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Curriculum Vitae

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HIGHER EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, 2003.

B.A., Economics, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay, 1996.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor. Department of Economics, Universidad de Montevideo	2010 -
Level III Researcher. National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII, Uruguay)	2026 -
Level II Researcher. National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII, Uruguay)	2011 - 2025
Editor. Journal of Health Economics, Elsevier	2020 - 2025
Research Assistant Professor. HERG, Department of Sociology, University of Miami	2004 - 2010
Research Associate. Cambridge Health Alliance, Harvard University	2001 - 2004
Research Assistant. Boston University, Department of Economics	1999 - 2002
Teaching Assistant. Universidad de la República, Department of Economics	1995 - 1997

ACADEMIC HONORARY APPOINTMENTS AND SERVICE

Executive Committee Latin American Health Economics Association (elected)	2024 -
Coordinator. Special Interest Group Economics of Risky Health Behaviors (IHEA)	2023 -
Network director. LACEA Health Economics Network (LAHEN)	2018 -
Board Member. Research Institute for Development, Growth and Economics (RIDGE)	2018 -
Coordinator. Health Economics Committee, Uruguayan Economics Society (SEU)	2023 -
Co-organizer. Virtual Seminar on the Economics of Risky Health Behaviors (VERB)	2020 - 2025
Coordinator. Women in Economics Committee, Uruguayan Economics Society (SEU)	2023 - 2025
Scientific Committee Co-Chair, World Conference IHEA	2021, 2023
Board Member. International Health Economics Association	2016 - 2019
Associate Editor. Journal of Health Economics	2016 - 2019
Committee member. Arrow Award Committee, IHEA	2012 - 2017

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024 Morosoli Prize. Silver Medal for Contribution to the Uruguayan Culture. Lolita Ruibal Foundation

2014 Simonsen Lecture at LACEA Conference. Special invitation as young scholar.

2012 First Research Award, 25 years of the University of Montevideo (“Premio Investigación 25 años UM”)

2000-2002 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, Boston University

1997-1999 Organization of American States Fellowship

1997-1999 Fulbright Laspau Grant, Ph.D. program

WORKING PAPERS

- Balsa A., Costa Díaz, M., Holm, A., Thim, F., Vera-Hernández, M. 2026. Mental health spillovers in primary schools. Working paper. Rockwool Foundation.
- Balsa, A. 2026. Schooling and the Production of Mental Health. Working Paper. Universidad de Montevideo
- Balsa, A., Cid, A., Bloomfield, J., Patrone, P. 2026. Starting Strong: The Impact of Digital Support During Pregnancy. Working Paper, Universidad de Montevideo.
- Bloomfield, J., Balsa, A., Cid 2026. Using technology to achieve literacy: The effects of an adaptive and scalable early childhood intervention on school readiness. Working paper, Universidad de Montevideo.
- Bloomfield, J., Balsa, A., Cid, A., Oreopolus P., Cristiá, A. 2025. [Calling All Parents: Leveraging Behavioral Insights to Boost Early Childhood Outcomes in the Developing World](#). NBER Working paper w33338.
- Amorocho, J., Balsa, A.I., Giraldo, J.J., Bloomfield, J., Patrone, P., Cid, A. 2025. [Cognitive Inference as the Main Predictor of AI Reliability in Automated Behavioral Coding of Parent–Child Interactions](#). PsyArXiv preprint.

PUBLICATIONS

Juried or Refereed Journal Articles

- Kumar, A., Bloomfield, J., Balsa, A., Do, H., Cid, A., Lichand, G., & Wolf, S. 2025. Sociodemographic Predictors of Depression Among Economically Vulnerable Mothers in Urban Uruguay. *Journal of Affective Disorders Reports*, 100978.
- Balsa, A., Bloomfield, J. & Cid, A. 2025. The Conceptual Replication of Crianza Positiva E-Messaging Program During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Too Much or Too Little Information? *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* 46, 1260–1274.
- Balsa, A., Noboa, C., Triunfo, P. 2024. Nudging healthy food choices. *Health Economics* 33(18):1705-1725.
- Balsa, A. I., Gómez Muzzio, E., González, M. L., Bloomfield, J., Cid, A., & Valdés, R. 2024. Crianza positiva: combining group workshops and e-messages to strengthen parenting competences. In *Child & Youth Care Forum* (Vol. 53, No. 3, pp. 719-740). New York: Springer US.
- Balsa, A., Bloomfield, J., Cid, A., Lorenzo, M., Patrone, P. 2023. Household's stressors and well-being during the global COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Family Issues*, 45(7), 1714-1734.
- Balsa, A., Triunfo, P. 2022. The COVID-19 Pandemic and Birth Outcomes in 2020: the Role of Prenatal Care and other Channels. *Economics and Human Biology*. 47 101167.
- Balsa, A., Cid, A., Zardo A. 2022. Providing academic opportunities to vulnerable adolescents: a randomized evaluation of privately managed tuition-free middle schools in Uruguay. *Journal of Development Effectiveness* 14(4): 340-379.
- Bloomfield, J., A. Balsa, A. Cid. 2022. Using Behavioral Insights in Early Childhood Interventions: the Effects of Crianza Positiva E-Messaging Program on Parental Investment. *Review of Economics of the Household*. 1-36. doi.org/10.1007/s11150-021-09593-4
- Balsa, A., F. López Boo, J. Bloomfield, A. Cristiá, A. Cid, R. Valdés, M. González, M.P. Ferro. 2021. "The effect of Crianza Positiva e-messaging program on adult-child language interactions." *Behavioral Public Policy*, 1–37 doi:10.1017/bpp.2021.25
- Balsa A., Triunfo, P. 2020. "The Effects of Expanded Social Health Insurance Eligibility on Young Mothers: Lessons from a Pro-Choice Reform in Uruguay". *Health Economics*, 30(3), 603-622. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.4213>

