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CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

UCLA, Professor of Economics, 2022-

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

Princeton University, Professor of Economics, 2020-2022

UCLA, Professor of Economics, 2020-2022 (on leave)

UCLA, Associate Professor of Economics, 2017-2020

UCLA, Assistant Professor of Economics, 2011-2017

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Ph.D. in Economics, 2011

Universidad Torcuato DiTella, Graduate Studies in Economics, 2006

Universidad Torcuato DiTella, B.A. in Economics, Argentina, 2004

WORKING PAPERS

"Strategic Trade Infrastructure: Understanding China's Belt and Road Initiative," with Amit Khandelwal, Theodore Naff, and Edouard Schaal.

"The Value of De Minimis Imports," with Amit Khandelwal. Revise and Resubmit, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. NBER WP 33493.

"Political Preferences and Transport Infrastructure: Evidence from California's High-Speed Rail," with Cecile Gaubert, Nicole Gorton, Eduardo Morales, and Edouard Schaal. Revise and Resubmit, *American Economic Review*. NBER WP 31438.

"Trade Barriers and Market Power: Evidence from Argentina," with David Atkin, Joaquin Blaum, and Augusto Ospital. Reject and Resubmit, *American Economic Review*. NBER WP 32037.

PUBLISHED PAPERS

"Tariffs in 2025: Short-Run Impacts on the US Economy," with Amit Khandelwal. *Brookings Papers in Economic Activity*.

"Optimal Spatial Policies," with Cecile Gaubert. *Handbook of Urban and Regional Economics*

"Place-Based Policies: Lessons from Theory," with Cecile Gaubert. Forthcoming in NBER book: *The Economics of Place-Based Policies*.

"The US-China Trade War and Global Reallocations," with Penny Goldberg, Patrick Kennedy, Amit Khandelwal, and Daria Taglioni. *American Economic Review: Insights*, vol. 6 (2024).

"The Economic Impacts of the US-China Trade War," with Amit Khandelwal. *Annual Review of Economics*, vol. 14 (2022).

- "External Integration, Structural Transformation and Economic Development: Evidence from Argentina, 1870-1914," with Stephen Redding. *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 130 (2022).
- "Optimal Lockdown in a Commuting Network," with Amit Khandelwal, Wookun Kim, Cristiano Mantovani and Edouard Schaal. *American Economic Review: Insights*, vol. 3 (2021).
- "Optimal Transport Networks in Spatial Equilibrium," with Edouard Schaal. *Econometrica*, vol. 88 (2020).
- "The Return to Protectionism" with Penny Goldberg, Patrick Kennedy, and Amit Khandelwal. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 135 (2020) [Editor's Choice].
- "Labor Market Frictions, Firm Growth and International Trade." *Review of Economic Studies*, vol. 87 (2020).
- "Optimal Spatial Policies, Geography and Sorting," with Cecile Gaubert. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 135 (2020).
- "State Taxes and Spatial Misallocation," with Eduardo Morales, Juan Carlos Suárez Serrato, and Owen Zidar. *Review of Economic Studies*, vol. 86 (2019).
- "Uncertainty Traps," with Edouard Schaal and Mathieu Taschereau-Dumouchel. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 132 (2017).
- "Measuring the Unequal Gains from Trade," with Amit Khandelwal. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, vol. 131 (2016).
- "Internal Geography, International Trade, and Regional Specialization," with Kerem Coşar. *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics*, vol. 8 (2016).
- "A Linder Hypothesis for FDI," with Gene Grossman and Elhanan Helpman. *Review of Economic Studies*, vol. 82 (2015).
- "Income Distribution, Product Quality and International Trade," with Gene Grossman and Elhanan Helpman. *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. 119 (2011).

TEACHING

Ph.D.: International Economics, UCLA, 2011-2019, 2022-present; International Trade, Princeton, 2020-2022; Directed Research, Princeton, 2020-2022.

Master: International Economics, UCLA, 2017-2019, 2022-2024; UTDT, 2014-2016, 2018, 2025.

Undergraduate: International Trade Theory, UCLA, 2016-2019, 2022-2024; Junior Independent Workshop, Princeton 2020-2022; Economic Growth, UCLA, 2011-2015.

PH.D. STUDENTS

Javier Cravino (first job: Michigan), Federico Grinberg (IMF), Andreas Gulyas (Mannheim), Matias Vieyra (Bank of Canada), Yuan Tian (CMU postdoc, Nottingham), Wookun Kim (Southern Methodist University), Diana Van Patten (Yale SOM), Brett McCully (Collegio Carlo Alberto), Brian Pustilnik (Banco de Chile), Nicole Gorton (State Department), Augusto Ospital (Munich LMU), Younghoon Kim (NUS).

