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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Political Economy, Comparative Politics, Development Economics, Conflict Studies.

EDUCATION

Universidad de los Andes M.A in Economics. GPA: 4.69/5.0; U.S GPA: 4.0/4.0; Rank: 2/26.	<i>Jan 2020 - Dec 2022</i> Bogotá, Colombia
Universidad Nacional de Colombia B.A. in Economics. GPA: 4.4/5.0; U.S GPA: 3.77/4.0; Rank: 2/68	<i>Aug 2014 - Nov 2019</i> Bogotá, Colombia
Universidad Nacional de Colombia B.A. in History. GPA: 4.7/5.0	<i>Jan 2018 - Present</i> Bogotá, Colombia
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Academic Exchange (B.A in History)	<i>Jul 2023 - Jan 2024</i> Amsterdam, Netherlands

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Predoctoral Research Fellow - RPDE <i>Princeton University</i> PI: Dr. Micaela Sviastchi .	<i>Feb 2024 - Present</i> <i>Princeton, NJ</i>
Research Assistant <i>University of Minnesota</i> Conducting business and human rights data analysis, applying econometric models to firm-level datasets to examine the factors influencing large enterprises' adoption of human rights policies. PI: Dr. Tricia Olsen .	<i>July 2024 - Sept 2024</i>
Research Consultant <i>World Bank</i> Project: Forced Displacement, the Perpetuation of Autocratic Leaders, and Development in Origin Countries. PI: Dr. Sandra Rozo and Dr. Micaela Sviastchi . [Working Paper]	<i>Feb 2023 - Jun 2024</i> <i>Bogotá, Colombia</i>
Researcher <i>Universidad Javeriana - Atlantic Council</i> Support survey design, enumerators training, and quantitative analysis for the project: Justice Fair Play Initiative: The key to improving justice delivery in Colombia. PI: Dr. Juan Carlos Botero . [Report]	<i>Feb 2023 - Dec 2023</i> <i>Bogotá, Colombia</i>
Consultant Specialist - Quantitative Methods <i>Panagora Group - USAID-MEL Activity</i> Assisted in survey design, surveyor training, and conducted field visits in Colombian Amazonian communities. Responsible for baseline data collection, cleaning, and analysis. [Report] [Paper]	<i>Mar 2022 - Feb 2023</i> <i>Bogotá, Colombia</i>

Predoctoral Research Fellow Jul 2021 - Feb 2023
Center of Studies on Economic Development (CEDE), Universidad de los Andes Bogotá, Colombia
Project: State as Society: Evidence from Colombian paramilitarism. PI: [Dr. Juan Sebastián Galán](#) and [Dr. James Robinson](#).

Research Assistant Jul 2021- Nov 2022
Universidad Javeriana - USAID Bogotá, Colombia
Project: Inclusive Economic Growth for Sustainable Peace? PI: [Dr. Laura Bernal](#), [Dr. Tricia Olsen](#) and [Dr. Kelly Jones](#). [\[Link\]](#)

Research Assistant Apr 2021-Jan 2022
Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA), Stanford University
Project: Mapping Urban Change in Colombia: Violence and Resilience, 1970-2019. PI: [Dr. Zephyr Frank](#) and [Dr. Constanza Castro](#).

Research Assistant Mar 2017-May 2021
Colombian Academy of Economics Sciences Bogotá, Colombia
Assisted PI: [Dr. Edgar Reveiz](#), [Alcides Gómez](#) and [Dr. Francisco Thoumi](#).

Undergraduate Research Assistant Jul 2017-Dec 2017
Faculty of Economics Science, Universidad Nacional de Colombia Bogotá, Colombia

Undergraduate Research Assistant Jul 2017-Dec 2017
Observatory of Agricultural Policy, Universidad Nacional de Colombia Bogotá, Colombia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universidad de los Andes T.A General Economic History. Lecturer: Dr. Juan Sebastián Galán	<i>Jan 2023 - July 2023</i>
Universidad de los Andes T.A Market, Freedom, and Order. Lecturer: Dr. Jimena Hurtado	<i>Jan 2021 - May 2021</i>
Universidad de los Andes T.A History of Economic Analysis. Lecturer: Dr. Andrés Alvarez	<i>Jan 2020 - Dec 2020</i>
Universidad Nacional de Colombia T.A History of Economic Thought. Lecturer: Dr. Hernando Matallana	<i>Jan 2019 - Jul 2019</i>
Universidad Nacional de Colombia T.A General Economic History. Lecturer: Dr. Heraclio Bonilla Mayta	<i>Jan 2016 - Aug 2017</i>

RELEVANT COURSES

Real Analysis and Optimization (5/5)	Advanced Game Theory (Pass)
Big Data and Machine Learning (5/5)	Advanced Macroeconomics -DSGE - (4.61/5)
Advanced Econometrics (4.3/5)	Master Thesis (5/5)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Software: Proficient in Stata, Python, R, ArcGIS, QGIS, LaTeX and MatLab

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (fluent), and French (intermediate)

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Colombian Academy of Economic Sciences 2023
Invitation to become member of the Young Colombian Academy of Economic Sciences

Universidad Nacional de Colombia 2021, 2022
Honor Scholarship for highest GPA in the History undergraduate program (GPA: 4.9/5.0).