- Balsa, A, Gandelman, N., Roldán, F. 2018. Peer and parental influence in academic performance and alcohol use. *Labour Economics* 55: 41-55.
- Balsa, A., Caffera, M., Bloomfield, J. 2016. Exposures to Particulate Matter from the Eruptions of the Puyehue Volcano and Birth Outcomes among Women in Montevideo, Uruguay. *Environmental Health Perspectives*, 124(11), 1816.
- Triunfo, P., Harris, J., Balsa, A. 2016. Evaluación de la campaña anti-tabaco de Uruguay: Balance de 10 Años y desafíos. Evaluation of Uruguay's antismoking campaign: progress and challenges after ten years. *Pan American Journal of Public Health* 2016; 40(4): 256-62.
- Balsa, A., Cid, A. 2016. "Impact evaluation of a privately managed (charter) school in a poor neighborhood in Montevideo", *Journal of Applied Economics* (Universidad del Cema): XIX (1): 65-94.
- Balsa, A., Triunfo, P. 2015. "The Effectiveness of Prenatal care on Uruguay's Low Income Population: A Panel Data Approach", *Latin American Journal of Economics*, 52(2), 149-183.
- Harris, J., Balsa, A., Triunfo, P. 2015. Tobacco control campaign in Uruguay: Impact on smoking cessation during pregnancy and birth weight. *Journal of Health Economics*, 42: 186-196.
- Balsa, A., Cid, A. 2014. "Advancing Academic Opportunities for Disadvantaged Youth: Third Year Impact Evaluation of a Privately-Managed School in a Poor Neighborhood in Montevideo". *Páginas de Educación* (Uruguay), 7(1): 15-35.
- Balsa, A., Gandelman, N., Gonzalez, N. 2014. "Peer effects in risk aversion", *Risk Analysis: an International Journal*, 35: 27-43.
- Balsa, A.I., French, M.T, Regan, T. 2014. "Relative Deprivation and Risky Behaviors", *Journal of Human Resources*, 49(2): 446-471.
- Balsa, A.I., Gandelman, N., Lamé, D. 2014. "Lessons from Participation in a web-based Substance Use Preventive Program in Uruguay". *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 23: 91-100.
- Balsa, A.I, French, M.T. 2011. "The Impact of Parental Drinking on Children's Utilization of Health Care", *Substance Use and Misuse*, 47(4): 450-460.
- Balsa, A.I., Triunfo, P., Rossi, M. 2011. "Horizontal Inequity in Access to Health Care in Four South American Cities". *Revista de Economía del Rosario* (Colombia), 14(1): 31-56.
- Balsa, A.I., French, M.T., Homer, J., Norton, E. 2011. "Alcohol Use and Popularity: Social Payoffs from Conforming to Peers' Behavior". *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, 21(3), 559 – 568.
- Fang, H., M. French, A. Balsa. 2011. "Longitudinal Analysis of Changes in Illicit Drug Use and Health Services Utilization." *Health Services Research*, 46(3):877-899.
- Balsa, A.I., L. Giuliano, and M.T. French. 2011. "The Effects of Alcohol Use on Academic Achievement in High School." *Economics of Education Review*, 30(1): 1-15.
- Balsa, A.I., and M.T. French. 2010. "Alcohol Use and the Labor Market in Uruguay." *Health Economics*. 19(7): 833-854.
- Balsa, A.I., Homer, J. and M.T. French. 2009. "The Health Effects of Parental Problem-Drinking on Adult Children". *The Journal of Mental Health Policy and Economics*, 12(2), 55-66.
- Balsa, A.I., Maclean, J.C., French, M.T., Norton, E. 2009. "From Pubs to Scrubs: Alcohol Misuse and Health Care Utilization". *Health Services Research*, 44(5 part 1): 1480-1503.
- Balsa, A.I., Ferrés, D., Triunfo, P., Rossi, M. 2009. "Inequidades socioeconómicas en el uso de servicios de salud del adulto mayor montevideano" (Socioeconomic inequities in the use of health care services by the elderly in Montevideo). *Estudios Económicos* (El Colegio de Mexico), 24(1): 35-88.
- Balsa, A.I., Homer, J.F., French, M.T., Weisner, C.M. 2009. "Substance Use, Education, Employment, and Criminal Activity Outcomes of Adolescents in Outpatient Chemical Dependency Program", *Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*, 36(1): 75-95.
- Balsa, A.I. 2008 "Parental Problem- Drinking and Adult Children's Labor Market Outcomes", *Journal of Human Resources*, 43 (2): 454 - 486.

- Balsa, A.I., Homer, J.F., Fleming, M.F., French, M.T. 2008. "Alcohol Consumption and Health Among the Elderly", *The Gerontologist*, 48(5): 622-636.
- Balsa, A.I., Cao, Z., T.G. McGuire. 2007. "Does Managed Health Care Reduce Health Care Disparities Between Minorities and Whites?" *Journal of Health Economics*, 26: 101-121.
- Balsa, A.I., McGuire, T.G. and L.S. Meredith. 2005. "Testing for Statistical Discrimination in Health Care", *Health Services Research*, 40(1); 227-252.
- Balsa, A.I., and McGuire, T.G.. 2003. "Prejudice, Clinical Uncertainty and Stereotyping as Sources of Health Disparities", *Journal of Health Economics* 22(1); 89-116.
- Balsa, A.I., N. Seiler, T.G. McGuire, and G. Bloche. 2003 "Clinical Uncertainty and Health Care Disparities"; *American Journal of Law and Medicine*, 29(2/3): 203-220
- Balsa A.I. and McGuire, T.G. 2001. "Statistical Discrimination in Health Care"; *Journal of Health Economics* 20(6); 881-907.

