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## Current Employment

**Banco Central de Costa Rica**, *Economist*, Research Department (August 2019 - Current).

## Education

### **Cornell University.**

Ph.D. in Economics, August 2019.

Thesis title: “*Essays in Decision Making Under Uncertainty and the Political Economy of Institutions.*”

M.A. in Economics, December 2017.

### **Universidad de Costa Rica.**

B.Sc. in Economics (Honors), April 2012.

## Research Fields

Applied Microeconomics, Behavioral Economics, Economic Development, Insurance Markets.

## Publications

“Probabilidad de corrección súbita de cuenta corriente para Costa Rica: un enfoque de análisis de supervivencia,” with Jorge León Murillo (2016) *Revista de Ciencias Económicas*, Volumen 34, Number 2.

“El acceso al crédito para microempresas en Alajuela, Cartago y Heredia,” with Rodrigo Villalta Díaz (2012) *Revista de Ciencias Económicas*, Volumen 30, Number 2.

“Análisis de factores determinantes en el precio de servicios de trabajo sexual femenino según el estudio de asistentes a Asociación La Sala,” with Rodrigo Villalta Díaz (2012) *Revista de Ciencias Económicas*, Volumen 30, Number 1.

## Work in Progress

“Selecting Between Public and Private Healthcare” (with Jason Somerville and Matthew Thirkettle).

“Multinationals, Monopsony and Local Development: Evidence from the United Fruit Company” (with Diana Van Patten).

“Foreign Investment, Productivity Spillovers and Environmental Effects: Evidence from the United Fruit Company” (with Diana Van Patten).

## Invited Conference Presentation

XIV Foro de Investigadores de Bancos Centrales del Consejo Monetario Centroamericano: (Virtual, September 2020).

World Risk and Insurance Economics Congress (WRIEC) 2020 (Virtual, August 2020).

INCAE Brownbag Series (INCAE, November 2019).

V International Congress, Caribbean Economic History Association (AHEC) (Universidad de Costa Rica, November 2019).

Seminario Comercio Exterior, Inversión Extranjera Directa y Desarrollo en Costa Rica (Universidad Nacional, October 2019).

Coloquios de Investigación (Universidad de Costa Rica, October 2019).

EMCON 2018 (Northwestern University, October 2018).

NEUDC 2018 (Cornell University, October 2018).

EEA-ESEM 2018 (University of Cologne, August 2018).

## Research Experience

**Cornell University**, *Research Assistant*, Professor Marco Battaglini (Fall 2015 - Fall 2016).

**Banco Central de Costa Rica**, *Junior Researcher*, Research Department (February 2013 - July 2014).

**Asociación Costarricense para Organizaciones de Desarrollo (ACORDE)**, *Microfinance Junior Researcher* (December 2011 - October 2012).

## Teaching Experience

**Universidad de Costa Rica.**

*Instructor.*

Behavioral Economics (II 2020).

Introduction to Economics (III 2012, III 2013).

*Teaching Assistant.*

Microeconomic Theory I (I 2009 - I 2013).

History of Economic Thought (II 2011 - I 2013).

## Honors and Awards

Doctoral Scholarship, Banco Central de Costa Rica, 2014 - 2019.

Graduate School Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University, Fall 2018.

Recognition for Excellent Academic Performance During 2012, Faculty of Economics, Universidad de Costa Rica, 2013.

Highest GPA cohort 2008, Department of Economics, Universidad de Costa Rica, 2011.

Highest GPA, Department of Economics, Universidad de Costa Rica, 2011.

**Other**

**Languages:** English (fluent), Spanish (native).