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## CURRENT POSITION:

2016 - Associate Senior Lecturer (Biträdande Lektor), Department of Economics, Uppsala University.

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## AFFILIATIONS:

2016 - Uppsala Center of Fiscal Studies

2013 - Uppsala Center of Labor Studies

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## EDUCATION:

2012 PhD, University of California, Berkeley, Agricultural and Resources Economics.

2008 MSc, University of California, Berkeley, Agricultural and Resources Economics.

1998 BA, University of Concepción, Chile, Economics.

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## PREVIOUS POSITION:

2012-16 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Uppsala University.

2005-14 Auxiliary Professor, Dept. of Economics, Catholic University of Concepción.

2001-04 Part-time instructor, Dept. of Economics, Catholic University of Concepción.

2000 Part-time instructor, Dept. of Economics, Universidad de Talca.

1999 Part-time instructor, Dept. of Economics, Universidad de Concepcion.

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## PUBLICATIONS:

**P1.** [Credit Access and College Enrollment](#) (2017). *Journal of Political Economy*. Vol. 125, No. 2. April: 562-622.

**P2.** [Patterns of Pass-Through of Commodity Price Shocks to Retail Prices](#) (2009). *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*; Vol 95 Issue 5: 1456-1461. (with Peter Berck, Ephraim Leibtag, and Sofia Villas-Boas)

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## WORKING PAPERS:

**W1.** [The Price of Inattention: Evidence from the Swedish Housing Market](#). (July 2017)  
(with Luca Repetto)

**W2.** [Does Higher Education Cause Political Participation? Evidence From a Regression Discontinuity Design](#) (August 2017) [Submitted]

**W3.** [Elite Higher Education, the Marriage Market and the Intergenerational Transmission of Human Capital](#) (with Katja Kaufmann & Matthias Messner).

**W4.** [Returns to Elite Higher Education in the Labor and Marriage Market](#) (with Katja Kaufmann & Matthias Messner).

**WORK IN PROGRESS:**

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- I1. The effects of Credit Constraints on Dropping out from College.  
(with David Card)
- I2. Short and Long run Consequences of Grade Retention.
  
- I3. Income expectations and overconfidence on Human Capital Decisions.  
(with Rosario Macera)
- I4. Does Financial Literacy Affects credit decisions? Evidence From Chile  
(with Ana Maria Montoya and Carlos Noton)
- I5. Practical Methods for Characterizing Marginal Populations.  
(with Chris Walters)
- I6. Got College? Short runs effects of College Education on Health.  
(with Carlos Noton)
- I7. The Effects of College Quality on Teacher Quality.  
(with Mikael Lindahl and Lucas Tilley)
- I8. The Value of Political Connection in a Non-Corrupt Environment.  
(with Edoardo Di Porto, Luca Repetto and Oskar N. Skans)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE (PAST AND PLANNED):**

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- Short course in Applied Econometrics. Industrial Engineer Department, Univ. de Chile. (Fall 2017)
- Applied Econometrics. PhD. Department Economics, Uppsala University. (Spring 2017, 2018)
- Econometrics I. PhD. Department Economics, Uppsala University. (Spring 2017, 2018)
- Econometrics II. PhD. Department Economics, Uppsala University. (Fall 2016, 2015, 2014)
- Labor Economics, M. Sc. Dep. Economics, Uppsala University. (Fall 2016, 2015, 2014)
- Grad. Student Instructor. Macroeconomics Analysis, UC Berkeley. Summer 2011
- Grad. Student Instructor. Intermediate macroeconomics (Econ100B), UC Berkeley. Spring 2011
- Graduate Student Instructor, Intermediate microeconomics (IAS106), UC Berkeley. Fall 2010
- **Instructor**, Intermediate macroeconomics (IAS107), UC Berkeley. Summer 2010
- Graduate Student Instructor. Introductory Econometrics (EEP/IAS118), UC Berkeley. Spring 2010
- Instructor, Department of Economics, Universidad Católica de Concepción, Chile:  
32 semester courses between 2002 and 2007: Econometrics(4), International Trade (8), Introduction to Macroeconomics(6), Introduction to Microeconomics(2), Introduction to Economics(3), International Economics, Macroeconomics(7), Natural Resource and Environmental Economics.
- Instructor, Department of Economics, Universidad San Sebastián, Concepción, Chile:  
10 Semester courses between 2002 – 2003: Macroeconomics(4), Microeconomics(4), Introduction to Economics(2).
- Instructor, Department of Economics, Universidad de Talca:  
3 Semester courses in 2000: Introduction to Economics(2), and Finance.

