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## Education

Ph.D. in Economics, Arizona State University; 2019.

M.Sc. in Economics (Research), London School of Economics and Political Science; 2013.

B.Sc. in Economics, University of Costa Rica; 2009.

## Current Employment

*Central Bank of Costa Rica:* Economist, Research Department (August 2019 - present).

*University of Costa Rica:* Instructor, Department of Economics (August 2019 - present).

## Research Fields

Macroeconomics, Economic Growth, Structural Transformation, Labor Economics.

## Published Research

“Structural Transformation and Sectoral Productivity in Costa Rica”, with A. Alfaro (2019). **Economía & Sociedad**, Escuela de Economía, Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica, vol. 24, Num. 55 (In Spanish).

“Price Adjustment in Costa Rica: A First Assessment Using Micro-Data” (2014). **Revista de Ciencias Económicas**, Instituto de Investigaciones en Ciencias Económicas, Universidad de Costa Rica, vol. 32, November.

“The Employment Dynamics in Costa Rica and the International Economic Crisis”, with A. Hernández & M. P. Zuñiga-Brenes (2013). In A. Ulate & M. Soto (eds.) **Costa Rica: Impacts and Lessons from the International Crisis 2008-2009**. United Nations Development Program & University of Costa Rica (In Spanish).

“The Out-of-Pocket and Catastrophic Health Expenditure Puzzle: The Costa Rican Case”, with M. P. Zuñiga-Brenes & J. R. Vargas-Brenes (2012). In Knaul, M.; Wong, R.; Arreola-Ornelas, H. (eds.) **Financing Health in Latin America, Volume 1: Household Spending and Impoverishment**. Global Health and Equity Series, Harvard University Press.

## Work in Progress

“World Polarization.”

“Wages during Structural Transformation: The Importance of Cohort Labor Supply Decisions,” with B. Hobijn and T. Schoellman.

“Job Polarization, Structural Transformation, and Non-Employment.”

## Conferences

2019: ASU ECN Reunion Conference.

2018: Spring Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, Western Economic Association Annual Conference.

## Research Experience

*Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis*: Research Analyst (Summer 2017).

*Central Bank of Costa Rica*: Junior Researcher, Research Department (May 2011 - August 2012; August 2013 - July 2014).

*University of Costa Rica*: Junior Researcher, Development Observatory (August - December 2010). Research Assistant, Development Observatory (February - June 2010). Research Assistant, Central American Population Center (August 2007 - July 2010).

## Teaching Experience

*Instructor*: Macroeconomic Theory 2 (UCR, II-2019 & I-2014), Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory (ASU, Summer 2018).

*Online Courses*: Introduction to Macroeconomics (ASU MOOC, 2017–2018, coder and forum manager).

*Teaching Assistant*: Topics in Macroeconomics 2 (UCR, II-2010), Topics in Macroeconomics 1 (UCR, I-2010), Intermediate Econometrics (UCR, I-2010), Basic Econometrics (UCR, II-2009), Development Economics (UCR, I-2009), Macroeconomic Theory 4 (UCR, I-2009), Microeconomic Theory 1 (UCR, II-2008), Macroeconomic Theory 3 (UCR, I-2008), Macroeconomic Theory 2 (UCR, I-2007).

## Honors and Awards

CASEE Summer Fellowship (ASU, 2017).

Best writing performance in comprehensive exam (ASU, 2017).

Best oral performance in comprehensive exam (ASU, 2017).

Graduate Program scholarship (Central Bank of Costa Rica, 2012-2013).

**Languages**

Spanish (native), English (fluent).

**References**

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