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EDUCATION

2012-2018	Ph.D. in Economics, University College London (UCL) Thesis: “A Dynamic Model of Early Parental Investments in Children’s Human Capital” Advisor: Prof. Orazio ATTANASIO
2011-2012	M.Phil. in Economics, University College London, with Distinction
2010-2011	M.Res. in Economics, University College London
2005-2006	M.Sc. in Economics, Universidad de Chile, with Honours Advisor: Prof. Klaus SCHMIDT HEBBEL
2000-2004	B.A. in Economics, Universidad de Chile, with Honours

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

My primary fields are Household behaviour in developing countries, Human capital accumulation and Policy evaluation. My secondary fields are Labor economics and Applied microeconomics.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2019-PRESENT	Department of Industrial Engineering, Universidad de Chile, Assistant Professor.
2019-PRESENT	Institute for Fiscal Policies, UK, International Research Fellow.
2020-PRESENT	EduInclusiva, Chile, Research Fellow.
2020-PRESENT	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Latinoamérica y el Caribe, Invited Academic.
2019-PRESENT	Institute for Research in Market Imperfections and Public Policy (MIPP), Chile, Research Fellow.
2019-PRESENT	Centro de Sistemas Publicos, Chile, Research Fellow.
2016-2019	Institute for Fiscal Policies, UK, PostDoc Fellow. Working with the Centre for Evaluation of Development Policies (EDEPo) to design, implement and evaluate different interventions for improving early childhood development.
2010-2019	Microdata Centre and Longitudinal studies and survey Centre. In charge of designed several longitudinal cohort surveys in Chile (ELPI) to study ECD and the social protection system.
2013-2017	The World Bank, Co-Investigator, Researcher, Programmer and Data Analyst. Working with the Development Impact Evaluation team to prepare and monitor the surveys for the impact evaluation of a Maternal and Child Health Initiative in Nigeria.
2013-2015	Institute for Fiscal Policies, UK, Researcher. Working with the Centre for Evaluation of Development Policies (EDEPo) to design a new modules measuring parental beliefs and the implementation of cognitive and non-cognitive tests for children and parents in India and Colombia.
2015	The World Bank, Consultant. In charge of the standardisation of measurements on child development used in “ <i>Nadie es Perfecto</i> ” program implemented by DECRG: Poverty and Inequality.
2015	Oxford Policy Management, Analyst. In charge of the sampling frame, data management and analysis for the Midline survey with the aim of understanding the effectiveness of the Malaria Consortium Programme aimed at increasing the appropriate use of quality-assured RDTs in private sector markets in Nigeria.
2013-2014	Inter-American Development Bank, Consultant. Designing a micro-simulator for alternative educational grants under <i>Oportunidades</i> program.
2008-2010	Microdata Center, Universidad de Chile, Analyst. In charge of the implementation and analytical evaluation of cross-sectional and longitudinal studies in areas related with poverty, inequality, labor and unemployment, social security, child development and perceptions.
2006-2008	Central Bank of Chile, Economic and Financial Analyst of the Department of Models and Projections. Projecting macroeconomic variables of interest using DSGE models and modelling the interaction between Chilean and foreign economies markets.
2004-2006	Microdata Center, Universidad de Chile, Research Assistant for the Assessor Technical Committee of the University Selection Tests (PSU). Assisting on the preparation of technical documents for the predictive validity of the PSU.

2004-2006	Microdata Center, Universidad de Chile, Research Assistant for the implementation and analysis of the Survey of Occupation and Unemployment in the Gran Santiago and the Survey of Economic Perception.
2003-2005	Microdata Center, Universidad de Chile, Research Assistant for Prof. P. Mujica in the project “Costs of the medical attention of three pathologies attributable to the tobacco consumption in four countries of Latin America”. A multicenter study released in four countries of Latin America by the OPS/OMS.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020	Economics, Department of Industrial Engineering, Universidad de Chile, Lecturer.
2012-2016	Economics, Department of Economics, UCL, Teaching Assistant.
2013-2016	Applied Economics, Department of Economics, UCL, Teaching Assistant.
2011-2012	Macroeconomic Theory and Policy, Department of Economics, UCL, Teaching Assistant.
2009-2010	Introduction to Macroeconomics, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile, Lecturer.
2009	Econometrics I, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile, Lecturer.
2007	Macroeconomics II, Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile, Lecturer.
2001-2006	Macroeconomics I (graduate), Economic Frame for the Management (graduate), Macroeconomics (graduate), Microeconomics I, Industrial Organisation, Monetary Policy, Aspects of International Trade, Macroeconomics I, Calculus III, Algebra I, Algebra II, Universidad de Chile, TA.