Book Chapters

- Balsa, A., Gandelman, N., Porzecanski, R. 2020. The Impact of ICT on Adolescent's Perceptions and Consumption of Substances: evidence from a randomized trial in Uruguay. In "*Information Technologies and Economic Development in Latin America*", Alberto Chong and Mónica Yáñez-Pagans editors. Anthem Press, London (UK) and New York (USA). ISBN- 10: 1- 78527- 199- 7
- Balsa, A., Gandelman, N. 2020. The Impact of ICT on Health Promotion: a randomized experiment with diabetic patients. In "*Information Technologies and Economic Development in Latin America*", Alberto Chong and Mónica Yáñez-Pagans editors. Anthem Press, London (UK) and New York (USA). ISBN- 10: 1- 78527- 199- 7
- Balsa, A., & Díaz, C. 2019. Social interactions in health behaviors and conditions. In Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance. Oxford University Press.
- Balsa, A., 2018. Políticas Sociales y de la Salud en Primera Infancia: Uruguay y la región. En *Infancia, adolescencia y juventud: oportunidades claves para el Desarrollo*. Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para el desarrollo. Fondo de las Naciones Unidas para la Infancia, UNICEF Uruguay.

Other Publications

- Balsa, A.I. 2010 "Alcohol Use and Popularity among Uruguayan Adolescents", *Revista de Ciencias Empresariales y Economía*, Universidad de Montevideo, 9: 19-28.
- Balsa, A.I., J. Dubra. 2007. The Healthcare Market: Failures and Institutional Arrangements. *Biomedicina*, Universidad de Montevideo 3(1): 54-62.

Consultancy Reports for Government Agencies

- Balsa, A., Zak, Deborah. 2025. [Early childhood care services in Uruguay: assessment, challenges, and recommendations for strengthening the National Care System in Uruguay](#). Inter-American Development Bank, Consulting for the National Care System (Ministry of Social Development).
- Balsa A., José María Cabrera, Eugenia Rodriguez, Virginia Verderese, Gabriel Alvarez, Marcelo Pérez Alfaro. 2019. [Characterization of the teachers' profile in technical middle education in Uruguay \(CETP-UTU\) in the context of an expanding enrollment](#). IADB-Technical Note-1784. Division of Education. Social Sector. InterAmerican Development Bank.

FUNDED RESEARCH

- 2025 “¿Educación media técnica o general? Impactos sobre la deserción y el crimen. General or Vocational Education? Impacts on school dropout and crime. Fondo de Seguridad Ciudadana FSSC_1_2024_1_185786, *National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII)*. Principal Investigator.
- 2023 “Uso de tecnologías de información y comunicación para impulsar y sostener prácticas de crianza positiva en pos de un mejor desarrollo infantil”. *Fondo María Viñas, National Agency of Research and Innovation (ANII), Uruguay*. FMV_1_2023_1_176528”. Principal Investigator.
- 2021 “Mental health and peer effects in primary schools: implications for future educational achievement and labour market success”. 2021-2022. *Rockwood Foundation*, Investigator.
- 2021 “Leveraging Technology and Behavioral Science Insights to Promote Development in the Early Years”, 2021-2024. *Bernard van Leer Foundation – IADB UR-T1257*. Principal Investigator.
- 2017 “Crianza Positiva (Positive Parenting): Promoting and Sustaining Parenting Skills towards better Child Development”, 2017-2020. *Reaching U, UNICEF, IADB*. Principal Investigator.
- 2015 “Evaluation of Tuition-free private charter schools in Uruguay”, 2015/2018. *Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)*. Principal Investigator.
- 2015 “Peer effects in the development of cognitive and socioemotional skills”, June 2015, Latin American Development Bank (CAF). Co-investigator.
- 2013 “The Effect of Short and Intensive Exposure to PM10 on Birth Outcomes in Montevideo”, October 2013. *Inter-American Development Bank, (IADB) RG-K1219: Advancing the Research Agenda in Climate Change and the Environment*. Principal Investigator.
- 2013 “The Impact of the Anti-tobacco Campaign in Uruguay”, August 2013. *Uruguayan Ministry of Public Health / Bloomberg Foundation*. Investigator.
- 2011 “Experimental Evaluation of an Education Program for Disadvantaged Youth”, April 2013. *National Agency for Research and Innovation (ANII)*. Grant Proposal No. FMV_1_2011_1_6333. Principal Investigator.
- 2009 “ICT and Societal Empowerment in Latin America and the Caribbean”, February 2009 to July 2010. *Inter-American Development Bank*, Investigator.
- 2007 “Alcohol Use and Popularity”, PI: Ana I. Balsa. *National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism*, NIH Grant Proposal No. R03 AA16371, \$150,000 from 9/07 to 8/09, Principal Investigator.
- 2006 “Economic Consequences of Alcohol Use Disorders”, PI: Michael French. National Institutes of Health *National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism*, Grant No. R01 AA015695, \$1,250,000 from 2006 to 2009, Investigator.
- 2005 “Economic Evaluation Methods: Development and Applications”, PI: Michael French. National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Grant No. R01 DA018645, \$3,161,675 from 5/05 to 4/10, Investigator)
- 2001 “Economic Costs and Benefits of Alcohol Services and Interventions”, PI: Michael French. Public Health Service, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Grant No. R01 AA13167, \$2,658,484 from 6/01 to 5/06, Investigator.
- 2000 “Utilizing Clinical and Financial Instruments for Economic Evaluation”, PI: Michael French. Public Health Service, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Grant No. 3P50 DA07705, \$1,324,500 from 5/00 to 4/06, Investigator.
- 1999 “Latino Research Program Project”, PI: Margarita Alegria. National Institute of Mental Health, Grant No. MH59876, from 99 to 04, Investigator.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference presentations

- Jun 2026 American European Health Economics Workshop, Hertie School, Berlin, Germany.
- May 2026 RIDGE May Forum, Health Economics Network (LAHEN) Workshop, University of West Indies, Barbados. "Schooling and the Production of Mental Health".
- Nov 2025 LACEA Annual Conference, Universidad Federal de Pernambuco, Recife. "Schooling and the Production of Mental Health", and "Starting Strong: The Impact of Digital Support During Pregnancy".
- Sep 2025 IDB 2nd Research Conference. "Calling all Parents: Leveraging Behavioral Insights to Boost Early Childhood Outcomes". Washington, D.C. United States.
- Jul 2025 International Health Economics Association (IHEA) Congress, Bali, Indonesia. "Calling all Parents: Leveraging Behavioral Insights to Boost Early Childhood Outcomes" & "Starting Strong: The Impact of Digital Support During Pregnancy".
- Jun 2024 United Nations Behavioral Science Week. "Learnings on Using Behavioral Science in the area of Early Childhood".
- Jun 2024 ASHEcon Conference, San Diego. "Schooling and the Production of Mental Health"
- Nov 2023 LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. "Mental health Spillovers in Primary Schools."
- Aug 2023 XXXVIII Conference of the Central Bank of Uruguay. "Understanding Peer Effects in Mental Health in Primary Schools."
- July 2023 International Health Economics Association (IHEA) Congress. Cape Town, South Africa. "Understanding Peer Effects in Mental Health in Primary Schools."
- Mar 2023 Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) Conference. Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. "The Effects of Crianza Positiva E-messaging Program on Parent-Child Interactions."
- May 2022 RIDGE Forum, Latin American Health Economics Network Workshop. "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Birth Outcomes: the Role of Prenatal Care and other Channels."
- Nov 2022 LACEA LAMES Annual Meeting, Universidad del Pacífico. "The COVID-19 Pandemic and Birth Outcomes in 2020: the Role of Prenatal Care and other Channels."
- Oct 2021 LACEA LAMES Annual Meeting (virtual). Universidad del Rosario. "The effect of Crianza Positiva e-messaging program on adult-child language interactions."
- Dec 2020 Ridge December Forum (virtual): Behavioral Economics Workshop. "The effect of Crianza Positiva e-messaging program on adult-child language interactions."
- Dec 2019 Congress of the Brazilian Econometric Society. Sao Paulo, Brazil. "Schooling and the production of mental health".
- July 2019 International Health Economics Association Congress, Basel. "Schooling and the production of mental health"
- Jan 2019 AEA/ASSA Conference, Atlanta. "The effects of social health insurance expansion and increased choice on perinatal health and health care use in Uruguay."
- Oct 2018 VIII Congreso Latinoamericano de Economía de la Salud, AES-LAC. Medellín, Colombia. "Behavioral Economics and Public Health Policy."
- Nov 2017 LACEA Conference, Buenos Aires. "The effects of social health insurance expansion and increased choice on perinatal health and health care use in Uruguay."
- July 2017 International Health Economics Association (IHEA) Congress, Boston, MA. "Peer effects in the development of capabilities in adolescence".
- Nov 2016 LACEA LAMES Conference, Medellin, Colombia. "Peer effects in the development of capabilities in adolescence".

- Aug 2016 XXXI Jornadas de Economía del Banco Central del Uruguay, Montevideo. "Peer effects in the development of capabilities in adolescence".
- Sept 2016 Congreso de la Asociación de Economía de la Salud, Bs.As. Argentina. "El Plan Integral de Atención a la Salud en Uruguay".
- Mar 2016 Global Development Network Conference: Education. Lima, Peru. "Peer effects in the development of capabilities in adolescence".
- Aug 2015 Tercer Encuentro de Investigadores en Primera Infancia. UCC, Instituto Pasteur, IECON-UDELAR, UNICEF. Montevideo. "Effects of the Uruguayan Health Care Reform on Prenatal Care and Birth Outcomes".
- Jul 2015 International Health Economics Association Conference. Milan, Italy. "Tobacco Control Campaign in Uruguay: Impact on Smoking Cessation During Pregnancy and Birth Weight."; "Public Insurance, Private Contracting: Effects of the Uruguayan Health Care Reform on Prenatal Care and Birth Outcomes".
- Nov 2014 Simonsen Lecture, LACEA. Sao Paulo, Brazil, "Public Insurance, Private Contracting: Effects of the Uruguayan Health Care Reform on Prenatal Care and Birth Outcomes".
- Nov 2014 LACEA Conference. Sao Paulo, Brazil, "Tobacco Control Campaign in Uruguay: Impact on Smoking Cessation During Pregnancy and Birth Weight."
- Aug 2014 XXIX Jornadas de Economía, Central Bank of Uruguay. "Public Insurance, Private Contracting: Effects of the Uruguayan Health Care Reform on Prenatal Care and Birth Outcomes".
- June 2014 American Society of Health Economist Conference. Los Angeles, CA. "The Effect of Short and Intensive Exposure to PM10 on Birth Outcomes in Montevideo".
- Nov 2013 XXVIII Jornadas de Economía, Central Bank of Uruguay. "The Effect of Short and Intensive Exposure to PM10 on Birth Outcomes in Montevideo".
- Nov 2013 LACEA Conference. El Colegio de México, México DF, México. "Relative Deprivation and Risky Behaviors"
- Dec 2012 1er Congreso de Economía de Montevideo. "To Fit in or Stand Out: Peer Effects in Substance Use".
- Nov 2012 V Latin American Congress of Health Economics. Montevideo, Uruguay. "The Effectiveness of Prenatal Care: a Panel Data Approach".
- Jun 2012 ASHE (American Society of Health Economists) Conference, Minneapolis. "The Effectiveness of Prenatal Care: a Panel Data Approach".
- Nov 2011 Fulbright Alumni Conference. Montevideo, Uruguay. "Impact Evaluation of a Privately Managed Tuition Free Middle School on a Disadvantaged Neighborhood in Montevideo".
- Aug 2011 XXVI Conference of the Central Bank of Uruguay. "The Effectiveness of Prenatal Care: a Panel Data Approach".
- Jul 2011 International Health Economics Association Conference. Toronto, Canada. "The Impact of an ICT-based preventive intervention on Adolescents' Perceptions and Consumption of Substances".
- Jun 2011 Network of Inequality and Poverty Uruguayan Chapter Conference. "Impact Evaluation of a Privately Managed Tuition Free Middle School on a Disadvantaged Neighborhood in Montevideo".
- Oct 2010. XXV Jornadas de Economía, Central Bank of Uruguay, Montevideo. "Deprivación Socioeconómica Relativa y Violencia en Adolescentes Uruguayos".
June 2010 American Society of Health Economists Conference Ithaca, NY. "Relative Deprivation and Substance Use in Adolescence."
- Apr 2010 II Congreso de la Asociación de Economía de la Salud. Montevideo. "Alcohol Use and Popularity among Uruguayan adolescents".

