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**Academic Positions** Assistant Professor 2020-  
Department of Economics  
University of Toronto

Postdoctoral Fellow 2019-20  
Institute on Behavior and Inequality (briq)

**Affiliations** Affiliated Researcher 2019-  
MIT School Effectiveness and Inequality Initiative (SEII)

**Education** Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Ph.D., Economics, 2019  
Committee: Esther Duflo, Parag Pathak, Joshua Angrist

Universidad de los Andes  
M.A. *cum laude*, Economics, 2012  
B.A. *summa cum laude*, Economics, 2010

**Working Papers** Social and Academic Peer Effects: Experimental Evidence from Selective High Schools in Peru

Choice and Consequence: Assessing Mismatch at Chicago Exam Schools with Joshua Angrist and Parag Pathak. NBER Working Paper 26137, August 2019.

Proximity Fosters Diversity: Network Formation at Selective Boarding High Schools in Peru

**Publications** Cash and Ballots: Conditional Transfers, Political Participation and Voting Behavior with Emily Conover, Adriana Camacho, and Javier Baez. *Journal of Economic Development and Cultural Change*, (forthcoming).

Regression Discontinuity in Serial Dictatorship: Achievement Effects at Chicago's Exam Schools with Atila AbdulkadIroglu, Joshua D. Angrist, Yusuke Narita and Parag A. Pathak. *American Economic Review: Papers & Proceedings*, May 2017, Vol. 107, No. 5: Pages 240-245.

**Research Experience** Research Associate SEII 2014-19  
Professors Joshua Angrist and Parag Pathak

Research Assistant 2014  
Professors Melissa Dell and Ben Olken  
Professor Adriana Camacho 2008 -13  
Professor Pablo Querubín 2012 -13

<b>Teaching Experience</b>	TA Data Analysis for Social Scientists, MIT	2016
	TA Industrial Organization & Competitive Strategy, MIT	2016
	TA Principles of Microeconomics, MIT	2015
	TA for Advanced Econometrics, Universidad de los Andes	2012
	Stata Course, Universidad de los Andes	2011-13
<b>Grants and Awards</b>	IADB Increasing Trust in Latin America (\$30,000)	2019
	ICFES Research Grant (\$15,500)	2019
	J-WEL Workplace Learning Innovation Grant (\$69,360)	2019
	Spencer NAEd Dissertation Fellowship	2018
	Weiss Family Fund (\$21,584)	2017
	MIT Economics Department Fellowship	2013-15
	Portafolio Awards (finalist)	2010
	Universidad de los Andes Scholarship for Master in Economics	2010
	Colombian National Exam of Undergraduate Quality (1st/3,491)	2010
Universidad de los Andes Ramón de Zubiría Scholarship	2009	
Universidad de los Andes Academic Excellence Scholarship	2008, 2010	
<b>Academic Presentations</b>	2019: Notre Dame (Keough), PUC Chile, Universidad de los Andes, Universidad del Rosario, Arizona, Toronto, Maryland AREC, Michigan School of Information, briq/IZA Behavioral Economics of Education, Northwestern (Rookiefest), Barcelona GSE, AFE Conference (Chicago), IZA Education.	
	2018: NEUDC (Cornell)	
<b>Referee Service</b>	<i>Management Science, American Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i>	
<b>References</b>	Esther Duflo Abdul Latif Jameel of Poverty Alleviation and Development Economics Massachusetts Institute of Technology email: <a href="mailto:eduflo@mit.edu">eduflo@mit.edu</a>	
	Parag Pathak Jane Berkowitz Carlton and Dennis William Carlton Professor of Microeconomics Massachusetts Institute of Technology email: <a href="mailto:ppathak@mit.edu">ppathak@mit.edu</a>	
	Josh Angrist Ford Professor of Economics Massachusetts Institute of Technology email: <a href="mailto:angrist@mit.edu">angrist@mit.edu</a>	
<b>Languages</b>	English (fluent), Spanish (native).	
<b>Software</b>	STATA, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, MATLAB, ArcGIS, R, Python	