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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Economics, October 1998, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

MS, Economics, May 1995, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

BA, Economics, October 1986, Universidad del Valle, Cali Colombia.

AREAS OF INTEREST:

Public Economics, Urban and Regional Economics, Applied Econometrics and forecasting.

DISSERTATION TITLE:

"Fiscal Competition Among Jurisdictions: Evidence and Methodology"

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS:

"A Model of Welfare Competition with Evidence from AFDC," *Journal of Urban Economics* 47, 248-279 (2000)

"Do Local Governments Engage in Strategic Property-Tax Competition," *National Tax Journal*, Vol. LIV No. 2, 203-229 (2001); (jointly with J.K. Brueckner).

"Tests for Spatial Lag Dependence Based on Method of Moments Estimation," *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 33, 27-58 (2003).

"Exports and the Structure of Immigrant-Based Networks: The Role of Geographic Proximity," (jointly with Mark Herander), *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Volume 87, Number 2, May 2005, pp. 323-335(13).

"Fiscal Decentralization in Colombia," *Borradores de Economía*, Working Paper Series, Banco de la Republica, Colombia, August 2005.

"Yardstick Competition Versus Common Shocks: A reassessment Using U.S. States' Tax Liability Data," 2010; working paper.

Did PRWORA legislation induce a Race to the Bottom in Welfare Provision in the US? Evidence using States' Welfare Expenditures data from 1997-2006. Working paper; 2010.

Spatial Patterns of Poverty and Income distribution in Peru. Evidence from Provincial data, 1993-2005 (joint paper with Omar Arias and Javier Escobal). We are revising the paper to submit to another refereed journal.

Cross Country Spillovers of Social Capital (2010); joint working paper with Rob Riley; under review at the *Journal of Spatial Economic Analysis*.

TEACHING AND
PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE:

Associate Professor, Department of Economics,
University of St. Thomas, September 2001-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics,
University of South Florida, August 1998-August 2001.

Research Economist, Subgerencia de Estudios
Económicos, Banco de La Republica. Bogotá, Colombia,
January-December, 2000.

Part time Professor, Microeconomics, Department of
Economics, Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, spring and
fall, 2000.

Professor, Seminar in Advanced topics in Econometrics,
Module of Spatial Econometrics, Department of
Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, fall,
2000.

Teaching Assistant - Introductory Macroeconomics,
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fall 1997.

Research Assistant - Institute of Government and
Public Affairs, University of Illinois at Urbana-
Champaign, with Prof. J. Brueckner, summer 1997,
spring and summer 1998.

Research Assistant – Estudios Económicos, Central Bank
of Colombia, 1990-1993.

Teaching Assistant - Introductory Economics,
Universidad del Valle, Cali, Colombia, 1988-1990.

Research Assistant - CITCE, Universidad del Valle, Cali,
Colombia, 1986-1988.

CONFERENCES:

American Economic Meetings, Chicago, January 2-5,

1998. Presented paper: "Do Local Governments Engage in Strategic Property Tax Competition?" AREUEA Sessions.

Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Santa Fe, November 11-14, 1998. Presenter and discussant. Presented paper: "A Model of Welfare Competition with Evidence from AFDC."

Fiscal Competition and Federalism in Europe, Mannheim, Germany, June 2-3, 1999. Presenter and discussant. Presented paper: "A Model of Welfare Competition with Evidence from AFDC."

World Congress of the Econometric Society, Seattle, August 11-16, 2000. Presented paper: "Tests for Spatial Lag Dependence Based on Method of Moments Estimation."

Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Chicago, November 9-12, 2000. Presenter and discussant. Presented paper: "Tests for Spatial Lag Dependence Based on Method of Moments Estimation."

Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Puerto Rico, November 9-12, 2002. Presenter and discussant. Presented paper: "Exports and the Structure of Immigrant-Based Networks: The Role of Geographic Proximity,"

Annual Meetings of the National Tax Association, Minneapolis, November 9-12, 2004. Presenter and discussant. Presented paper: "Yardstick Competition Versus Common Shocks: A reassessment Using U.S. States' Tax Liability Data."

Minnesota Economic Association Meetings, "Lessons from Neuroeconomics," October, 14, 2005, St. Paul, MN.

Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, Las Vegas, November 9-12, 2005. Presenter and discussant. Presented paper: "Yardstick Competition Versus Common Shocks: A reassessment Using U.S. States' Tax Liability Data."

Annual Meetings of the Latino American Econometric Society, Bogota, October 4-6, 2007. Presented paper: "Yardstick Competition Versus

Common Shocks: A reassessment Using U.S. States' Tax Liability Data."

Annual Meetings of the Regional Science Association International, New York, November 20-23, 2008. Presented paper: "Did welfare reform in the U.S. induce a race to the bottom in cash assistance to the poor? Evidence using states' welfare expenditures from 1997-2006."

First Conference of the Regional Science Association of the Americas: RSAmericas, Cartagena, Colombia, February 12-14th, 2009. Presented paper: "Did welfare reform in the U.S. induce a race to the bottom in cash assistance to the poor? Evidence using states' welfare expenditures from 1997-2006."

Canadian Economic Association Meetings, Quebec, Canada, May 27-30, 2010. Presented paper: "Did welfare reform in the U.S. induce a race to the bottom in cash assistance to the poor? Evidence using states' welfare expenditures from 1997-2006."

World Conference of the Spatial Econometrics Association (SEA); June 9-12, 2010. Presented paper: "Did welfare reform in the U.S. induce a race to the bottom in cash assistance to the Poor? Evidence using States' Welfare Expenditures from 1998-2006."

Editorial Work:

Member of the Editorial Board of "Ensayos sobre Politica Economica; refereed Journal of the Central Bank of Colombia. Summer 2010-present.

HONORS AND AWARDS:

Central Bank of Colombia, Fellowship, 1993-1997.

Regional Science Association International (RSAI) 1999 Ph.D. Dissertation Award.

Richard Musgrave Prize, 2001. National Tax Association.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

Regional Science Association International
Econometric Society
Canadian Economic Association