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### EDUCATION

#### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics (Expected May, 2026)

#### Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina

M.A. in Economics. 2019

#### Universidad Católica Boliviana, Bolivia

BA (Licentiate) in Economics. 2012

### WORKING PAPERS

How do farmers respond to increasing costs to hire migrant workers? (Job Market Paper)

Soft skills, Competition, and Hiring Discrimination (with Sarah Janzen, Yashodhan Ghorpade and Amanina Abdur Rahman). *IZA Discussion Paper 16993* [\[link\]](#)

The gender effects of the minimum wage under weak compliance with labour regulations: The case of Bolivia (with Jorge Davalos, Marcelo Claire, Alejandra Leyton and Vanessa Sanchez). *PEP Working Papers, 2017-10*. [\[link\]](#)

### PUBLICATIONS

Peer pressure: Experimental evidence from restroom behavior (with B. Cardinale Lago-marsino, M. Gutman, L. Freira, M. Lanzalet, M. Lauletta, L. Malchik, F. Montaña Campos, B. Pacini and M. Rossi). *Economic Inquiry*. Vol 55 (3), 2017. [\[link\]](#)

Free of Illiteracy? Evaluating the Bolivian Experience with the National Literacy Program *Yo Si Puedo* (with Werner Hernani Limarino and Paul Villarroel). *Latin American Journal of Economic Development*. Special issue, February 2015. [\[link\]](#)

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Research Assistant for Professor Nicholas Paulson

Summer 2025

Research Assistant for Professor Sarah Janzen

Summer 2024

Research Assistant for Professor Marieke Kleemans

Summer 2020 - Spring 2022

#### The World Bank, Social Protection and Labor

Short-Term Consultant

Summer 2022-Spring 2023

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### CAF Development Bank of Latin America

Research Officer

Buenos Aires - Argentina

Aug 2017 - Jun 2019

#### Ministry of Production

Technical Advisor

Buenos Aires - Argentina

Feb 2016 - Jul 2017

#### Banco Mercantil Santa Cruz

Product Analyst

La Paz - Bolivia

Apr 2014 - Feb 2015

#### Institute for Advanced Development Studies

Junior Researcher

La Paz - Bolivia

Jun 2013 - Nov 2013

#### ARU Foundation

Research Assistant

La Paz - Bolivia

Nov 2011 - Feb 2013

TEACHING	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:</b>		
	Global Agribusiness Management TA		Spring 2025
	Behavioral Economics TA		Spring 2025
	Environmental Justice and Food Security TA		Fall 2024
	Applied Statistics Methods and Data Analytics TA		Spring 2024
	Big Data Analytics in Finance TA (Graduate)		Fall 2023
	Environmental Economics TA		Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
	Intermediate Microeconomic Theory TA.		Fall 2020 - Spring 2021
	<b>Universidad de San Andrés:</b>		
	Introductory Economics TA.		Fall 2016 - Fall 2018
	Labor Economics TA.		Spring 2016
GRANTS & HONOURS	2019: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Department of Economics Fellowship.		
	2015: PEP-PAGE. Evidence on the impacts of Minimum Wage on Labor Market Outcomes: The case of Bolivia (with Marcelo Claire, Alejandra Leyton and Vanessa Sanchez). Us\$. 22,000.		
	2012: Thesis dissertation distinguished with honours. “Evidence of pro-poor growth in Bolivia under different situations of economic growth”.		
CONFERENCES	Bogota Experimental Economics Conference, MWIEDC		2025
	World Bank GSG, Illinois Economic Association		2024
	CAF Brown Bag Seminar		2018
	Argentinian Association of Political Economy		2015, 2016
	Bolivian Economists Meeting, Bolivian Conference on Development Economics		2013
OTHER ACADEMIC	Reviewer for Midwest International Economic Development Conference		2025
	Grad student seminar coordinator, International Policy and Development		2023-2024
	Study Visit at Université Laval, Québec-Canada financed by PEP.		2016
	Arthur Lewis Association Roundtable at Santa Cruz-Bolivia financed by IEA.		2015
COMPUTER SKILLS	Python, R, Stata, QGIS, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X.		
LANGUAGES	Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), Portuguese (Fluent).		
REFERENCES	<b>Sarah Janzen</b>		
	Associate Professor		
	Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics		
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	sjanzen@illinois.edu		
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