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RESUME

EDUCATION

- 2003 **Ph.D. Economics**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Dissertation: Institutional Change and Economic Development from an Evolutionary Perspective (Committee Chairperson: Professor José Mendez)
- 2000 **M.S. Economics**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 1998 **M.A. Economics**, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
- 1996 **B.S. Economics**, Bolivian Catholic University, La Paz, Bolivia

FIELDS OF INTERESTS

Institutional Economics, Political Economy, Economic Freedom, Development Economics

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015–present **Chair, Department of Economics**, Mercer University, Macon, GA
- 2014–present **Director BB&T Center for Undergraduate Research in Public Policy and Capitalism**, Mercer University, Macon, GA
- 2013–present **Assistant Professor of Economics**, Mercer University, Macon, GA
- 2003–2009 **Assistant Professor of Economics**, American University of Sharjah, UAE
- 2000–2003 **Instructor of Economics**, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

VISITING ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2015 **Visiting Professor of Economics**, EAFIT University, Medellin, Colombia
- 2009–2011 **Visiting Professor of Economics**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

RECENT CONSULTING POSITIONS

- 2011–2013 **Senior Economist**, Deloitte Tax LLP, Atlanta, GA
- 2007–2009 **International Economic Consultant**, Dubai Economic Council, Dubai, UAE
Project: Drafting of the UAE Law of Foreign Direct Investment

ADDITIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2017–present **Associate Researcher**, Institute of Socio-Economic Research, La Paz, Bolivia
- 2005–present **Associate Researcher**, Institute for Development Studies, La Paz, Bolivia

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 “Intellectual Property Rights, Foreign Direct Investment and Economic Freedom” (with Gustavo Canavire and Fernando Rios-Avila). *Global Economy Journal* 17, 2.
- 2017 “Trade Effects of U.S. Antidumping Actions Against China.” (with Minsoo Lee and Donghyun Park). *Asian Economic Journal* 31, 1, p. 3-16.

- 2016 “Institutions of Economic Freedom and Generalized Trust: Evidence from the Eurobarometer Surveys.” *European Societies* 18, 1, p. 5-24.
- 2015 “Political Regime Stability and Economic Freedom.” *The Cato Journal* 35, 3, p. 581-602.
- 2014 “Productivity, Structural Change and Latin American Development” (with Carlos Machicado and Felix Rioja). *Review of Development Economics* 18, 3, p. 610-624.
- 2008 “Institutional Change from an Evolutionary Perspective: The Mexican Experience.” *Constitutional Political Economy* 19, 2, p. 129-147.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- 2017 “Pope Francis’s Economics: Good Intentions, Unfortunate Ideas.” *The Journal of Private Enterprise*.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2016 “Impact of Multilateral Trade Weighted Exchange Rate Volatility on Trade: A Structural VAR Analysis on Bangladesh” (with Shahnawaz Karim and Minsoo Lee)
- 2013 “Mining Investment in Bolivia from an Institutional Perspective” (with Carlos Machicado).
Supported by a \$2,000 grant from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation.
- 2008 “The Chilean Agricultural Transformation During the Second Half of the Twentieth Century: A Story of Institutional Change” (with Raimundo Soto) *Institute for Advanced Development Studies, Development Research Working Paper Series*, 8, 2008.
- 2008 “A Note on the Non-Linear Relationship Between Political Competition and Economic Freedom.” *Institute for Advanced Development Studies, Development Research Working Paper Series*, 7, 2008.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 2017 “Marxist Teaching in Children’s Literature” (with Clara Mengolini)
- 2016 “The Black Market for Antiretroviral Drugs in Georgia” (with Mercer University undergraduate student Robert Mueller).

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2017 “Marxist Teaching in Children’s Literature” (with Clara Mengolini). The Charles Koch Foundation. Amount: \$4,600.
- 2016 “Pope Francis’s Economics: Good Intentions, Unfortunate Ideas.” The Charles Koch Foundation. Amount: \$3,600.
- 2016 “The Black Market for Antiretroviral Drugs in Georgia” (with Mercer University undergraduate student Robert Mueller). Quality Enhancing Program, Mercer University. Amount: \$3,000.
- 2013 “Mining Investment in Bolivia from an Institutional Perspective” (with Carlos Machicado). Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation. Amount: \$2,000.

RECENT CONSULTING PROJECTS

- 2017 “Middle Georgia Air Strategic Plan” (with Goodwyn Mills and Cawood, Inc. and Maes Awyr, LLC). Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

- 2016 “The Economic Impact of Cox Communications in Middle Georgia.” Cox-Middle Georgia.

OP-EDs

- 2017 “Los Chanchitos y el Lobo.” *Página Siete*, La Paz, Bolivia, 10/17/2017 (<http://bit.ly/2roLclt>)
- 2017 “La Tibieza Intelectual de Samuel.” *Página Siete*, La Paz, Bolivia 9/3/2017 (<http://bit.ly/2FZ4uRC>)
- 2013 “Caballo de Troya para los Adolescentes.” *La Razón*, La Paz, Bolivia 12/26/2013 (<http://bit.ly/2DwoRaw>)
- 2010 “Código de Trabajo o Árbol de Navidad?” *Nueva Economía*, La Paz, Bolivia 4/13/2010 (<http://bit.ly/2FXUcS1>)

RECENT MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2017 WABE NPR, “The Repeal of Net Neutrality” (<http://bit.ly/2BgXwnJ>)
- 2017 ABC 16, “The Repeal of Net Neutrality” (<http://bit.ly/2iCfj1D>)
- 2017 Fox 24 WGXA, “Bitcoin: Technology of the Future” (<http://bit.ly/2DyskW3>)
- 2017 Middle Georgia CEO, “Mercer’s BB&T Center for Undergraduate Research in Public Policy and Capitalism” (<http://bit.ly/2DtNUet>)
- 2017 Wallet Hub, “The Potential Trade War with Mexico” (<http://bit.ly/2k0OOBd>)
- 2017 GPB NPR, “Trump’s One-In, Two-Out Regulatory Scheme” (<http://bit.ly/2l5tcZh>)
- 2016 CNN en Español, “The 2016 Nobel Prize in Economics” (<http://cnn.it/2ee1R1Y>)
- 2016 Middle Georgia CEO, “Mercer’s BB&T Center for Undergraduate Research in Public Policy and Capitalism” (<http://bit.ly/2dwxSRy>)
- 2016 Opinión, Machala, Ecuador, “Mercer on Mission and Economics Research in Zaruma, Ecuador”
- 2015 Fox 24 WGXA, “The Middle Georgia Economic Outlook Survey Mid-Year 2015” (<http://bit.ly/2doFOZ3>)
- 2015 Red Rana, “Environment and Capitalism” (<http://bit.ly/2cySO8w>)
- 2015 NewMedia at Universidad Francisco Marroquín, “Socialism of the 21st Century: Challenges for Latin America” (<http://bit.ly/2dgZKYz>)

REFEREE

Journal of International Money and Finance, Journal of Trust Research, Review of Development Economics, Latin American Journal of Economics

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

More than 40 public presentations in more than 15 different countries