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), Research Associate, 2017-present.

International Growth Centre (IGC), Research Affiliate, 2016-present.

Trade, Integration, and Growth Network (TIGN), Advisory Committee, 2014-present.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Associate Editor, American Economic Review: Insights, 2022-present.

Associate Editor, Journal of Political Economy, 2021-present.

Associate Editor, Journal of International Economics, 2017-2023.

Academic Committee and Conference Organization: Chicago-Princeton Conference on Spatial Economics (2022-2026); Urban Economics Association European Meeting (Copenhagen 2024, vice-chair; Berlin 2025, chair; Barcelona 2026, vice-chair); Trade, Integration and Growth Network (Washington 2024; Bogotá 2019; UCLA 2015, co-organizer); International Economics Association World Congress (Lima 2023); Princeton IES Summer Workshop (2022, co-organizer); NBER ITI Summer Institute (2021, 2022, co-organizer); Urban Economics Association Summer School (online 2021); Urban Economics Association (Philadelphia, 2019; New York, 2018); Society of Economic Dynamics (Toulouse, 2016; Warsaw, 2015; Seoul, 2013); West Coast Trade Workshop (2014, co-organizer).

Refereed for: American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights; American Economic Journal (Applied Economics, Economic Policy, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics), Bank of Canada, B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Econometrica, Economic Inquiry, Economic Journal, Economics Letters, Economic Theory, European Economic Review, International Economic Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Growth, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Finance, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Urban Economics, Macroeconomic Dynamics, Quantitative Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of World Economics, Theoretical Economics.

Reviewer: European Research Council, National Science Foundation, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Luxembourg National Research Fund, Comunidad Andina de Fomento.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

SRF Grant #20253495, 2025-2026, "Tariffs in 2025."

NSF Grant #2446982, 2025-2028, "Understanding De Minimis Imports."

UC Institute of Transportation Studies, Resilient Mobility Initiative #2026-06, 2023-2024.

NBER-DOT Economics of Transportation in the 21st Century, 2022.

American Economic Review: Insights Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2020.

Economic Journal Referee Award, 2020.

UCLA Dubchansky Endowed Chair in Economics, 2019-present.

American Economic Review Excellence in Refereeing Award, 2018.

Sloan Research Fellow, 2017-2019.

NSF Grant #1529095, 2015-2018, "Measuring the Unequal Gains from Trade."

UCLA Center for American Politics and Public Policy Faculty Fellowship, 2015-2016.

United States Department of Agriculture, 2014-2016.

UCLA Council of Research Grant, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2018.

UCLA Ziman Center Research Fellowship, 2012-2014.

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Strategic Trade Infrastructure: Understanding China's Belt and Road Initiative." 2026: NYU, NBER ITI Summer Meeting, Cowles. Scheduled: SITE, Minnesota, UCSD, Columbia, Yale. 2025: HKUST, Berkeley, UTDT, UBA, Melbourne.

"Tariffs in 2025: Short-Run Impacts on the U.S. Economy." 2026: University of Ottawa. 2025: Asociacion Argentina de Economia Politica (Plenary), UTDT, UN Cuyo.