Universidad Nacional de Colombia 2020
Best Undergraduate Thesis in Economics Annual Prize.

Universidad de los Andes 2020
Francisco Pizano de Brigard Full Scholarship for master studies in Economics.

Ministry of National Education of Colombia 2018
Best results in National Exams in Economics and General Knowledge (SABER PRO) .

Universidad Nacional de Colombia 2015, 2016, 2017, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
Scholarship for academic excellence and GPA performance in the Economics and History program.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2025
Presentation at the panel: “Bullets and Ballots: Insurgents and Successors in Latin America”.

RIDGE/LACEA 2025
Presentation at Political Economy Workshop (Lima, Perú).

Humans LACEA Network 2025
Presentation at the Humans LACEA Network (Ciudad de México, México).

Critical Economics Journeys, Argentina 2024
Presentation at the XVII Critical Economics Journeys (Buenos Aires, Argentina).

Colombian Academy of Economics Science 2023
Installation of the Colombian Young Academy of Economic Sciences (Bogotá, Colombia).

University of Denver 2023
Commentator at the Korbel Research Seminar and speaker in an academic workshop at the Daniels College of Business, University of Denver, funded by USAID and the National Academy of Sciences.

Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) 2022
XXIII version of The Latin American School of Latin American Development (Santiago, Chile).

Critical Economic Society of Spain 2018
Presentation at the 16th Jornadas de Economía Crítica (León, Spain).

PUBLICATION, WORKING PAPERS AND DATASETS

Jones, K. W., Cabra-Ruiz, N., Correa Sánchez, N., Molina González, E., Vélez, M. A. (2024). Land Tenure Security and Forest Cover in the Colombian Amazon. *Frontiers in Forests and Global Change*, 7, 1487898.[\[Link\]](#)

Cabra-Ruiz, N., Rozo, S. V., Sviatschi, M. M. (2024). Forced Displacement, the Perpetuation of Autocratic Leaders, and Development in Origin Countries (No. w33131). National Bureau of Economic Research.[\[Link\]](#)

Cabra-Ruiz, N., Torres, S., Wills-Otero, L., Castilla-Gutiérrez, V. (2023). Una caracterización histórica de los partidos políticos de Colombia: 1958-2022 (A historical characterization of Colombian political parties: 1958-2022). Documento CEDE, (36). [\[Link\]](#) [\[Dataset\]](#)

Cabra-Ruiz, N. (2023). El Baile Rojo: impacto de la violencia política sobre el comportamiento electoral, el caso de la Unión Patriótica (1984-2007) Documentos CEDE 20683, Universidad de los Andes, Facultad de Economía – CEDE. [\[Link\]](#)

Bobadilla, S., Cabra, N. & Escobar, N. (2019). Café ¿alternativa para la sustitución de cultivos de uso ilícito? Econografos - Escuela de Economía 017286, Universidad Nacional de Colombia-FCE-CID. [\[Link\]](#)

Cabra, N. (2019). Evaluación de la Misión Bogotá S.XXI en la cobertura de servicios públicos domésticos (1990-2017). Econografos – Facultad de Ciencias Económicas 017215. Universidad Nacional de Colombia. [\[Link\]](#)

Cabra, N., Escobar, N. & Herrera, A. (2019). Determinantes de la violencia homicida en Bogotá 2002-2010. Econografos Escuela de Economía 017223, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. [\[Link\]](#)

Cabra, N. (2019). La globalización como proceso sinérgico en la evolución del desarrollo humano y la educación. Econografos Escuela de Economía 017236, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. [\[Link\]](#)

Cabra, N. (2019). Los polos de desarrollo de François Perroux en el modelo de regionalización para Colombia (1969-1972), Econografos - Escuela de Economía 017392, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. [\[Link\]](#)

Cabra, N. (2019). Del papel a la sustitución de cultivos ilícitos: análisis de la implementación del punto 4 del Acuerdo de paz en el departamento del Cauca. Econografos - Escuela de Economía 017437, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. [\[Link\]](#)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Justice Fair Play Initiative: The Key to Improving Justice Delivery in Colombia. (2024). *Final Report for the Adrienne Arsht Latin American Center of Atlantic Council*. [\[Link\]](#)

Inclusive Economic Growth For Sustainable Peace? An evaluation of development mechanism and conservation efforts in post-conflict Colombia.(2023). *Final Project Report for the U.S National Academy of Science and United States Agency for International Development (USAID)*. [\[Link\]](#)

The baseline for a performance evaluation of the Amazon Alive activity in Colombia (2023). *Baseline Evaluation Report for USAID/Colombia Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Activity*. [\[Link\]](#)

SERVICE

Peer Reviewer

CEPAL Review — Journal edited by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean.