.
- “An Internal Fuel Efficiency Credit Market Mechanism for Meeting the CAFE Standard: Internalizing a Regulation Caused Externality”, with Charles R. Plott. Social Science Working Paper 1297, California Institute of Technology.
- “Macroeconomic impacts of the reform of public services in Uruguay - A CGE analysis”, with A. Forteza and I. Terra. Working Paper 21/05, Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- “Estimating a Risky Term Structure of Uruguayan Sovereign Bonds”, with S. Frache. Working Paper 03/2004, Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.

In Spanish

- 2005: “Estudios de competitividad sectoriales. Industria manufacturera” (“Sectoral Competitiveness of the Uruguayan Manufacturing Industry”), with I. Terra, G. Bittencourt, R. Domingo, C. Estrades, A. Ons, and H. Pastori. Working Paper 22/05, Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- 2004: “Construcción de una Matriz de Contabilidad Social para Uruguay para el año 2000” (“Constructing a Social Accounting Matrix for Uruguay for the year 2000”), with P. Barrenechea and H. Pastori. Working Paper 20/04, Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- 2004: “¿Qué Imitar de las Economías Pequeñas Exitosas? Sobre la Necesidad de una Política y una Legislación de Competencia” (“What to Imitate of the Small Successful Economies? An Argument Favoring a Policy and a Legislation of Competition in Uruguay”), with A. Rius. Working Paper 08/04, Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- 2004: “Estrategia de Negociación Comercial en Uruguay. Visiones de Agentes Involucrados.” (“Uruguay’s Trade Negotiations. Visions of Involved Agents”). Working Paper 21/04, Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- “¿Quién ganó con la devaluación en Uruguay?” (“Who won with devaluation in Uruguay?”). IEEM Review, Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay, Year VI, Number 3, December 2003.

- Co-author of the chapter “Economía Internacional” (“International Economy”) of the “Informe de Coyuntura” (“Quarterly Economic Perspectives Reports”), Institute of Economics, Universidad de la República, Uruguay. June, September and December 2002; March 2003.
- Collaborated (Econometric analysis) on the book “Uruguay 2002 – Entendiendo la Crisis Bancaria” (“Uruguay 2002 – Understanding the Banking Crisis”), Banda Oriental, Uruguay. September 2002.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Research experience:

- 2008-2009: Research Assistant for R. Michael Alvarez, Professor of Political Science, California Institute of Technology, US.
- 2007-2008: Research Assistant for Matias Iaryczower, Assistant Professor of Economics and Political Science, Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology, U.S.
- SU 2007: Research Assistant for Jonathan Katz, Division Chair of the Division of the Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor of Political Science, California Institute of Technology, U.S.
- 2006-2007: Research Assistant for Rosa Matzkin, Visiting Professor of Economics and Econometrics, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology, U.S.
- May 2003 – August 2005: Research Assistant at the Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República, Uruguay. Researcher of the International Trade Area.
- June 2003 - December 2003: Research Assistant of the Project: “Trade Negotiations and International Insertion of Uruguay”, funded the Social Consultative Commission of the Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- April 2003 – May 2003: Research Assistant of the Project “Challenges of an incipient discipline, the Economics of Culture - an anchoring in the Uruguayan reality”, funded by the Scientific Research Council of the Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- April 2002 – April 2003: Research Assistant at the Institute of Economics of the School of Economics and Management, Universidad de la República, Uruguay. Researcher of the Area for Macroeconomics and Short Term Forecasting.

Teaching experience

- FA 2009: Teaching Assistant for Peter Ordershook, Introduction to Political Science (Undergraduate), Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology, U.S.

- SU 2007: Teaching Assistant for Federico Echenique, Game Theory (Graduate), Masters Program in International Economics, Department of Economics, School of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- WI 2006/2007: Teaching Assistant for Rosa Matzkin, Econometrics (Graduate), Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, California Institute of Technology, U.S.
- 2003 – 2005: Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate), School of Social Sciences, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- 2000 - 2004: Teaching Assistant, Statistics – Inference and Models (Undergraduate), School of Economics and Management, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- 2000 – 2003: Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Economics (Undergraduate), School of Economics and Management, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- 2001: Teaching Assistant, Statistics (Undergraduate), School of Economics and Business Administration, Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- May – September 2005: Senior Financial Analyst, Watson Wyatt LLP, Uruguay.
- August 2004 – April 2005: Economist, Industrial Competitiveness Division, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Uruguay.
- March 2001 - August 2004: Economic Analyst, National Head Office of Industry, Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, Uruguay.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- September, 2009. 105th Annual Summer Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada.
- July, 2009. 26th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, New Haven.
- August, 2008. 3rd International Conference on Electronic Voting, Bregenz, Austria.
- July, 2008. 25th Annual Summer Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology, Michigan.
- April, 2008, 2009: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- March, 2008: Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.
- November, 2004: 9th Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Costa Rica.

- October, 2004: Probability and Statistics Seminar, Institute of Statistics – Institute of Mathematics, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- August, 2004. XIX Annual Conference on Economics at the Central Bank of Uruguay.
- August, 2003: First Forum on Economics and Culture, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2008. Chair & Discussant, Panel on International Political Economy and Latin America.

REFERENCES

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