- "The Value of De Minimis Imports." 2025: IMF, St. Louis Fed, Duke; 2024: Georgetown, Princeton University.
- "Political Preferences and Transport Infrastructure: Evidence from California's High-Speed Rail." 2024: UC Irvine, Washington U. 2023: USC, Harvard, Michigan, NBER Urban. 2022: Atlanta Fed, Chicago, Princeton, UTDT.
- "The US-China Trade War and Global Reallocations." 2024: UIBE; 2023: Chinese Economic Society; 2022: Maryland, Purdue, Tsinghua, UK FCDO; 2021: Australasian Meeting of the Econometric Society, Bank of Portugal, Barcelona Summer Workshop, CEU Vienna, China Meeting of Econometric Society, Fed Board, HKU, Indiana, LACEA/LAMES, LACEA TIGN, Penn State, SMU Trade Workshop, UCSD.
- "Optimal Lockdown in a Commuting Network." 2020: Atlanta Fed Annual Employment Conference, NBER ITI COVID lightning talks, Rochester Virtual International Trade and Macro Seminar, Universidad de Chile, IATRC Annual Meeting.
- "The Return to Protectionism." 2019: Banco de Mexico, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Carnegie Mellon, CIREQ Montreal Macroeconomics Conference, IES Summer Workshop (Princeton), NBER EFG, Princeton, Sciences Po Summer Trade Workshop, USC, UTDT, West Coast Trade Workshop, Yale.
- "Optimal Spatial Policies, Geography and Sorting." 2019: Harvard; 2018: CEMFI, Duke, Georgetown, NBER Growth, Oregon, SED Meeting (Mexico), Stanford, Timbergen, UTDT, World Bank; 2017: Rochester, IIES.
- "Optimal Transport Networks in Spatial Equilibrium." 2020: NBER Virtual Economics of Transportation and Infrastructure Conference. 2018: UTDT; 2017: Columbia, Dartmouth, IES Summer Workshop (Princeton), LACEA, LSE, MIT, NBER Trade and Geography Conference, NBER ITI, NY Fed, Princeton, Richmond Fed, St. Louis Fed Macro-Trade Workshop, West Coast Trade Workshop, UCSD, World Bank Space and Productivity Conference; 2016: Penn State, RIDGE (Montevideo), SED Meeting (Toulouse), Toronto, USC, Yale.
- "State Taxes and Spatial Misallocation." 2016: Atlanta Fed, Bank of Italy, EIEF, Fed Board, Kansas Fed, Growth and Development Conference (ASU), NBER Growth, NYU, UTDT; 2015: Columbia, Cowles Macroeconomics Conference, Duke-ERID Conference on Spatial Equilibrium in Economics, Michigan, SED Meeting (Warsaw), St. Louis Fed, UBC, UCSD, West Coast Trade Workshop (Stanford).
- "Measuring the Unequal Gains from Trade." 2016: Central Bank of Argentina; 2014: AEA Meeting (Philadelphia), Cowles Macroeconomics Conference, Chicago, NBER ITI Summer Meeting, Northwestern, Ryerson, Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society (Minnesota), UNLP, USC, UTDT, World Bank. 2013: IGC Trade Working Group Annual Meeting, Harvard, Stanford, SED Meeting (Seoul).
- "External Integration, Structural Transformation and Economic Development: Evidence from Argentina, 1870-1914." 2014: AEA Meeting (Philadelphia), BREAD Junior Pre-Conference (Berkeley), Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (Brown), IES Summer Workshop (Princeton), MIT. 2013: Brown, Berkeley, UW-Madison, EIEF Junior Conference on Macroeconomics (Rome), LACEA (Mexico), UTDT.
- "Uncertainty Traps." 2013: UC Riverside, Latin-American Meeting of the Econometric Society (Mexico).
- "Internal Geography, International Trade, and Regional Specialization." 2013: West Coast Trade Workshop (Oregon). 2012: Columbia, Conference on Urban and Regional Economics (Princeton), UCSD, UDESA, UTDT, UPenn, Princeton, Yale.
- "Labor Market Frictions, Firm Growth and International Trade." 2012: AEA Meeting (Chicago), Arizona State University, Boston University, Minneapolis Fed, NBER Macro Perspectives Summer Meeting, San Francisco Fed, Southwest Search and Matching Conference, UC Irvine; 2011: MIT, New Faces in International Economics Conference, NBER ITI Summer Meeting, UDESA, UTDT; *Job Talks*: CREI, Fed Board, LSE, Northwestern, Rotman, Stanford, UCLA, UCSD, Maryland.
- "A Linder Hypothesis for FDI." 2012: UC Davis, SED Meeting (Cyprus); 2011: IES Summer Workshop (Princeton), UDESA.
- "Income Distribution, Product Quality and International Trade." 2011: SED Meeting (Ghent); 2010: AEA Meeting (Atlanta), ERWIT (Rome); 2009: CEPR Conference on Product Quality (Zurich), NBER ITI Summer Meeting, LACEA (Buenos Aires), UDESA, UTDT.
- Paper Discussions: 2025: IES Summer Workshop, West Coast Spatial Workshop; 2023: IES Summer Workshop, West Coast Spatial Workshop; NBER ITI; 2021: International Economics Handbook Conference; 2020: NBER ITI Summer; 2018: California Macroeconomics Conference, NBER ITI Summer; 2017: NBER EFG Summer; 2016: IES Summer Workshop; 2015: LACEA TIGN; 2014: New Faces in International Economics, LACEA TIGN; 2013: IES Summer Workshop, NBER ITI Summer Meeting; 2012: IES Summer Workshop, Tsinghua Monetary Policy Conference; 2011: ILO Globalization and Labor Market Outcomes Conference.

PUBLISHED BOOK

“¿Por qué Argentina no fue Australia?” (with Pablo Gerchunoff), Editorial Siglo XXI, Buenos Aires (1st edition 2006, 2nd edition 2016).