- Oct 2009 Addiction Health Services Research Conference, San Francisco, CA. "Alcohol Use and Popularity: Social Payoffs from Conforming to Peers' Behavior".
- Oct 2009 Jornadas de Economía, Central Bank of Uruguay. Montevideo, Uruguay. "Horizontal Inequity in Access to Health Care in Four South American Cities".
- June 2009 Network on Inequality and Poverty, Uruguayan Chapter. Montevideo. "Horizontal Inequity in Access to Health Care in Four South American Cities".
- April 2009 Conference of the Uruguayan Association of Health Economists, Montevideo. "Socioeconomic inequities in health care utilization by the elderly in Montevideo".
- Feb 2009 Dionysus Meeting, Florida International University. "Alcohol Use and Popularity".
- Aug 2008 Jornadas de Economía, Central Bank of Uruguay, Montevideo. "Alcohol use and the labor market in Uruguay".
- Jun 2008 ASHEcon Conference, Durham, NC. "Alcohol Use and Popularity Among Adolescents".
- Oct 2007 AHSR Conference, Athens, GA. "Alcohol Consumption and Health Among the Elderly".
- Jun 2006 ASHEcon Conference, Madison, WN. "The Impact of Parental Drinking on Children's Utilization of Health Care Services".
- Dec 2001 International Conference on Health Policy Research, ASA, Boston, MA. "Testing for Statistical Discrimination in Health Care".
- Jul 2001 Advancing the Next Generation on Latino Research", San Juan, PR. "Prejudice, Clinical Uncertainty and Stereotypes as Sources of Health Disparities".

Seminar Presentations

- May 2026 ""Starting Strong: The Impact of Digital Support During Pregnancy". CINVE, Uruguay.
- Mar 2026 "Peer effects in mental health: evidence from Danish schools". Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.
- Nov 2025 "Mental health Spillovers in Primary Schools", Instituto de Economía, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- Oct 2025 "Mental health Spillovers in Primary Schools", EESP-FGV, Brasil.
- Oct 2025 "Mental health Spillovers in Primary Schools", Insper, Brasil.
- Oct 2025 "Mental health Spillovers in Primary Schools", PUC-Rio, Brasil.
- Aug 2025 "Mental health Spillovers in Primary Schools", Universidad Católica del Uruguay.
- Apr 2024 "Understanding Peer Effects in Mental Health in Primary Schools." University of Montevideo.
- Feb 2024 "Understanding Peer Effects in Mental Health in Primary Schools." Erasmus University.
- May 2023 How to achieve a sustained growth rate in Uruguay: the role of human capital. ACDE Colloquium, Montevideo.
- Mar 2023 Nudging Healthy Food Choices. Universidad Diego Portales, Chile.
- Nov 2022 Learnings from parenting interventions combining mobile technology and behavioral insights. Rockwool Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Nov 2022 Nudging healthy food choices. University College London, London, UK.
- May 2022 Primera Infancia y Pandemia. Embarazo y Resultados Perinatales. Coloquio Regional en Primera Infancia. Ministerio de Desarrollo Social (MIDES), Uruguay.
- Nov 2021 The challenges of early childhood in the post-pandemic era. Invited speaker. CAF, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Aug 2021 Lessons from the Use of Behavioral e-messages in Parenting Interventions. Department of Economics Seminar. Universidad ORT.
- Sep 2020 The Baumol Effect in the Health Sector in Latin America. Department of Economics Seminar. Instituto de Economía, Universidad de la República.

