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CONTACT INFORMATION

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Current Position:

Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile.

Director of the School of Economics and Management of the University of Chile.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Ph.D. in Economics, 2007

MA in Economics, 2003

UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE

MA in Economics, 1999

BA in Economics, 1998

FIELDS OF INTEREST

DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS AND LABOR ECONOMICS

POVERTY, INEQUALITY AND MOBILITY

APPLIED MICRO-ECONOMETRICS

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2019- Academic Director, Ph.D. Program in Economics and M.A. Program in Economics

2017- Associate Professor, Universidad de Chile

2017-2018 Director of the School of Economics and Management of the University of Chile

2013-2017 Assistant Professor, Universidad de Chile

- 2012–2014 Visiting Scholar, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania
- 2008–2013 Research Associate, Núcleo Milenio, “Centro de Microdatos”, Project N. NS100041
- 2008–2011 Diploma Director, “Social and Labor Policy”, Master in Public Policy, Universidad de Chile
- 2004–2007 Research Assistance, Project: “Access to the Formal and Informal Credit Markets in Thailand” with Professor Robert Townsend, University of Chicago
- 1999–2002 Junior Researcher, Ministry of Planning, Chilean Government
- 1998–2002 Lecturer, Department de Economics, Universidad de Chile

PUBLICATIONS

Papers

- Martínez, C., Puentes, E. & Ruiz-Tagle, J. (2018): The Effects of Micro Entrepreneurship Programs on Labor Market Performance: Experimental Evidence from Chile. *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, 10 (2): 101-24
- Martínez, C., & Puentes, E. (2018). Micro-entrepreneurship Debt Level and Access to Credit: Short-Term Impacts of a Financial Literacy Program. *The European Journal of Development Research*, 30(4), 613-629.
- Contreras, D., Gillmore, R., & Puentes, E. (2017). Self-Employment and Queues for Wage Work: Evidence from Chile. *Journal of International Development*, 29(4), 473-499.
- Contreras, D. & Puentes, E. (2017): Inequality of Opportunities at Early Ages. Evidence from Chile. *Journal of Development Studies*, 53(10), 1748-1764
- Puentes, E., Wang, F., Behrman, J.R., Cunha, F., Hoddinott, J., Maluccio, J.A., Adair, L.S., Borja, J.B., Martorell, R. and Stein, A.D., (2016). Early life height and weight production functions with endogenous energy and protein inputs. *Economics & Human Biology*, 22, 65-81.
- Huneus, F., Landerretche, O., Puentes, E., & Selman, J. (2015). A multidimensional employment quality index for Brazil, 2002–11. *International Labour Review*, 154(2), 195-226.
- Contreras, D., Larrañaga, O., Puentes, E., & Rau, T. (2014). Improving the Measurement of the Relationship between Opportunities and Income: Evidence from Longitudinal Data from Chile. *Development Policy Review*, 32(2), 219-237.
- Landerretche, O., Lillo, N., & Puentes, E. (2013). The Union Effect on Wages in Chile: A Two-Stage Approach Using Panel Data. *Labour*, 27(2), 164-191.
- Contreras, D., Puentes, E., Larrañaga, O., & Rau, T. (2012). The evolution of opportunities for children in Chile, 1990-2006. *CEPAL Review*.
- Contreras, D., De Mello, L., & Puentes, E. (2011). The determinants of labour force participation and employment in Chile. *Applied Economics*, 43(21), 2765-2776.
- Puentes, E., Contreras, D. and Sanhueza, C. (2007). Self-Employment in Chile, Long Run Trends and Education and Age Structures Changes. *Estudios de Economía*, Vol 34, No. 2, 203-247.

Contreras, D., Puentes, E., & Bravo, D. (2005). Female labour force participation in greater Santiago, Chile: 1957–1997. A synthetic cohort analysis. *Journal of International Development*, 17(2), 169-186.

Book Chapters

Trade Openness and the Female Worker: The Case of Chile (With Contreras, D. and T. Rau) in C. Piras (ed). *Women at Work: Challenges for Latin America*. Washington DC: Inter-American Development Bank. pp. 93-136, 2004.

Work in Progress

“You are What Your Parents Think: Height and Local Reference Points” with Fan Wang, Jere R. Behrman and Flavio Cunha.

“Experimental Evaluation of Subsidy Payment through Banking Accounts” with Abhijit Banerjee and Claudia Martinez.

“The Curse of Gender Roles Attitudes in Labor Market Performance” with Jaime Ruiz-Tagle

“The Effects of the Minimum Wage on Employment and Wages” with Nicolás Grau y Jorge Miranda

“Wealth Disparities for Early Childhood Anthropometrics and Skills: Evidence from Chilean Longitudinal Data” With Jere R. Behrman, Dante Contreras and Isidora Palma.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Iniciativa Científica Milenio. Deputy Director. “Millennium Nucleolus in Social Development” 2018 to date.

Fondecyt. Co Principal Research. “Financial inclusion: Experimental evidence in Chile”. Project N°1140914. 2015 to 2016.

Fondecyt. International Researcher. “Financial inclusion: Experimental evidence in Chile”. Project N°1140914. 2014.

