

JUAN MATTA

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am an applied microeconomist and Assistant Professor of Economics at Universidad Diego Portales, with research interests in the economics of education, labor economics, gender and inequality.

Primary Fields: Applied Microeconomics, Economics of Education

Secondary Fields: Labor Economics, Economics of Gender.

EDUCATION

New York University

2014 - 2020

Ph.D., Wagner School of Public Service

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

M.A. in Economics

December 2009

B.A. in Economics and Business Administration

July 2008

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Universidad Diego Portales

Assistant Professor of Economics

July 2021 - present

Stanford University

Luksic Visiting Scholar at the Center for Latin American Studies

January - April 2025

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Postdoctoral Researcher

April-July 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universidad Diego Portales

Labor Economics.

Fall, 2022 - present

Intermediate Microeconomics.

Fall, Spring, 2022- present

Causal Inference.

Spring, 2021- present

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Labor Economics.

Spring 2021

Introductory Economics.

Fall 2011-2013

PUBLICATIONS

- Aguirre, J., Matta, J., and Montoya, A.M. (2026). College Peer Effects, Gender, and STEM. *Economics of Education Review*, Vol 112, 102789. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econedurev.2026.102789>.
- Aguirre, Josefa. and Matta, Juan. (2021). Walking in Your Footsteps: Sibling Spillovers in Higher Education Choices. *Economics of Education Review*, Vol 80. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0272775720305483>.

WORKING PAPERS

- Aguirre, J., Matta, J., and Montoya, A.M. *Joining the Old Boys' Club: Women's Returns to Majoring in Technology and Engineering*. Conditionally accepted at *AEJ: Applied Economics*.
- Matta, J. and Orellana, A., *Neighbor Spillovers in High School Choice*. R&R at *Journal of Human Resources*.

ONGOING RESEARCH

- *College and Social Mobility: Evidence from Chile*. [joint with Josefa Aguirre]
- *Centralized School Assignment and School Effectiveness in Chile*. [joint with Andrés Barrios]

HONORS AND GRANTS

- Luksic Visiting Scholar at Stanford *January-April, 2025*
- Fondecyt de Iniciación Fellowship *2024-2026*
- Fondecyt Postdoctoral Fellowship *2021-2023*
- IADB grant, *Boosting growth and economic development by reducing gender gaps in the June 2020 countries of the Southern Cone*
- Fulbright Commission, Chile. Scholarship for doctoral studies. *2014-2018*
- National Commission for Scientific Research Scholarship. *2014-2018*
- M.A. Thesis Approved with Highest Honors. *December 2009*

REFeree SERVICES

- American Economic Journal: Applied Economics; Journal of Labor Economics; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Business, Economic Statistics; Labour Economics; Economic Development & Cultural Change.

PRESENTATION AT CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

- Stanford University - Center for Latin American Studies *April 2025*
- Oregon University - Economics Department *April 2025*
- Centro de Economía Aplicada, Universidad de Chile *October 2023*
- Universidad Adolfo Ibañez *September 2023*
- SECHI *August 2023*
- Universidad de Los Andes, Chile *March 2023*
- EEA-ESEM Congress *August 2022*
- FEN - Universidad de Chile *July 2022*
- SOLE *May 2022*
- MPSA Conference *April 2021*
- IADB Seminar - *Boosting growth and economic development by reducing gender gaps in the countries of the Southern Cone* *February 2021*
- Alumni Workshop - *Instituto de Economía UC* *November 2020*

- IADB Seminar - *Boosting growth and economic development by reducing gender gaps in the countries of the Southern Cone* November 2020
- FEN - Universidad de Talca September, 2020
- EEA 35th Annual Congress August, 2020
- APPAM International Conference - Session: *College Matriculation and Success* July, 2020
- NBER Summer Institute - Session: *Gender in the Economy* July, 2020
- APPAM Regional Student Conference (cancelled due to COVID-19) April, 2020