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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics (expected); University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)	September 2006
C. Phil. in Economics; University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)	December 2004
M.A. in Economics; University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)	June 2004
B.A. in Economics, Universidad de la República, Uruguay	December 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA): September 2003 - to date

Research Assistant to Prof. Arnold C. Harberger

- Worked in research projects on real exchange rate economics, public finance (incidence of income taxation in developing countries), and economic growth

International Monetary Fund (IMF): June - August 2005

Summer Intern in the Caribbean I Division, Western Hemisphere Department

- Conducted research –that resulted in an IMF Working Paper (forthcoming)- examining tax incentives for investment and distortions in the capital market induced by the tax system in the Eastern Caribbean
- Developed country-specific VAR models for the Eastern Caribbean countries, to analyze the dynamic responses of the domestic business cycle to different external shocks and to determine the relative importance of these shocks as sources of business fluctuations in the region

CERES (Centro de Estudios de la Realidad Económica y Social): June 1998 - February 2002

As Researcher of the most prestigious economic think-tank in Uruguay:

- Headed the five-person working team in monitoring and analyzing Uruguay and the Southern Cone region's leading macroeconomic trends and indicators
- Pioneered the development of the Leading Index of CERES, the first leading indicator of the Uruguayan business cycle, widely used among Uruguay's economists and analysts within the private and public sectors
- Conducted research and elaborated complex reports on Uruguayan and Latin American macroeconomic issues
- Interfaced with and provided sound macroeconomic advice to CERES client base, Uruguay's largest players in the private and public sectors

Booz Allen & Hamilton – Promesur, Consultants: June 1998 – January 2000

Consultant

- Participated in public sector reform projects that resulted in the modernization and simplification of the Central Government regulatory framework; reduced microeconomic distortions and enhanced market competition
- Co-led strategic planning projects that resulted in organizational redesign of prominent Uruguayan firms, including the business plan of Uruguay's largest private free trade zone

Central Bank of Uruguay: February - June 1998

Intern in the Department of Economic Statistics

- Participated in the Base Change of National Accounts project, and wrote an analytical economic report on the evolution of imports of capital goods in Uruguay

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA):

September 2003 – to date

Teaching Assistant, Teaching Associate, Teaching Fellow:

PS 208 (Statistical Methods of Policy Analysis II), Master of Public Policy

Econ 1 (Principles of Microeconomics), Department of Economics

Econ 2 (Principles of Macroeconomics), Department of Economics

Universidad de la República (Uruguay):

March 2000 - February 2002

Assistant Professor:

Economics II (Intermediate Macroeconomics)

RESEARCH PAPERS

“Tax Incentives and Investment in the Eastern Caribbean”, *IMF Working Paper No. 06/23*

“External Shocks and Macroeconomic Fluctuations in the Eastern Caribbean” (with Paul Cashin), IMF (*in progress*)

“External Shocks in a Small Open Economy: Does Uruguay Face Two Rests of the World?”, *PhD Dissertation* (in progress), *UCLA*

“On the Procyclicality of Fiscal Policy in Uruguay”, *B.A. Dissertation, Universidad de la República*

SEMINAR AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Seminar at Western Hemisphere Department (IMF), presentation of the paper “Tax Incentives and Investment in the Eastern Caribbean”, August 2005

Seminar of Economic Policy, Universidad de la República (School of Law), presentation of “The Uruguayan Economy: Diagnostic and Perspectives”, November 2001

Seminar “Topics in Macroeconomics”, organized by CERES, presentation of the research paper “On the Procyclicality of Fiscal Policy in Uruguay”, August 2001

Workshop on Economic Analysis, ORT (Department of Economics), presentation of “The Leading Index in Economic Analysis”, March 2001

XV Economic Annual Meetings, Central Bank of Uruguay, presentation of the research paper “On the Procyclicality of Fiscal Policy in Uruguay”, December 2000

Seminar on “Improvements in the Public Administration Management”, organized by the Government of the Province of Salta (Argentina), presentation of “The Balanced Scorecard in Public Sector Management”, November 1999

OTHER SKILLS

Computer skills: Eviews, Stata, RATS, Demetra, Matlab, MS Office

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Italian (fluent)

REFERENCES

Prof. Arnold Harberger, UCLA, Dept. of Economics // (310) 825-7520; harberger@econ.ucla.edu

Prof. Carlos Vegh, UCLA and University of Maryland, Dept. of Economics // (301) 405-3546; cvegh@ucla.edu

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