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA). Principal Investigator. “Incentivizing savings”. 2013 to 2017.

International Development Research Center (IDRC). Principal Investigator. “Experimental evaluation of subsidy payment through banking accounts”. 2010 to 2015.

International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie). Principal Investigator. “Experimental evaluation of a micro-entrepreneurship program”. 2009 to 2015.

Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (IEP). Principal Investigator. “Experimental evaluation of subsidy payment through banking accounts”. 2010-2014.

International Development Research Center (IDRC). Principal Investigator “Experimental evaluation of financial literacy programs”. 2013.

Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (IEP). Principal Investigator. "Experimental evaluation of financial literacy programs". 2013

Consortium on Financial Systems and Poverty. "Savings and Financial Intermediation in Chile". 2010-2012.

Dissertation Fellowship granted by the University of Chicago. 2006 -2007.

Presidente de la República Scholarship granted by the Ministry of Planning to Finance Postgraduate studies in the University of Chicago. 2002 - 2006.

Academic Excellence Scholarship granted by the Graduate Department of the Universidad de Chile to finance studies in the Master's Program. 1998-1998.

Academic Excellence Scholarship granted by the Universidad de Chile for the two highest scores in the admission test to the Department of Economics, University of Chile. 1994.

TEACHING

Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile. Instructor

Micro-Econometrics – Master of Economics (2011, 2012, 2014, 2017, 2019)

Econometrics IV– Undergraduate (2017-2019).

Econometrics I – Undergraduate (2014, 2016-2018).

Labor Economics - Undergraduate (2008-2009, 2016-2018).

Econometrics II – Undergraduate (2015).

Inequality, Poverty and Social Policy - Master of Public Policy (2009-2012).

Econometrics I – Master of Economics (2011-2012).

Applied Econometrics II – Master of Economics Analysis (2011).

Microeconomics II - Undergraduate (2009)

Labor Economics – Master of Economics (2009)

Topics in Development Economics – Master of Economics (2008).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2011 Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank. Evaluation of Training Programs in Chile.

2010-2011 Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank. Informal Care and Female Labor Participation in Chile.

2009-2010 Consultant, United Nations Development Programme. Building an Employability Index for Chile.

- 2009-2010 Consultant, The Budget Office, Chile. Building a Targeting Index for the Pension System Reform.
- 2008 Consultant, World Bank. The Effect of Training Programs for Young Women in Chile.
- 2008 Consultant, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD). Informality in Chilean Labor Markets.
- 2008 Consultant, World Bank. Measuring Inequality of Opportunity for Chile.
- 2007 Consultant, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD). Labor Participation and Informality in Chile: 1990-2003.
- 2006 Consultant, World Bank. Informality and Self-Employment in the Chilean Labor Markets.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 "You are What Your Parents Think: Height and Local Reference Points". University of Sao Paulo.
- 2018 "Experimental Evaluation of Subsidy Payment through Banking Accounts". University of Sao Paulo.
- 2017 "Experimental Evaluation of Subsidy Payment through Banking Accounts". Meeting of the Chilean Economic Association, Chile and Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). Argentina.
- 2016 "Do Micro-Entrepreneurship Programs Increase Wage-Work? Evidence from Chile". Workshop, Department of Economics, Universidad Diego Portales.
- 2015 "Incentivizing Savings". Research Gathering on Advancing Financial Inclusion. Yale University. New Haven.
- 2014 "Height Growth Paths and Production Relations in Guatemala and the Philippines". Workshop, Department of Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.
- 2014 "Height Growth Paths and Production Relations in Guatemala and the Philippines". Workshop, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile.
- 2014 "Grit Theory and Savings: Designing Saving Products in Chile". The Duckworth Lab. University of Pennsylvania.
- 2014 "Early Life Height and Weight Production Functions with Endogenous Calorie and Protein Inputs for Guatemala and the Philippines". Population Association of America, 2014 Annual Meeting. Boston.
- 2013 "A Framework for the Analysis of Early Life Interventions". Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). Mexico.
- 2013 "Micro Entrepreneurship Training and Assets Transfers: Short Term Impact on the Poor". Workshop, Latin American Labor Markets, InterAmerican Development Bank, Washington, D.C.

- 2013 “Micro Entrepreneurship Training and Assets Transfers: Short Term Impact on the Poor”. Sixth Annual Meeting of the Impact Evaluation Network (IEN) and Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA). Boston.
- 2012 “Inequality of Opportunity at an Early Age”. World Bank Conference on Equity. Washington, D.C.

OTHER INFORMATION

Referee for Economic Development and Cultural Change, Applied Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Human Capital, Economics and Human Biology, Economía, Comparative Education Review, Economic Change and Restructuring, Journal of Interdisciplinary Economics and Cuadernos de Economía.

Referee for research proposals presented at FONDECYT, Chile.

Member of the Board of the Society of Chilean Economists (2018-2019).

Organizing Committee Development Workshop (<https://sites.google.com/site/devoworkshop/>)

Member of the Economics Committee of Becas Chile fellowship program, Year 2011.

Languages: English (Fluent), Spanish (Native).