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Education

Ph.D. in Economics Georgia State University, Spring 2010
Dissertation Title: Two Essays on Public Economics: The Consequences of
Fiscal Decentralization on Poverty and Inequality, and the
Second Best Solution to the Public Expenditure Problem
Committee members: Jorge L. Martinez-Vazquez (Chair), James R. Alm,
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B.S. in Business Administration, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso,
Chile, 1999 (Ranked first in the School)

Research and Teaching Interests

Public Economics, Fiscal Federalism, Applied Microeconomics, Macroeconomics

Professional Experience

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics Aug. 2013 - present

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics Aug. 2012 - July 2013

Senior Research Associate, International Center for Public Policy July 2009 - Aug. 2012

Research Associate, International Center for Public Policy Aug. 2005 - June 2009

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Economics Aug. 2002 - July 2005

Banco Chile, Santiago, Chile

Financial Risk Analyst Aug. 1999 - July 2002

Research

Refereed Journal Articles:

“The Consequences of Fiscal Decentralization on Poverty and Income Inequality,” *Environmental and Planning C: Government and Policy*, Vol. 29, No. 2 April 2011: 321-343 (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez).

Book Chapters:

“Intergovernmental Transfers in Latin America: A Policy Reform Perspective.” 2012. In *Decentralization and Reform in Latin America: Improving Intergovernmental Relations*, J.P. Jimenez and G. Brosio (Eds.), Edward Elgar and ECLAC, Santiago (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez).

“Explaining Property Tax Collections in Developing Countries: The Case of Latin America.” 2012. In *Decentralization and Reform in Latin America: Improving Intergovernmental Relations*, J.P. Jimenez and G. Brosio (Eds.), Edward Elgar Publishing and ECLAC, Santiago (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez).

“Reigning in Provincial Fiscal ‘Owners’: Decentralization in Lao P.D.R.” 2011. In *Decentralization in Developing Countries: Global Perspectives on the Obstacles to Fiscal Decentralization*, J.Martinez-Vazquez and F.Vaillancourt (Eds.), Edward Elgar, Northampton, Massachusetts (with J.L. Gomez and Jorge Martinez-Vazquez).

Working Papers:

“Toward a More General Theory of Revenue Assignments” (*Job Market Paper*). International Center for Public Policy Working Paper 12-31, October, 2012 (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez). Under review.

“Substitution and Income Effects of Lump-sum Income at the Aggregate Level: The Effective Budget Constraint of the Government and the Flypaper Effect.” Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Working Paper 12-29, November 2012.

“Public Goods, Labor Supply and the Source of Economic Distortions.” Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Working Paper 12-26, October 2012. Under Review.

“Subnational Revenue Mobilization in Peru.” IDB Working Paper Series No. IDB-WP-299, Inter-American Development, March 2012 (with Gustavo Canavire-Bacarreza and Jorge Martinez-Vazquez).

Work in Progress:

“GDP, Informality and Government Size: A Simultaneous Equations Approach” (with Andreas Buehn).

“Capital Transfers and Public Spending in Spain” (with Encarnación Murillo Garcia and Jorge Martinez-Vazquez)

Selected Teaching Experience

Instructor , Georgia State University	
Principles of Macroeconomics	Fall 2011 - Sum. 2013
Principles of Microeconomics	Spr. 2013 - Sum. 2013
Microeconomics for Public Policy (graduate level)	Spring 2013
Guest Lecturer , Training Courses on Fiscal Decentralization and Public Budgeting, International Center for Public Policy	July 2009 - present
Co-Trainer , One-week Courses on Local Economic Development and Fiscal Decentralization (in Spanish)	Nov. 2007 - Aug. 2010

Selected Public Policy Reports

“Descentralización de Fuentes de Ingresos y el Desarrollo de la Capacidad Recaudatoria de los Gobiernos Regionales y Municipales en Perú” (Decentralization of Revenue Sources and Tax Collection Capacity Building in Regional and Municipal Governments in Peru) Prepared for the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Government of Peru. June 2010 (with Juan Luis Gomez and Jorge Martinez-Vazquez).

“Las Transferencias de Nivelación: Propuestas para una Reforma del Sistema Peruano” (Equalization Transfers: Proposals for Reforming the Peruvian System). July 2009 (with Juan Luis Gomez and Jorge Martinez-Vazquez).

“El Sistema de Transferencias de Capital en Perú: Análisis y Propuestas de Reforma” (The Capital Transfer System in Peru: Analysis and Proposals for Reform). July 2009 (with Juan Luis Gomez and Jorge Martinez-Vazquez).

“The Municipal Transfer System in Nicaragua: Evaluation and Proposals for Reform.” International Studies Program Working Paper 08-01, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University. February 2008 (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez).

“Principles and Practice in Intergovernmental Transfers.” Report prepared for the Egyptian Government. August 2007 (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Wayne Thirsk).

“Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in Romania: Challenges and Options for Reform.” International Studies Program Working Paper 06-19, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University. June 2006 (with Jorge Martinez-Vazquez and Gabriel Leonardo and Benjamin Miller).

Professional Activities

Presentations:	The Political and Economic Consequences of Decentralization (International Conference), Santiago de Compostela, Spain (2009) The Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference (2011) Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (2012) Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association (2012)
Discussant:	National Tax Association (2008); Southern Economic Association (2012)

Referee: *Environmental and Planning C: Government and Policy, American Journal of Economics and Sociology, Eastern Economic Journal*

Other Information

Citizenship: Chile
Green Card holder (U.S. permanent resident)
Computer Skills: STATA, SAS, Scientific Workplace.
Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native)
Affiliations: American Economic Association; Southern Economic Association;
Western Economic Association International

Professional References

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