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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Industrial Organization, Competition Policy, Microeconomic and Applied Theory

EMPLOYMENT

University of British Columbia, Sauder School of Business

Assistant Professor, July 2013 - present.

Parental leave, January 2018–May 2018.

Parental leave, January 2020–May 2020.

Study/Covid leave, July 2020–August 2021.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University

Ph.D. in Economics, June 2013 , Advisor: [Michael Whinston](#)

M.A. Economics, June 2008

Pontificia Univeridad Católica de Chile

M.A. Financial Economics, June 2007

B.A. Business Economics, June 2006

PUBLISHED OR FORTHCOMING PAPERS

1. “Announcing High Prices to Deter Innovation,” joint with: [Guillermo Marshall](#)
forthcoming, Management Science
2. “Sequential Innovation, Patent Policy, and the Dynamics of the Replacement Effect”
RAND Journal of Economics, Vol 50 (3), 568–590
3. “Innovation and Competition: The Role of Product Market Competition,” joint with:
[Guillermo Marshall](#)
International Journal of Industrial Organization, Vol 65, July 2019, 221–247
Recipient of the International Journal of Industrial Organization Best Paper Award 2019.

WORKING PAPERS

“Equilibrium Uniqueness in Entry Games with Private Information” joint with: [José Espin-Sanchez](#) and Yuzhou Wang

“Second Price Auction with Participation Costs,” joint with: [José Espin-Sanchez](#) and Yuzhou Wang

“On the Interaction between Patent Screening and its Enforcement,” joint with: [Gerard Llobet](#) and [Javier Suarez](#) (*Revised and submitted to RAND Journal of Economics*)

“Mergers in Innovative Industries: A Dynamic Framework,” joint with: [Guillermo Marshall](#)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Early-Stage Venture Financing,” joint with [Ralph Winter](#)
- “Monopsony Power and Innovation” joint with [Guillermo Marshall](#)
- “Location, spillovers and Patent Races”
- “When to license Sequential Inventions”

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Bureau of Asset Management: P-H and North Centre for Financial Research Grant, 2020 (6k)
- International Journal of Industrial Organization Best Paper Award 2019
- Insight Development Grant, SSHRC, 2018 (\approx 45k)
- Sauder’s Dean’s Office Grant, 2016 (15k).
- UBC Hampton Research Fund, 2016 (2.5k).
- Sauder’s Dean’s Office Grant, 2015 (10k).
- UBC Bridge Funding, 2015 (2.5k).
- Sauder’s Exploratory Grant, 2014 (7.5k).
- Northwestern University, Center of Economic Theory 2011 & 2012
- Northwestern University, Teaching Assistant Fellow, 2011-12
- Northwestern University, Economics Distinguished Teaching Assistant 2011-12 and 2008-09
- Northwestern University, University Fellowship 2007
- Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Distinguished Master Thesis 2006

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 2021** ZEW, North American Econometric Society (Montreal).
- 2020** Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.
- 2019** CEA, Econometric Society (Seattle), Sauder, TOI Chile (canceled due to social unrest).
- 2018** UC Davis, CEMFI.
- 2017** Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Texas A&M, Searle Center/USPTO Conference on Innovation Economics, IIOC.
- 2016:** FTC’s 9th Microeconomic Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IIOC, Canadian Economic Association, Sauder School of Business.
- 2015** UBC - Sauder School of Business, UBC - Economics, Yale, Canadian Economic Association, IIOC, CRESSE, Econometric Society World Congress (Montreal)
- 2014** Canadian Economic Association, UBC-HKU Summer Theory Conference, Sauder School of Business, TOI, FTC’s 7th Microeconomic Conference, Econometric Society Latin American Meeting, Econometric Society European Summer Meeting
- 2013** TOI, Northwestern University, University of British Columbia (Sauder), IESE, University of Washington, Mannheim University, Bates and White
- 2012 or before** Summer Meeting Econometric Society 2012, Northwestern University (Student Job Market Seminar, Theory Lunch (x2), Theory Seminar, IO Seminar), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

REFeree EXPERIENCE

Econometrica, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Review of Economic Studies, RAND Journal of Economics, Journal of European Economic Association, American Economic Journal: Microeconomics & Macroeconomics, Journal of Economic Theory, Management Science, International Journal of Industrial Organization, Journal of Industrial Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Economics Dynamics and Control, The BE Journal of Theoretical Economics, Mathematical Social Sciences, Bulletin of Economic Research, Journal of Legal Studies, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, NSF, FONDECIT Chile.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Sauder School of Business, UBC, 2014-present

Undergraduate: Strategic Management (COMM 491, COEC 491 & COMM 493)

Graduate: Business Strategy (BASM 501, MBA)

Teaching Assistant, Northwestern University, 2008-12

Graduate: Microeconomics 410-2 (3 times), 410-3 (x2).

Undergraduate: Industrial Economics, Competition Monopoly and Public policy (x2),

Intermediate Microeconomics 310-2 (x2)

Teaching Assistant, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 2002-07 (in Spanish)

Graduate: Microeconomics, Mathematical Economics, Financial Economics (2)

Undergraduate: Introduction to Economics (x2), Intermediate Microeconomics I (x2),

Intermediate Microeconomics II (x2), Intermediate Macroeconomics, and Industrial Organization (x2).

MBA: Introduction to Economics (x2)

OTHER INFORMATION

Chilean/Canadian · married to Javiera Pumarino · father of Lucía & Sofía · June 9th, 1983

Languages: Spanish (native) · English · German (embarrassingly basic)

Interests: Guitar · Music · Chess · Books · Windsurf · Woodworking · Golf

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