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**Citizenship:** Colombian

**Fields of Concentration:**

Labor Economics  
Development Economics  
Economic History

**Desired Teaching:**

Econometrics  
Labor Economics

**Dissertation Title:** *Economics of Harmful Institutions: Crime, Conflict, and Slavery*

**Education:**

*PhD Economics*, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, 2014 – June 2020  
Supervisors: Professor [Randi Hjalmarsson](#) and Professor [Ola Olsson](#)  
*M.A. in Economics*, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 2012-2013  
*B.A. in Economics*, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 2008-2012

**Working Papers:**

“From Plantations to Prisons: The Legacy of Slavery on Black Incarceration in the US” [**Job Market Paper**]

“The Effect of Conflict on Social Capital: Evidence from an Exogenous Variation in an Illegal Market”

“Comparing Labor Market Risk across Developing Countries,” with William Maloney

**Research Papers in Progress:**

“Ethnic Discrimination in the Criminal Justice System: The Case of the Irish in London”, with Randi Hjalmarsson, Steve Machin and Anna Bindler

“Weather and Conflict: The Collapse of the Maya Civilization,” with Ola Olsson

“Mined Land: Natural Resources and Conflict, Evidence from Exploration Licenses”

**Pipeline:**

“Intergenerational Effects of Slavery in the US: Following the Children of Slaves”

“Migration and Crime: Evidence from the Great Migration”

“Media and Migration: The Role of the Chicago Defender on the Great Migration”

“The effect of Land Mines on Development: Evidence from Cambodia”

**Research Experience:**

*World Bank*, 2012-2109

Consultant for the Chief Economist for Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions (2014-19)

Research Assistant for Lead Economist, Development Economics Research Group (2012-14)

*Center for Economic Development (CEDE)*, 2011-2012

Research Assistant, Universidad de los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia

**Teaching Experience:**

Teaching Assistant, Econometrics (Undergraduate), 2012-2013

Teaching Assistant, Econometrics (Undergraduate & Graduate level), 2016-2019

Teaching Assistant, Microeconomics (Undergraduate level), 2012-2013

Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomics I (Undergraduate level), 2013

Teaching Assistant, Stata for non-economists (Graduate level), 2012

Teaching Assistant, Economic History of Colombia (Undergraduate level), 2011-2012

Thesis Advisor of Bachelor Students (Undergraduate level), 2018-2019

**Fellowships, Honors and Awards:**

Donationsnämnden Travel Grant, 2018

Adlerbertska Stipendiestiftelsen Travel Grants, 2017

Department of Economics Travel Grant, 2017

Filosofiska fakulteternas gemensamma donationsnämnd Travel Grant, 2015

Adlerbertska Foreign Student Hospitality Foundation, 2015, 2016

**Technical Skills:**

Programming Languages: Python, R

Data Analytics Tools: Stata, Jupyter, Pandas, Tableau, ArcGis, SPSS

Other Software & Tools: LaTeX

**Presentations:**

Labor Economics Seminar, Aarhus University, 2019

Labor Economics Seminar, George Washington University, 2019

Econometric Society Winter Meeting, Naples, 2018

Association of Swedish Development Economists, 2014, 2017, 2019

Poverty, Equity, and Growth in Developing and Transition Countries, Göttingen U., Germany, 2014

Annual Workshop of the Households in Conflict Network, UC Berkeley, 2013

Training and Mobility Network for the Economic Analysis of Conflict. Colombia, 2012

**Conference Organization:**

*LACEA Labor Market Network* – Universidad de Los Andes with the support of The World Bank  
– IADB 2nd Meeting, Cartagena, Colombia, May 22 – 23, 2014

**Languages:** English (fluent), Spanish (native), Italian (basic)

**References:**

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(main supervisor)  
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