- Aug 2019. Schooling and the production of mental health. Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Applied Microeconomics Seminar. Department of Economics. Santiago de Chile.
- Jun 2019 Using behavioral insights in early childhood interventions: The effects of Crianza Positiva text and voice messaging program on parenting behavior and competences. Universidad de Santiago de Chile. Department of Economics Seminars. Santiago de Chile, Chile.
- Jun 2019 Using behavioral insights in early childhood interventions: The effects of Crianza Positiva text and voice messaging program on parenting behavior and competences. Universidad Católica del Uruguay. Department of Economics Seminars. Montevideo.
- Feb 2019 Uso de herramientas de economía del comportamiento en intervenciones de primera infancia: el programa de mensajes de Crianza Positiva. Taller de lanzamiento del Laboratorio de Políticas Públicas, Oficina de Planeamiento y Presupuesto. Montevideo.
- Oct 2018 Two Behavioral Economic Interventions in Health and Education. IADB, Washington DC.
- Nov 2017 Evidencia internacional sobre el impacto de las Habilidades Socioemocionales en Aprendizajes y Trayectorias. Seminario de Reaching U y Gurises Unidos sobre Habilidades Socioemocionales: Presentación del Programa "Siento y Luego Aprendo". Montevideo.
- Nov 2017 An Overview of Impact Evaluation Techniques. SEMIDE (CAF) Mendoza, Argentina.
- Nov 2017 "Social and Health Policies in the Early Years: Uruguay and Latin America". UNICEF. International Seminar "Investing during childhood: Key Opportunities for Development". Montevideo.
- Mar 2017 "First-year Impact Evaluation of Privately Managed Tuition-free schools in Uruguay. Inter-American Development Bank." Office of Strategic Planning and Development Effectiveness (SPD).
- Apr 2016 "Private Provision, Public Contracting: Impact of Uruguayan's health care reform on perinatal health and birth outcomes." Institute for Health Economics seminar, Cornell University, US.
- Dec 2015 "Private Provision, Public Contracting: Impact on perinatal health and birth outcomes." Seminario de Economía EESP FGV.
- Apr 2015 "Private Provision, Public Contracting: Impact on perinatal health and birth outcomes." Seminario de Economía Universidad de Montevideo.
- Dec 2014 "Human Capital and Education in Uruguay". Seminar organized by BID-SEU-RIDGE to discuss Productivity, Misallocation and Human Capital in Uruguay.
- Sep 2014 "Advancing Academic Opportunities for Disadvantaged Youth: Third Year Impact Evaluation of a Privately-Managed School in a Poor Neighborhood in Montevideo". Seminario de Economía Nacional, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Administración, Udelar. Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Mar 2014 "The Effect of Short and Intensive Exposure to PM10 on Birth Outcomes in Montevideo". Economics Department Seminar Series, Universidad de Montevideo.
- Jul 2013 "Relative Deprivation and Risky Behaviors". Banco Central del Uruguay Seminar.
- Nov 2012 "Impact Evaluation of a Privately Managed Tuition Free Middle School on a Disadvantaged Neighborhood in Montevideo". Universidad Católica del Uruguay.
- Oct 2012 "Impact Evaluation of a Privately Managed Tuition Free Middle School on a Disadvantaged Neighborhood in Montevideo". Seminario de Economía Nacional, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Administración, Udelar. Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Jun 2012 "Impact Evaluation of a Privately Managed Tuition Free Middle School on a Disadvantaged Neighborhood in Montevideo". CINVE, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Mar 2011 "Relative Deprivation and Substance Use in Adolescence." CEMFI, Madrid, Spain.
- May 2010 "Relative Deprivation and Substance Use in Adolescence." Department of Economics Seminar, Universidad ORT, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Jul 2008 "Alcohol use and the labor market in Uruguay". Department of Economics Seminar, University of Montevideo.

- Oct 2007 "Socioeconomic inequities in the use of health care services by the elderly in Montevideo". Department of Economics Seminar, University of Montevideo.
- Apr 2006. "Alcohol Consumption and Popularity". Labor Economics Seminar, University of Miami, Department of Economics.
- Jan 2006 "Parental Problem Drinking and Adult Children's Labor Market Outcomes". Health Economics Research Group Meeting, University of Miami, Miami, FL.
- Oct 2005 "The Impact of Parental Drinking on Children's Utilization of Healthcare". Labor Economics Seminar, University of Miami, Department of Economics.
- Aug 2004 "Testing for Statistical Discrimination in Health Care". Department of Sociology, University of Miami, Miami, FL.
- Jan 2002 "Testing for Statistical Discrimination in Health Care". Boston University-Harvard-MIT Health Seminar, Boston, MA.
- Dec 2000 "Statistical Discrimination in Health Care". Harvard School of Medicine, Department of Health Care Policy.
- Nov 2000 "Statistical Discrimination in Health Care". Institute of Race and Social Division, Boston University, Boston, MA.

Presentations at Advisory Board Meetings

- Nov 2008 "Alcohol Use and Academic Achievement". Advisory Board Meeting, Economic Evaluation Methods: Development and Applications, Miami Beach, FL.
- Apr 2006 "Parental Drinking and Adult Children's Labor Market Outcomes". Advisory Board Meeting, Costs and Benefits of Alcohol Services and Interventions, Miami Beach, FL.
- Nov 2005 "An economic evaluation of a managed care adolescent chemical dependency program". Advisory Board Meeting, Economic Evaluation Methods: Development and Applications. Miami Beach, FL.
- Apr 2005 "The Impact of Parental Drinking on Children's Utilization of Healthcare". Presented at the Advisory Board Meeting, Cost of Benefits of Alcohol Services and Interventions, Miami Beach, FL.
- Aug 2003 "Testing for Statistical Discrimination in Health Care". Advisory Board Meeting, Latino Research Program Project, Boston, MA.
- Dec 2000 "Statistical Discrimination in Health Care". Advisory Board Meeting, Latino Research Program Project, San Juan, PR.