PAPERS

Papers (selected):

1. A Dynamic Model of Early Parental Investments in Children’s Human Capital. 2020. *Working Paper*.
2. Cluster randomized trial of the effects of timing and duration of early childhood interventions in Odisha-India: Study protocol., joint with Attanasio, O., Augsburg, B., Behrman, J., Grantham-McGregor, S., Meghir, C., Phimister, A., Rubio-Codina, M., Institute for Fiscal Studies Working Paper, WP19/06, 2019.
3. Complementarities in the production of child health., joint with L.Abramovsky, B.Augsburg, B.Malde and A.Phimister. Institute for Fiscal Studies Working Paper, WP19/15, 2019.
4. Group Delivery or Home Visits of Early Childhood Stimulation: A Cluster Randomized Control Trial., joint with Attanasio, O., A. Akanksha, B.Augsburg, J.Behrman, B.Caeyers, M.Rubio-Codina, M.Day, S.Grantham-McGregor, R. Kochar, P.Makkar, C.Meghir, A.Phimister, K.Vats., 2020. Conditionally accepted *Pediatrics* 2020;146(6): 2020.
5. Improving Access and Quality in Early Childhood Development Programs: Experimental Evidence from the Gambia., joint with P. Carneiro, M. Blimpo and T. Pugatch, IZA Working Paper No. 12163, 2019 and No 2019-023, Working Papers from Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Working Group
6. Subjective Parental Beliefs. Their Measurement and Role., joint with O. Attanasio and F. Cunha. NBER Working Paper No. 26516, 2019.
7. Measuring early childhood development at a global scale: Evidence from the Caregiver-Reported Early Development Instruments., joint with D. McCoy et. al., *Early Childhood Research Quarterly* 45, 2018.
8. Om foreldres investeringer i barns utvikling., joint with I. Almas, O. Attanasio, B. Caeyers, C. Ringdal, and V. Somville. *Magma* 6/2019.
9. The myths behind the technology of skills in early childhood. *Working Paper*.
10. Improving Parental Investments in Children: Experimental Evidence from The Gambia. *Working Paper*., joint with P. Carneiro, M. Blimpo and N. Lahire
11. Incentives for public sector workers in real-world conditions: an experimental evaluation of midwives’ retention incentives in Nigeria. *Working Paper*., joint with M. Holmlund, P. Rosa Dias and M. Vera-Hernández
12. Disentangling the Determinants of Early Childhood Development in Chile. *Working Papers* MRes Economics UCL, 2010-1011

Work in Progress (selected):

1. Effects of targeted cash transfers on children’s welfare: Is it always better to target women?, joint with I. Almas, O. Attanasio, and C. Ringdal.
2. Eliciting Parental Beliefs., joint with O. Attanasio and F. Cunha.
3. The Relationships Between Maternal Mental Health and Preschoolers? Socioemotional Development and Behavioral Symptoms., joint with Santelices, M.P., Brotfeld, C., Irarrazaval, M.
4. Parental Beliefs and Learning., joint with O. Attanasio, F. Cunha and C. Meghir.
5. Who Benefits from Early Interventions? Evidence from Genetics., joint with O. Attanasio, G. Conti and C. Meghir.
6. Intergenerational Transmission on human capital accumulation., joint with O. Bandeira, I. Rasul and A. Andrew.

