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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Michigan Postdoctoral Research Associate, Industrial Relations Section, Princeton University	2024- 2023-2024
AFFILIATIONS	Research Affiliate, IZA Institute of Labor Economics	2023-
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Economics, UC Berkeley <i>Committee:</i> Danny Yagan (chair), Patrick Kline, Emmanuel Saez M.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile <i>Committee:</i> Eduardo Engel (chair), Andrea Repetto, Claudio Agostini B.A. in Business and Economics, Universidad de Chile	2023 2016 2013
WORKING PAPERS	Minimum Wages and Optimal Redistribution <i>Job Market Paper</i> Place-Based Redistribution with Cecile Gaubert, Patrick Kline, and Danny Yagan <i>R&R at the American Economic Review</i> An Observational Implementation of the Outcome Test with an Application to Ethnic Prejudice in Pretrial Detentions with Nicolás Grau <i>R&R at the Review of Economics and Statistics</i> Workplace Litigiousness and Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from a Workers' Compensation Reform with Maximiliano Lauletta Discrimination Against Immigrants in the Criminal Justice System: Evidence from Pretrial Detentions with Patricio Domínguez and Nicolás Grau	
SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS	Directed Search, Minimum Wages, and Job Applications: Evidence from an Online Job Board with Verónica Escudero and Hannah Liepmann Sectoral Minimum Wages, Firms, and Wage Inequality: Evidence from Uruguay with Marcelo Bergolo, Rodrigo Ceni, and Mathias Fondo	
PUBLICATIONS	Do Policies and Institutions Matter for Pre-Tax Income Inequality? Cross-Country Evidence <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i> , vol. 29(1), 20-52, 2022 Combining Discrimination Diagnostics to Identify Sources of Statistical Discrimination with Patricio Domínguez and Nicolás Grau <i>Economics Letters</i> , vol. 212, 110294, 2022 Trends in US Spatial Inequality: Concentrating Affluence and a Democratization of Poverty with Cecile Gaubert, Patrick Kline, and Danny Yagan <i>AEA Papers and Proceedings</i> , vol. 111, 520-525, 2021 Ambiguity and Long-Run Cooperation in Strategic Games with Marco Rojas <i>Oxford Economic Papers</i> , vol. 73(3), 1077-1098, 2021	

Using Small Businesses for Individual Tax Planning: Evidence from Special Tax Regimes in Chile
with Claudio Agostini, Eduardo Engel, and Andrea Repetto
International Tax and Public Finance, vol. 25(6), 1449-1489, 2018

PRE-DOCTORAL
RESEARCH AND
POLICY PAPERS

Diagnóstico Distributivo de Ingreso y Patrimonio, y Análisis de la Propuesta de Reforma Tributaria en
Materia de Renta y Riqueza (in Spanish)
with Nicolás Bohme, Ignacio Flores, Pablo Gutiérrez, Raimundo Smith, and Patricio Valenzuela
Ministry of Finance, Policy Report, Chile, 2022

Natural Resources and Educational Attainment: Evidence from Chile
with Roberto Álvarez
Resources Policy, vol. 76, 102573, 2022

Análisis de la Implementación de las Nuevas Reglas de Financiamiento a la Política y Campañas Elec-
torales (in Spanish)
with Eduardo Engel, María Jaraquemada, and Nicolás Campos
Informe de Políticas Públicas, Espacio Público, 2018

Principios para una Reforma al Sistema de Pensiones (in Spanish)
with Eduardo Engel, Eduardo Fajnzylber, Patricio Fernández, Sebastián Gray, and Andrea Repetto
Informe de Políticas Públicas, Espacio Público, 2017

Sistema de Pensiones: Opiniones y Demandas Ciudadanas (in Spanish)
Documento de Referencia, Espacio Público, 2017

BOOK CHAPTERS

Cómo Diseñar Impuestos: Teoría Económica y Evidencia Empírica (in Spanish)
In Impuestos Justos para el Chile que Viene, edited by Jorge Atria and Cristóbal Otero, FCE, Chile

AWARDS, HONORS,
AND FELLOWSHIPS

2022 O-Lab Initiative on Racial Equity in the Labor Market, Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2021-2022 Law, Economics, and Politics Center (LEAP), Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2021 Center of Equitable Growth (CEG), Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2021 Strandberg Fund for Gender Equity in Economics, Grant, UC Berkeley
2020 Burch Center, Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2019 Institute of International Studies (IIS), Grant, UC Berkeley
2017 Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings in Economic Sciences (selected participant), Lindau, Germany
2016 Best Student of Class, M.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile
2015 Chilean Engineers Association Award to the best undergraduate students
2014-2015 Scientific Chilean Council (CONICYT), Fellowship for Master Studies, Chile
2014 Top 1% of Class, B.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile

SEMINARS AND
CONFERENCES

2023 Bocconi University, OECD (CFE and ELS/JAI), Yale University, Princeton University, Univer-
sity of Chicago (Harris), Northwestern University, University of Chicago (Booth), University of Michigan,
UCLA, LEAP Conference (Berkeley), IIPF Annual Congress (scheduled)

2022 Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, UC Berkeley (x3), Universidad de la República de Uruguay, OPFS
Workshop for Graduate Students, O-Lab Workshop for Graduate Students, LMF Job Market Workshop

2021 UC Berkeley (x3), LACEA Workshop on the Economics of Crime, RIDGE Workshop on Public
Economics, NTA 114th Annual Conference on Taxation

2020 UC Berkeley, Universidad de Chile

2017 NTA 110th Annual Conference on Taxation

2016 16th SAET Conference, Universidad de Chile, Chilean Economists Association (SECHI) Annual
Meetings, LACEA-LAMES Annual Meetings

REFeree SERVICES	Applied Economic Letters, Journal of Economic Inequality, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economics and Statistics	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley	2008-2022
	<i>Graduate:</i> Mathematical Tools for Economics - “Math camp” (x4, Prof. Chris Shannon)	
	<i>Undergraduate:</i> Intermediate Microeconomics	
	Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile	2009-2015
	<i>Graduate:</i> Mathematical Methods - ”Math camp”(Prof. Jorge Rivera), Macroeconomics I (x2, Prof. Eduardo Engel), Macroeconomics II (x2, Prof. Eduardo Engel), Microeconomics I (Prof. Juan Pablo Torres-Martínez)	
	<i>Undergraduate:</i> Calculus I (x2), Development Economics (x2), Econometrics I (x2), Econometrics II, Introduction to Economics, Mathematical Methods for Economics, Microeconomics I (x2), Microeconomics II (x3)	
PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Tax Policy Advisor, Ministry of Finance, Chile	2022
	Research Assistant for Danny Yagan, UC Berkeley	2018-2020
	Research Assistant for Alexander Gelber, UC Berkeley	2018
	Researcher, Espacio Público, Santiago, Chile	2016-2017
	Research Assistant for Roberto Álvarez, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile	2012-2016
	Research Assistant, Chilean Antitrust Agency, Santiago, Chile	2012-2013
	Research Assistant, ECLAC, Economic Development Department, Santiago, Chile	2010-2011
OTHER	Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent) Citizenship: Chilean	

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