TEACHING

Econometrics of Impact Evaluation. Master in Economics, Universidad de Montevideo	2010-
Intermediate Microeconomics. BA in Economics, Universidad de Montevideo.	2006-2007, 2011-
Health Economics. Master in Health Care Management. IEEM, U de Montevideo.	2008-2019, 2021-
Economics of Human Capital. Master in Economics. Universidad de Montevideo.	2016, 2022, 2024, 2026
Health Economics. Master in Law and Economic Analysis. Universidad de Salamanca.	2011
Intermediate Macroeconomics. Teaching Assistant, Universidad de la República	1994-1997

MEMBERSHIP PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA)
International Health Economics Association (IHEA)
Research Institute for Development, Growth, and Economics (RIDGE)
Uruguayan Economics Association (SEU)

REVIEWS, EVALUATIONS AND SUPERVISION

Editor:

Journal of Health Economics 2020-2025

Manuscript referee for:

Addiction; Contemporary Economic Policy; Cuadernos de Economía UCUDAL; Drug and Alcohol Dependence; Economics of Education Review; Health Economics; Health Services Research; Industrial and Labor Review; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of Applied Economics; Journal of Applied Health Economics and Health Policy; Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research; Journal of Dual Diagnosis; Journal of European Social Policy; Journal of Health Economics; Latin American Economic Review; Pan American Journal of Public Health; Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Economics and Finance; Social Problems; Southern Economic Journal; Journal of Public Economics.

Scientific committee conferences/workshops:

Uruguayan Society of Health Economists Conference (SEU)
Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA)
Latin American Health Economics Network Workshop (LAHEN-LACEA)
Labor Network LACEA, RIDGE Forum
International Health Economics Association Conference (IHEA)
International Economic Association (IEA)
Impact Evaluation Network (IEN)
Frontiers of Health Economics Research in Latin America (pre-congress workshop IHEA)
RIDGE Workshop in Human Capital (RIDGE Forum)
Latin American Workshop in Econometrics, Econometric Society
Network of Inequality and Poverty (NIP)
Workshop on Impact Evaluation, Econometric Society
Behavioral Economics Network (BRAIN) LACEA (RIDGE Forum)
WELAC LACEA Network (RIDGE Forum)

Other Evaluation Committees:

2024. ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation). Clemente Estable grants committee.
2022. ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation). Social Sciences Committee, National System of Investigators.
2019. ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation). María Viñas grants committee.
2018. Conicyt-Fondecyt Chile. Project evaluation Concurso de proyectos Fondecyt.
2018. ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation). Committee for evaluation of international scholarship grants.

2017. ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation). Clemente Estable grants committee.
2017. Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP).
2017. CAF Research Program on Health for Social Inclusion in Latin America.
2012-2017. Kenneth J. Arrow Award Committee. Evaluation of the best paper in Health Economics in 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
2016. ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation). Social Sciences Committee, National System of Investigators.
2015. Fulbright. Evaluation of candidates applying for sponsorship of graduate studies in the US.
2015. ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation). Scholarships for National and International Graduate Programs.
2015. CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología), Paraguay. Initiation to Research Projects.
2014. ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation). Scholarships for National and International Graduate Programs.
2013-2014. CONICYT, Fondecyt (Chile). Project evaluation.
2012-2013. ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation). Social Sciences Committee, National System of Investigators.
2012. ANII (National Agency for Research and Innovation). Clemente Estable grant fund. Project evaluation.

Thesis supervisor:

Completed

- González, Rodrigo y González, Ignacio. 2025. Universidad de Montevideo. Master in Data Science. "Aplicaciones de Machine Learning en Inferencia Causal: Estudio comparativo con Datos Simulados".
Garrido, Micaela. 2024. Universidad de Montevideo, Masters in Economics. "Dual Vocation Education during formal settings: the case of the 'ANIMA program".
Bloomfield, Juanita. 2023. University of Amsterdam. PhD in Economics. "Essays on Early Childhood Interventions".
Zardo, Ana L. 2023. Masters in Economics. Universidad de Montevideo. "The impact of teacher characteristics on middle school abandonment".
Varela, Santiago. 2020. Masters in Economics. Universidad de Montevideo. "Physicians' multi-employment and the impact of high dedication contracts".
Echevarría, Mauricio. 2020. Masters in Economics. Universidad de Montevideo. "Teachers' characteristics, grades and learnings in vocational middle education".
Cejas, Mercedes. 2020. Masters in Economics. Universidad de Montevideo. "The Baumol Disease and its effects on health care expenditure and quality in Latin America".
Areal, Rodrigo and Russo, S. 2020. Masters in Economics. Universidad de Montevideo. "The effects of incorporating tripartite wage councils to the domestic services industry in Uruguay".
Machado, Alina. 2019. "Academic trajectories and labor market performance. Incidence of a full-time schools policy." PhD in Economics. Facultad de Ciencias Económicas. Universidad Nacional de la Plata.
Fork, Guillermo; María Laura García. 2019. "Insecurity and happiness. Evidence for Uruguay". Masters in Economics thesis. Universidad de Montevideo
Mailhos, Magdalena 2017. "Impact Evaluation of Liceo Jubilar 6 years after the launch of the intervention". Masters in Economics thesis. Universidad de Montevideo
Antonaccio, Valentina 2017. "Academic Peer Effects in High School". Masters in Economics thesis. Universidad de Montevideo.
Cardozo, Marcos. 2016. "Relative Impact of taxes and other tobacco control policies on tobacco consumption". Masters in Economics thesis. Universidad de Montevideo.

José María Cabrera. 2011. "Fertility and Income". Masters in Economics. Universidad de Montevideo.

Thesis committees:

Machado, Gimena. 2023. Masters in Economics. Universidad de la República.

Suarez, Lucía. 2021. Masters in Economics. Universidad de la República.

Ferrés, Gonzalo and Juan Martín Facal. 2022. Committee member. Masters in Economics. Universidad de Montevideo.

Noboa, Cecilia. 2019. Committee member. PhD candidate in Economics, Dissertation Project. Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de la República.

Alvarez, Eliana. 2019. Committee member. Los Impactos de la tercera vía. Evaluación de Impacto de la venta de Marihuana en farmacias en su consumo y percepción de riesgo. Maestría en Políticas Públicas. Universidad Católica del Uruguay.