Previous Research:

1. The Inflationary Compensation and its components in Chile. *Revista Economía Chilena*, Vol. 10(2), August 2007
2. On Shore Rate in Chile. With D. Calvo and F. Alarcón. *Revista Economía Chilena*, August 2008
3. Impact of the Cost of Energy on the Measurement of the Potential GDP., joint with G. Echavarría and C. Soto. *Mimeo*, Central Bank of Chile and IPOM May 2008

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

2019	Reach Up Knowledge Exchange Meeting, Melia Braco Village Resort, Jamaica
2019	SRCD Biennial Meeting, Baltimore, MD, USA
2018	Evento de socialización de resultados de la investigación: Efectos del programa Buen Comienzo en niños y niñas beneficiarios, Bogota, Colombia
2018	(Ce)2 Workshop, Warsaw, Poland (Presentation about Nutrition, WASH and Child Physical Growth)
2018	Measurement of Child Development and Environment in the First Six Years of Life in Large-Scale Longitudinal Cohort Studies in Low-, Middle-, and High-Income Countries
2018	Impact Evaluation and Measurement of Early Childhood Education in MENA (The World Bank), Abu Dhabi, UAE
2017	Ciclo Línea Inclusión para el Desarrollo, Centro de Justicia Educacional, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, What and how to measure child development?, Chile
2017	CPP Away Day, Institute of Fiscal Policies, UK
2016	The early years: child well-being and the role of public policy, IDB Conference, UK
2016	Early-Career Behavioral Economics Conference (ECBE), University of Bonn, Germany
2016	EDePo Research Meetings, IFS, 10 September 2015
2015	Eliciting Subjective Beliefs and Risk and Time Preferences in Developing Countries, CEAR-CSAE Workshop 2016, University of Oxford, UK
2013	Institute of Fiscal Policies, UK
2012-2014	Department of Economics, UCL
2012	Department of Economics, Universidad de Chile, Chile

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS

2015-2016	Graduate Scholarship, WM Gorman Scholarship, Department of Economics, UCL
2015-2016	Grant on “Early Child Development Programs: Effective Interventions for Human Development”. Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
2014-2015	Excellence in Teaching Award, UCL
2014-2015	Graduate Scholarship, Institute Fiscal Studies and ESRC and Centre for the Microeconomic Analysis of Public Policy, UK
2014-2015	Overseas Graduate Scholarship - tuition fee waiver Department of Economics, UCL
2010-2014	Chilean National Scholarship Program for Graduate Studies, Becas Chile-Conicyt, Chilean Government, including full four-year tuition and stipend for Ph.D. program.
2010-2015	Ph.D. Fulbright Scholarship, Fulbright Commission (not accepted)
2006	Tuition Award for Master Studies in Graduate School of Economics, Faculty of Economy and Business, University of Chile.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018	Young Scholar, Jacobs Foundations, Switzerland.
2019-PRESENT	Institute for Fiscal Policies, UK, International Research Fellow.
2019-PRESENT	Institute for Research in Market Imperfections and Public Policy (MIPP), Chile, Research Fellow.
2019-PRESENT	Centro de Sistemas Públicos, Chile, Research Fellow.
2020-PRESENT	EduInclusiva, Chile, Research Fellow.
2020-PRESENT	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) Latinoamérica y el Caribe, Invited Academic.
2020-2022	PI R. Mitti – Understanding character virtue formation in early childhood and the role of parental character virtues and cognitions in promoting children’s character virtues in the high-risk, low-income setting of Tanzania – co-PI - Templeton World Charity Foundation.
2020-2023	PI K. Macours - Development and Implementation of a Research and Evaluation Learning Agenda for Parenting Interventions in Côte d’Ivoire – co-PI - Transforming Education in Cocoa Communities (TRECC).
2020-2023	PI C. Meghir - Cluster Randomised Trial of the Effect of Timing and Duration of Early Childhood Interventions in Odisha, India – co-PI – Dubai Cares.
2019-2021	PI P. Jervis – What is the Role of beliefs and Aspirations on Parental Behavior and their impact on Childhood Interventions? – PI – Jacobs Foundation.
2018-2019	PI C. Meghir - Early Childhood Development and Pre-school Programmes in Odisha – Co-PI – Early Learning Program (World Bank Group).
2016-2018	PI O. Attanasio - Improving children’s life chances in high-risk, low-income settings: Designing a ‘new generation’ longitudinal cohort study of child development – co-PI – British Academy.

2015-2017 | PI O. Attanasio - Early Childhood development for the Poor: Impacting at Scale – co-PI - SIEF (World Bank Group), the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), The Population Studies Center (University of Pennsylvania) and Yale University.

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent), Spanish (Native)

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Julia, Matlab, Python, Fortran, R, Gauss, Eviews, SPSS, Stata, L^AT_EX, OpenMP, SurveyCTO