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**CURRENT APPOINTMENTS:**

Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Pennsylvania, since July 2011.

**EDUCATION:**

Pd.D. in Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2011.

M.A. in Economics (with Honors), Universidad de los Andes, 2004.

B.A. in Economics and History (Magna Cum Laude), Universidad de los Andes, 2003.

**REFEREED PUBLICATIONS:**

“The Political Economy of Moral Conflict: An Empirical Study of Learning and Law Enforcement under Prohibition”, *Econometrica*, 2016, **84** (2): 511-570; with online supplemental material.

“State Capacity and Economic Development: A Network Approach”, with Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson, *The American Economic Review*, 2015, **105** (8): 2364-2409; with online supplemental material.

“Finding Eldorado: Slavery and Long-Run Development in Colombia”, with Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 2012, **40** (4): 534-564.

**BOOK CHAPTERS:**

“The Myth of the Frontier”, with James A. Robinson, in Dora Costa and Naomi Lamoreaux (eds.), *Understanding Long-Run Economic Growth. Geography, Institutions, and the Knowledge Economy*. The University of Chicago Press, 2011.

“Prosperity, Inequality, and Elites: The Determinants of Political Office-holding in Nineteenth-Century Antioquia”, with James A. Robinson, in Adolfo Meisel and María Teresa Ramírez (eds.), *Colombian Economic History in the Nineteenth Century*, Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2010.

**WORKING PAPERS:**

“A Framework for Eliciting, Incorporating, and Disciplining Identification Beliefs in Linear Models”, with Francis J. DiTraglia, NBER Working paper, No. 22621 (2017); submitted for publication.

“Matching Pennies on the Campaign Trail: An Empirical Study of Media Coverage and Senate Elections”, with Pinar Yildirim, NBER Working paper No. 23198 (2017); submitted for publication.

“Women, Rails, and Telegraphs: An Empirical Study of Information Diffusion and Collective Action”, with Angel Iglesias and Pinar Yildirim, University of Pennsylvania (2017).

“Mis-classified, Binary, Endogenous Regressors: Identification and Inference”, with Francis J. DiTraglia, University of Pennsylvania (2017).

“Forced Displacement and De Facto Land Reform in Rural Colombia”, with Francis J. DiTraglia, University of Pennsylvania (2017).

“Program Evaluation in the Presence of Strategic Interactions and Spillover Effects”, with Daron Acemoglu and Rossa O’Keefe-O’Donovan, University of Pennsylvania (2017).

**ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS:**

“An Empirical Investigation of Immigration Enforcement Policy, Social Trust, and Crime”, with Alberto Ciancio.

“Dynamic Political Compromise: The National Front in Colombia”, with Nicolas Idrobo.

“The Network Economics of Civil Liberties”, with Selman Erol.

“The Catholic Church Sexual Abuse Crisis: A Study on the Emergence of Common Knowledge”, with Petra Todd.

**HONORS:**

Hal Varian Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2016-2017.

Lauchlin Currie Fellow, Banco de la Republica de Colombia, 2006-2011.

**GRANTS:**

Vice-Provost for Research URF grant, University of Pennsylvania (with Francis J. DiTraglia), 2016.

Wharton School Dean's Research Fund grant, University of Pennsylvania (with Pinar Yildirim), 2015.

Net Institute Research Grant (with Pinar Yildirim), 2015.

Vice-Provost for Research URF grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2014.

George and Obie Schultz research grant, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2009.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Member, National Bureau of Economic Research, since 2016.

Member, Warren Center for Network and Data Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, since 2013.

Member, Econometric Society, since 2012.

Member, American Economic Association, since 2012.

Organizer, Penn Political Economy Conference on State Capacity, University of Pennsylvania, 2013.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (EDITORIAL):**

Reviewer, Journal of Political Economy, since 2011.

Reviewer, International Economic Review, since 2011.

Reviewer, Journal of Development Economics, since 2011.

Reviewer, Public Choice, since 2011.

Reviewer, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, since 2012.

Reviewer, Econometrica, since 2013.

Reviewer, Review of Economics and Statistics, since 2013.

Reviewer, Oxford Development Studies, since 2013.

Reviewer, Journal of the European Economic Association, since 2014.

Reviewer, Journal of Comparative Economics, since 2014.

Reviewer, Journal of Public Economics, since 2014.

Reviewer, Review of Economic Studies, since 2015.

Reviewer, Quantitative Economics, since 2016.

Reviewer, American Economic Review, since 2016.

Reviewer, Economic Letters, since 2017.

Reviewer, Economica, since 2017.

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (LECTURES AND CONFERENCES):**

Berkeley Conference on Political Economy and Governance, Sept. 2017.

LACEA/RIDGE conference in Political Economy, May 2017.

Harvard University, March 2017.

New York University, March 2017.

Brown University, Feb. 2017.

Columbia University, Dec. 2016.

University of California-Berkeley, April 2016.

Tufts University, April 2016.

New York University-Abu Dhabi, March 2016.  
Stockholm University, Nov. 2015.  
Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Nov. 2015.  
CEMFI, Nov. 2015.  
Wallis Political Economy Conference, University of Rochester, Sept. 2015.  
SITE Conference, July 2015.  
Princeton University, March 2015.  
Harvard University, Oct. 2014.  
University of California-Berkeley, Sept. 2014.  
Princeton Political Economy Conference, Princeton University, April 2014.  
California Institute of Technology, March 2014  
New York University, Feb. 2014.  
University of Rochester, Jan. 2014.  
George Mason University, Oct. 2013.  
Institutional Challenges in Emerging Economies Conference, Stockholm School of Economics, Sept. 2013.  
University of British Columbia, May 2013.  
Yale University, April 2013.  
Johns Hopkins University, Oct. 2012.  
Cornell University, Nov. 2011.  
University of Toronto, Sept. 2011.  
Journal of Comparative Economics Conference: Institutions in Africa, Latin America, and Around the World, University of Pittsburgh, Sept. 2011.

**PH.D. DISSERTATION ADVISEES (PENN ECONOMICS DEPT.):**

Rossa O'Keefe-O'Donovan, ('17), Alberto Ciancio ('17), Ekim Cem Muyan ('16), Devin Reilly ('16).