Pombo, Cecilia. 2019. Committee member. Development of socioemotional skills in a vocational high school. Universidad Católica del Uruguay. Maestría en Educación.

Perazzo, Ivonne 2018. Committee member. Inserción laboral femenina en Uruguay: heterogeneidades, políticas y resultados. PhD en Economía, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Administración, Universidad de la República.

Cedrés, María Eugenia 2017. Committee member (with Marisa Bucheli and Marcelo Bérngolo). Masters in Economics. Thesis. Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Universidad de la República. "Impact of minimum wage on school attendance in Uruguay".

Amabile, Florencia. 2015. Committee member (with Rómulo Chumacero and Graciela Sanromán). PhD candidate in Economics, Dissertation Project. Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de la República.

Perazzo, Ivonne. 2014. Committee member (with Verónica Amarante and Graciela Sanromán). PhD candidate in Economics, Dissertation Project. Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de la República.

Rodríguez, Helena. 2014. "Indicador de la evolución del Producto Interno Bruto de Uruguay en Tiempo Real". Committee member (with Martín Sola and Ignacio Munyo). Master's Thesis, Universidad de Montevideo.

Llambí, Cecilia. 2013. "El Efecto Causal de la Política de Tiempo Completo sobre los Resultados Educativos en la Enseñanza Media: Análisis Mediante la Aplicación de cuatro Métodos no Experimentales e Identificación de Posibles Sesgos". Committee member (with Fernando Borraz y Graciela Sanromán). Master's Thesis, Universidad de la República.

Cid, Alejandro. 2013. "Impact Evaluation via Randomization: Field Experiments of Three Education Programs". Committee member (with Federico Albornoz and Paula Razquin), PhD thesis, Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Larrañaga, Eugenia; Tuyaré, Sofía. 2012. "A Non-Linear Approximation to the relationship between inflation, growth and institutions in Latin America." Committee member (with Dubra J., and Trupkin, D.), Master's thesis, Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay.

Prieto, Roberto; Rak, Gustavo. 2011. "Decomposition of the socioeconomic inequality in Chronic Child Malnutrition in Uruguay". Committee member (with Vigorito, A. and Arim, R.), BA thesis, Economics Major, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.

Méndez, Inés, Peñaricano, Matilde, Sturla, Inés. 2011. "Does more time in the class warrant higher academic achievement?" Committee member (with Llambí, C., and Sanromán, G.). BA thesis, Economics Major, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.

Broggi, Sabrina, Gonzalez, Virginia, Gloodtdofsky Valeria. 2011. "Happiness in Latin America". Committee member (with Vigorito, A., and Rossi, M.), BA thesis, Economics Major, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.

- Cabrera, José M. 2011. "Fertility and income", Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay. Master's degree. First advisor.
- Cantera, Valeria. 2011. "Commercial links and effects on the Uruguayan production" Universidad de Montevideo, Uruguay. Committee member (with Trupkin, D., and Dubra, J.). Master's degree.
- Bai, Hugo. 2008. "The Impact of Health Reform on Income Distribution and Poverty". Committee member, BA thesis Economics Major, Universidad de la República, Uruguay
- De León, Ma. Eugenia, Rodríguez, Gabriela. 2008. "Mental Health in Uruguay". First advisor, BA thesis Economics Major, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.
- Rossi, I., Tellechea, F., Tramontin, F. 2006. "Uruguayans' Health Status: Montevideo, 2005". Committee member, BA thesis Economics Major, Universidad de la República, Uruguay.

ORGANIZATION OF CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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|-------------------|---|
| May 2026 | 9 th Workshop of the LACEA Health Economics Network (LAHEN). Ridge May Forum 2026. University of West Indies. Barbados. |
| May 2025 | 8 th Workshop of the LACEA Health Economics Network (LAHEN). Ridge May Forum 2025. Universidad del Pacífico, Lima, Perú. |
| Sep 2024 | Health Dialogue with Political Parties' Ideas for the 2024 Uruguayan Election. Health Economics Chapter, Uruguayan Society of Health Economists (SEU) |
| May 2024 | 7 th Workshop of the LACEA Health Economics Network (LAHEN). Ridge May Forum 2024. PUC Santiago de Chile, Chile |
| July 2023 | Chair Scientific Committee International Health Economics Association Conference. Cape Town, South Africa 2023. |
| May 2023 | 6 th Workshop of the LACEA Health Economics Network (LAHEN). Ridge May Forum 2023. |
| May 2022 | 5 th Workshop of the LACEA Health Economics Network (LAHEN). Virtual conference. Ridge May Forum 2022. |
| September 2021 | 4 th Workshop of the LACEA Health Economics Network (LAHEN). Virtual conference. Ridge September Forum 2021. |
| July 2021 | Co-chair Scientific Committee. International Health Economics Association Conference. Online, July 2021 |
| December 2020 | 3 rd Workshop of the LACEA Health Economics Network (LAHEN). Virtual conference. Ridge December Forum 2020. |
| October 2019 | 2 nd Workshop of the LACEA Health Economics Network. Universidad del Pacífico, Lima, Perú |
| October 4-5, 2018 | 1 st Workshop of the LACEA Health Economics Network. Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia. |
| December 6, 2017 | Economics of Obesity, Universidad de Montevideo, Montevideo, Uruguay. |
| July 8, 2017 | Frontiers of Health Economics in Latin America, International Health Economics Association Pre-Congress Workshop, Boston, MA |
| May 23-24, 2016 | Workshop on Human Capital in Latin America: Education and Health, Research Institute for Development, Growth, and Economics (RIDGE), Montevideo, Uruguay. |
| March 11-12, 2016 | Latin American Workshop of Econometrics, Econometric Society (co-organizer). Montevideo, Uruguay |

