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Positions and Education

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS, 2023 – PRESENT Boston University, Boston, MA, USA

Assistant Professor of Economics, 2017 – 2023 Boston University, Boston, MA, USA

FACULTY RESEARCH FELLOW, ECONOMIC FLUCTUATIONS & GROWTH (EFG); LABOR STUDIES (LS), 2020 – PRESENT National Bureau of Economic Research, Cambridge, MA, USA

COWLES FOUNDATION FELLOW, 2016–2017 Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA

PhD in Economics, 2011–2016 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, USA

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AND MATHEMATICS, 2005–2010 Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

WORKING PAPERS

1. Not a Typical Firm: Capital-labor Substitution and Firms' Labor Shares. With Joachim Hubmer.

2. Optimal Gradualism.

With Nils H. Lehr.

3. Automation and Rent Dissipation: Implications for Inequality, Productivity, and Welfare. With Daron Acemoglu.

4. Automation Technology and its Impact on Labor Markets. In preparation for the *Annual Review of Economics*.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. Uneven Growth: Automation's Impact on Income and Wealth Inequality. 2022. Econometrica. With Ben Moll and Lukasz Rachel.

2. Tasks, Automation, and the Rise of US Wage Inequality. 2022. Econometrica With Daron Acemoglu.

3. AI and Jobs: Evidence from Online Vacancies. 2022. Journal of Labor Economics With Daron Acemoglu, David Autor and Joe Hazell.

4. Demographics and Automation. 2022. Review of Economic Studies With Daron Acemoglu.

5. Scarcity Without Leviathan: The Violent Effects of Cocaine Supply Shortages in the Mexican Drug War. 2020. Review of Economics and Statistics. With Juan Camilo Castillo and Daniel Mejia.

6. Democracy Does Cause Growth. 2020. Journal of Political Economy. With Daron Acemoglu, Suresh Naidu and James Robinson.

7. Robots and Jobs: Evidence from US Local Labor Markets. 2019. Journal of Political Economy. With Daron Acemoglu.

8. The Race Between Man and Machine: Implications of Technology for Growth, Factor Shares and Unemployment. 2018. American Economic Review. With Daron Acemoglu.

9. Regulatory Protective Measures and Risky Behavior: Should We Be Saved from Ourselves? 2017. Journal of Public Economics. With Alberto Chong.

10. On the Effects of Enforcement on Illegal Markets: Evidence from A Quasi Experiment in Colombia. 2017. World Bank Economic Review. With Daniel Mejia and Sandra Rozo.

11. The Economics of the War on Illegal Drug Production and Trafficking. 2016. Journal of Economic Behavior and Organizations. With Daniel Mejia.

12. Crime and Conspicuous Consumption. 2016. Journal of Public Economics. With Daniel Mejia.

NON-REFEREED AND INVITED PUBLICATIONS, CHAPTERS, AND OTHER WRITINGS

1. Advanced Technology Adoption: Selection or Causal Effects? 2023. AEA, Papers and Proceedings.

With Daron Acemoglu, Gary Anderson, David Beede, Catherine Buffington, Eric Childress, Emin Dinlersoz, Lucia Foster, Nathan Goldschlag, John Haltiwanger, Zachary Kroff and Nikolas Zolas.

2. Automation and the Workforce: A Firm-Level View from the 2019 Annual Business Survey. 2022. CRIW Conference on Technology, Productivity, and Economic Growth.

With Daron Acemoglu, Gary Anderson, David Beede, Catherine Buffington, Eric Childress, Emin Dinlersoz, Lucia Foster, Nathan Goldschlag, John Haltiwanger, Zachary Kroff and Nikolas Zolas.

3. Does the US Tax Code Favor Automation? 2020. Brookings Papers in Economic Activity.

With Daron Acemoglu and Andrea Manera.

4. Unpacking Skill Bias: Automation and New Tasks. 2020. AEA, Papers and Proceedings. With Daron Acemoglu.

5. Competing with Robots: Firm-level Evidence from France. 2020. AEA, Papers

and Proceedings. With Daron Acemoglu and Claire Lelarge.

6. Automation and New Tasks: How Technology Displaces and Reinstates Labor. 2019. Journal of Economic Perspectives. With Daron Acemoglu.

7. Modeling Automation. 2018. AEA, Papers and Proceedings. With Daron Acemoglu.

8. Low-skill and High-skill Automation. 2018. Journal of Human Capital. With Daron Acemoglu.

9. Artificial Intelligence, Automation and Work. 2017. The Economics of Artificial Intelligence, NBER With Daron Acemoglu.

10. Secular Stagnation? The Effect of Aging on Economic Growth in the Age of Automation. 2017. American Economic Review, Papers and Proceedings. With Daron Acemoglu.

