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## EDUCATION

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2023	Ph.D. Economics Student, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2021	MA. Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
2014	MA. Economics, Universidad de los Andes
2013	BA. Economics, Universidad Nacional de Colombia
2011	BA. Economics, Universidad de los Andes

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Spr 23 –	Economics Department, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. UWW - Teaching Associate of Macroeconomics 104
Fall 19 – Fall 21	Economics Department, Amherst College. Teaching Assistant of the Economics Honors Seminar and Stata
Fall 11 – Fall 18	School of Economics, Universidad de los Andes. Teaching Assistant of Introduction to Colombian Economy, Colombian Economic History, General Economic History, Macroeconomics II and III
Fall14 – Spr 16	School of Finance, Government and International Relations, Universidad Externado de Colombia. Lecturer of Macroeconomics and Economic theory

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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01/21 –	ISSR, University of Massachusetts (US). Methods consultant
05/22 –	CoreWoman, Researcher
01/22 – 01/23	PERI, University of Massachusetts (US). Research Assistant
11/20 – 09/21	National Consulting Center (COL). Impact Evaluation Professional
02/18 – 08/18	Universidad de los Andes (COL). Consultant Higher Ed. Data
10/16 – 12/17	Ministry of Education (COL). Advisor Higher Ed. Quality
08/15 – 10/16	National Planning Department (COL). Impact Evaluation Professional
02/16 – 05/16	Procalidad (PER). Consultant Higher Ed. Information System
02/15 – 08/15	Ministry of Education (COL). Data analysis Professional
08/14 – 12/15	National Learning Service (COL). Professional
08/13 – 02/15	Fedesarrollo (COL). Macroeconomic Analyst and Research Assistant
04/13 – 08/13	City Council of Bogotá (COL). Advisor Councilwoman Angélica Lozano

## MEMBERSHIPS

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Grupo de Investigación en Historia Pensamiento y Teoría Económica (GIHPTE). YSI. Gender and Economics (YSI). Asociación Latinoamericana de Historia del Pensamiento Económico (ALAHPE). International Political Science Association (IPSA). International Studies Association (ISA). History of Economics Society (HES). Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE).

## GRANTS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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2023	University of Massachusetts, Amherst. 2023-24 PERI Dissertation Fellowships.
2023	University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Economics Department Chair's Joint Graduate Student/Faculty Fellowship. Summer Research Fellowship
2023	Warren J. and Sylvia J. Samuels Young Scholars HES 2023
2022	University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Graduate School Fieldwork Grant
2018 – 2021	Fulbright-Colciencias. Postgraduate studies scholarship

2010 & 2012 ECAES/Saber Pro, Top results in standardized national higher education test  
2007 – 2011 Universidad de los Andes. Full tuition undergraduate studies Scholarship

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### *Peer Review Journals*

- Navas, L; Montes, F; Abolghasem, S; **Salas, R**; Toloo, M; y R. Zarama. (2020). [Colombian Higher Education Institutions Evaluation](#). Socio-Economic Planning Sciences,
- Montes, F; Forero, D; **Salas, R**; and R. Zarama. (2017). [The Challenges of Creating a Ranking: A Colombian Example](#). *International Higher Education*. Vol. 90, pp. 22-24. June.
- **Salas, R**. (2015). [Incidencia de la migración sobre las diferencias salariales de género en Colombia](#). Ensayos sobre Política Económica, Banco de la República. Vol. 33 (77), pp. 103 – 119, June.

### *Book Chapters*

- **Salas, R**. (2023) [100 years of Economics at the Board of the Banco de la República](#). In Álvarez, A and Hurtado, J (eds.). *A History of Colombian Economic Thought the Economics Ideas that Built Modern Colombia*. Routledge.
- Villaveces-Niño, MJ; **Salas, R**; and Pilar Torres-Alvarado. (2023). [A Mere Guest? The Slow Process of Women's Participation in Top Economic Positions \(1950-2000\)](#). In Álvarez, A and Hurtado, J (eds.). *A History of Colombian Economic Thought the Economics Ideas that Built Modern Colombia*. Routledge.

### *Working Papers*

- **Salas, R**; Sanabria-Pulido, P; Rodríguez, C y P. Torres. (2022). [Mérito, representatividad, y asimetrías en nombramientos de altos funcionarios públicos en Colombia 1991-2021](#). Documentos de Trabajo Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo. No 91.

### *Selected Work in Progress*

- The Role of Elite Education in the Global Power Structure (With Kevin Young and Jorge Quezada).
- Environmental justice beyond race: skin tone and exposure to air pollution (With Sandra Aguilar and Juan Camilo Cárdenas).
- Affinity to the Ruler: Does it Matter for Appointing Central Bankers? (JMP)
- Minority Status and Central Bank leadership. Evidence from the Federal Reserve and the Banco de la República (With Kevin Young).
- Scientization and the Banco de la República, from its foundation to the 2000s (With Juan Carlos Acosta and Rebeca Gómez Betancourt.). [book-length project].
- Why do central bankers promote cultural institutions? National heritage meets economic policy.
- Who is to Blame for inflation? Randomized Experiments around the United States midterm elections in 2022 (With Kevin Young and Jorge Quezada Velazco).

## **STATISTICAL SOFTWARE**

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STATA (Advanced), Python (Certificate), R (Coursework)

## **LANGUAGES**

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Spanish (Native), English (C1), French (A2)

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

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- 2021 Open Lecture: [Entre el Homo Economicus y el Zoon Politikon](#). Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Universidad Nacional de Colombia.
- 2021 Interview. [Radhika Balakrishnan on Human Rights](#). IAFFE - Feminist Economics 101.
- 2020 Interview. [Question Fair with Julie Nelson](#). YSI Plenary - New Economic Questions. Virtual Plenary, November 6 -15.