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Education

Ph.D. Economics, UCLA, Expected June 2010

Ph.D.c. Economics, UCLA, September 2007

M.A. Economics, UCLA, December 2006

M.Sc. Economics, Universidad de los Andes (Colombia), March 2005

B.A. Economics (Mayor) & French Language and Culture (Minor), Universidad de los Andes (Colombia), September 2004

Awards

Dissertation Year Fellowship UCLA, 2009-2010

Ettinger Prize for Best Research Paper by UCLA Economics Ph.D. Student, 2009

Ettinger Prize for Best Research Paper by UCLA Economics Ph.D. Student, 2008

UCLA Advance to Candidacy Fellowship, 2007

UCLA Departmental Progress Award, 2007

UCLA Graduate Student Fellowship, 2006 - 2009

Central Bank of Colombia Studying Abroad Fellowship 2005 - 2009

Winner of the 2005 Rodrigo Gomez International Central Banking Award for the paper "Disinflation Costs Under Inflation Targeting in Small Open Economies: The Colombian Case" (with Franz Hamann, Juan Manuel Julio and Alvaro Riascos)

Fields

Primary: International Economics, Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics

Secondary: Development Economics, Applied Econometrics

Working Papers

"Latin America and Limited Commitment" (Job Market Paper)

"Structural Transformation and Development: a Demand or a Supply Story?", with Anton Cheremukhin.

“Bad Investments and Missed Opportunities: Capital Flows to Asia and Latin America, 1950-2004”, with Lee E. Ohanian and Mark L. J. Wright.

“The Labor Wedge as a Matching Friction”, with Anton Cheremukhin.

“Business Cycles in Developing vs. Developed Countries: The Importance of the Informal Economy”.

Publications

“Disinflation Costs Under Inflation Targeting in Small Open Economies: The Colombian Case”, with Franz Hamann, Juan Manuel Julio and Alvaro Riascos. Forthcoming CEMLA Publication. Winner of the 2005 Rodrigo Gomez International Central Banking Award.

“On the Macroeconomic Effects of Public Debt Composition in Colombia” (in Spanish), with Franz Hamann and Julian Perez, Ensayos Sobre Politica Economica, December 2005

“Disinflation Costs Under Inflation Targeting in a Small Open Economy”, Borradores de Economia Central Bank of Colombia No. 328, 2005

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Prof. Lee E. Ohanian (UCLA), October 2006 - September 2009

Research Assistant, Prof. Mark L. J. Wright (UCLA), April 2007 - September 2009

Researcher Macromodelling Department, Central Bank of Colombia, July 2003 - July 2005

Teaching Assistant Experience

Winter 2007, Macroeconomics: Business Cycles (Graduate), Professor Lee E. Ohanian (UCLA)

Fall 2003, International Finance (Graduate), Professor Franz Hamann (Universidad de los Andes Bogota, Colombia)

Fall 2003, Macroeconomics I (Undergraduate), Professor Andres Escobar (Universidad de los Andes Bogota, Colombia)

Fall 2002, Econometrics I (Undergraduate), Professor Alejandro Gaviria (Universidad de los Andes Bogota, Colombia)

Presentations

2009:

“25 Years of Lost Consumption in Latin America: The Role of Domestic Versus External Shocks”, Monetary Economics Proseminar at UCLA (Los Angeles, June and November).

“Bad Investments and Missed Opportunities? Capital Flows to Latin America and Asia, 1950-2004”, SED Meetings (Istanbul, July), Monetary Economics Proseminar at UCLA (Los Angeles, March).

“Structural Change and Development: a Demand or a Supply Story?”, Monetary Economics Proseminar at UCLA (Los Angeles, March).

2008:

“Business Cycles in Developing vs. Developed Countries: The importance of the Informal Economy”, ESEM (Milan, August).

“The Labor Wedge as a Matching Friction”, SED Meetings (Boston, July), Monetary Economics Proseminar at UCLA (Los Angeles, May).

2007:

“Business Cycles in Developing vs. Developed Countries: The importance of the Informal Economy”, Monetary Economics Proseminar at UCLA (Los Angeles, November), LAMES (Bogota, October).

2004:

“Disinflation Costs Under Inflation Targeting in Small Open Economies: The Colombian Case”, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Conference “Inflation Targeting in the Americas” (September).

References

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