11. Democracy, Redistribution and Inequality. 2014 Handbook of Income Distribution

With Daron Acemoglu, Suresh Naidu and James Robinson.

12. Why is Strict Prohibition Collapsing? 2014. Ending the Drug Wars, Report of the LSE Expert Group on the Economics of Drug Policy. With Daniel Mejia.

13. The War on Illegal Drugs in Producer and Consumer Countries: A Simple Analytical Framework. 2011. Illicit Trade and the Global Economy. With Daniel Mejia.

14. Un Recorrido por la Combinatoria. 2010. (A Pathway Through Combinatorics) math book on problem solving written in Spanish) published by Universidad Antonio Narino, Bogota Colombia.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND REFEREEING AWARDS

Associate Editor, Journal of the European Economic Association, 2021–2024.

Program Committee, Labor and Employment Relations Association, ASSA Meeting, 2022– 2024.

Program Committee, SOLE Summer Meeting, 2021.

Guest Editor, special issue "Technology and the Labour Market," Labour Economics, 2019.

Excellence in refereeing award, AER: Insights, 2021, 2022.

Excellence in refereeing award, Review of Economic Studies, 2020, 2022.

Excellence in refereeing award, American Economic Review, 2018.

AWARDS, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, AND GRANTS

- 2021Grant National Science Foundation—Technology, Automation and Inequality (PI)
- Grant Banque de France-Estimating the Productivity of Robots using Microdata (PI) 2018
- 2009First Prize, International Mathematics Competition for University Students.
- 2005International Mathematical Olympiad Silver and Bronze Medalist.
- 2005Clay Mathematics Research Academy, Boston.

Conferences and Seminars

2023: American Economic Association; Cornell; Lecturer: NBER Young Scholars Workshop on AI, San Francisco; Berkeley; San Francisco Fed; Atlanta Fed; Arizona State University; Chicago; Stanford; Chicago Fed; Society for Economic Dynamics; NBER Summer Institute (Growth and Macro Public Finance).

2022: Society for Economic Dynamics, NBER Pre-conference on Research on Income and Wealth; British Academy Conference on the Future of Labour Markets; Glascow; Fordham; Tilburg University; Utrecht University; Western Ontario; Darthmouth.

2021: RIDGE Virtual Forum; NBER Labor Studies, Fall Meeting; NBER Summer Institute, EFG and Macro Perspectives; NBER Pre-conference on Research on Income and Wealth; Keynote speaker, Populism, Inequalities and Institutions, LSE; Philly Macro Workshop; Lecturer, NBER Young Scholars Workshop on AI, Toronto; Clemson; Wharton; Penn State; Universidad de los Andes; Cornell; Georgetown; George Mason; Chile Central Bank; Toronto; London School of Economics; Virginia; Federal Reserve Board; U. Connecticut; Copenhagen.

2020: Macroeconomics & Labor in the Age of AI, IMF; American Economic Association; Lecturer, NBER Young Scholars Workshop on AI, Toronto; Princeton; Duke; MIT; Queen Mary University London; IZA; CEMFI; University of Washington; ICESI; Universidad de Antioquia.

2019: NBER Summer Institute, Growth Meeting; American Economic Association; SED; Keynote speaker, TASKS conference, Bonn; Lecturer, NBER Young Scholars Workshop on AI, Toronto; Brown; Einaudi; European University Institute; London Business School; Saint Louis Fed; Boston College.

2018: NBER Summer Institute, Labor studies; American Economic Association; Institute Conference, Minneapolis FED; Boston Economic Group Luncheon; NYU, New York FED, IMF,

2017: NBER Summer Institute, Labor studies, Aging, and EFG; American Economic Association; Labor Markets in the Age of Inequality, UC Davis; Innovation and Inequality Workshop, Washington University, St Louis; Innovation, Inequality, and Growth, College de France; Philadelphia Macro Workshop; World Bank; Tufts; Chicago Booth; John Hopkins University; University of Southern California; UCLA; U. Connecticut; Berkeley Haas.

2016: Harvard; Wisconsin; Georgetown; Columbia Business School; CREI; World Bank; Yale; Boston University; UC San Diego; IIES; Economics of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Queen's University

Earlier: NBER Summer Institute, 2015, Economic Growth Group; American Economic Association Annual Meeting, 2015, Boston; Transatlantic Crime Workshop, 2014, Bocconi University; NBER Summer Institute, 2014, The Economics of Crime Group; UCLA International Institute, 2013; Advances in the Economics of Income Distribution, 2013, Paris (PSE); ALCAPONE 2011, Rio de Janeiro; LACEA/LAMES 2010, 2008.