- Instructor, Dept. of Economics, University de Concepción:  
2 Semester courses in 1999: Economic I and Economic II.

**SUPERVISION**

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PhD candidate Lucas Tilley, Co-Supervisor, Dept. Economics Uppsala University  
MsC Yongxia Li, Dept. Economics Uppsala University

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

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2015 -	Organizer of the Applied Economics Seminar
2013 -2015	Organizer of the Uppsala Center of Labor Studies Seminar
Fall 2009 & Fall 10	Research Assistant for Elisabeth Sadoulet and Alain de Janvry, UC Berkeley.
Fall 2008-Spring 09	Research Assistant for Sofia Villas-Boas and Peter Berck. UC Berkeley.
2006 to 2007.	Director of Department of Economics at the School of Economics and Management, Catholic University of Concepción, Chile
2002-2003	Department of Economics Coordinator (University San Sebastián, Chile)

**HONORS, GRANTS AND AWARDS:**

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2016	Jan Wallanders Och Tom Hedelius Stiftelse/Tore Browaldhs Stiftelse (1 million SEK) (with Edoardo Di Porto, Oskar Nordström Skans and Luca Repetto)
2011	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley.
2011	Research Grant, Center for Equitable Growth, UC Berkeley. (US\$6,500)
2011 & 2012	UC Berkeley Summer Grant.
2010	Inst. of Business & Economic Research, UC Berkeley. Dissertation research Award
2010	Corporación Andina de Fomento. First prize Research Paper Program (US\$10,000).
2007-2009	FULBRIGHT-Mecesus Scholar, ARE UC Berkeley PhD Program.
2007	Universidad Católica de Concepción, Chile. Doctoral Scholarship.
1998 - 1999	University of Concepción. School of Economics Scholarship.
1993 - 1997	Ministry of Education, Chile. Excellence Scholarship.
1993	National Best Score on Mathematics. National University Admission Test (PAA).

**PRESENTATIONS (PAST AND PLANNED):**

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2018	University of Amsterdam
2017	NHH Bergen; Political Economy Workshop (Uppsala Univ.)
2016	Lund University; VATT Institute for Economic Research in Helsinki; University of Oslo; UCLS Annual Meeting (Uppsala); Pompeu Fabra University; IFAU Education Conference (Uppsala), Nordic Summer Institute (Bergen); Università della Svizzera italiana.
2015	AEA meetings; CSEF, University of Naples Federico II; IAAE 2015 Annual Conference; CORE, Université Catholique de Louvain; Linnaeus University.
2014	The Swedish Institute for Social Research, SOFI; Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg.

- 2013 NBER Summer Institute, Labor Studies; Department of Economics PUC Chile; Management Science & Economics Workshop, DII, Universidad de Chile; Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics, Aarhus University; Economics of Education and Education Policy Workshop, IFAU, Sweden; Department of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics.
- 2012 Interamerican Development Bank; Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association (LACEA) Annual Meeting; New Economic School, Moscow; Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro; University of San Francisco; University Pompeu Fabra; Uppsala University.
- 2011 NEUDC 2011 Yale University; University of San Francisco; University of California Berkeley, Department of Economics and Agricultural and Resources Economics Department; World Bank/IAE Workshop “Socio-Economic Mobility and the Middle Class in Latin America, Barcelona; II Workshop on Economics of Education, Universitat de Barcelona; MOOD-2011-11th Doctoral Workshop in Economic Theory & Econometrics, Rome; Pacific Conference on Development Economics (Pac-Dev at Berkeley).
- 2010 Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association (LACEA) Annual Meeting; UC Berkeley: Dept. of Economics Development Lunch, Giannini Agricultural and Resource Economics Student Conference and ARE Development workshop.

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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:**

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Referee for American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; Economic Development and Cultural Change; Economic Journal; Journal of African Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Public Economics; Revista Economía Aplicada, and the Quarterly Journal of Economics.

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**OTHER INFORMATION:**

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AFFILIATIONS: American Economic Association, European Economic Association, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association.

LANGUAGES: English (Fluent), Spanish (Native), Swedish (basic), Finnish (basic)

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**REFERENCES:**

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