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Academic Appointments

University of Michigan

2025 - 2027 **Postdoctoral Researcher**

Center for the Study of Higher and Postsecondary Education
Marsal Family School of Education

Project Title: Exploring career development opportunities in a midsize Florida school district.

Principal Investigators: Walter Ecton, Erica Harbatkin, Christine Mokher, Stacey Rutledge.

Education

Columbia University

2025 **Ph.D.**, Economics and Education

Dissertation title: Managers, Markets, and Money: Three Essays on the Economics of Education

Dissertation committee: Judith Scott-Clayton (chair), Jordan Matsudaira, Alex Eble, Carolina Concha-Arriagada, Luis Huerta

Universidad de los Andes (Colombia)

2017 **M.A.**, Economics

2017 **M.P.P.** (Public Administration concentration)

2015 **B.A.**, Economics

Awards & Grants

2024 Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship Grant

2023 EPSA Departmental Research Grant

2019 EPSA Departmental Research Fellowship

2019 Teachers College Doctoral Research Fellowship

2014 Universidad de los Andes Masters Fellowship

Submitted for Publication

Acevedo, N. (2026) Talent at the Top: Effects of Taxation on College Presidents' Compensation and Priorities. [Under review at *Journal of Public Economics*, [EdWorkingPaper: 26-1609](#)].

Acevedo, N., Bae, K., Blanchard, K., Cellini, S., Timmons, E. Cosmetology Gets a Trim: The Impact of Reducing Licensing Hours on Colleges and Students. [Under review at *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, [NBER Working Paper 33936](#)].

Acevedo, N., Almeyda, G., Granada, D., Lombardi, M., Oubiña, V., Zoido, P. Remote tutoring in language: Evidence from Paraguay. [Under review at *World Bank Economic Review*, [IADB Working Paper](#)].

Working Papers

Luna, D., Gove, A., Acevedo, N., Cloutier, M., & Liang, X. (2025) The Roles of Standards in Education and Training. Background paper for the World Bank 2025 World Development Report 2025. [[Link](#)]

Minaya, V., & Acevedo, N. (2024) Whole-College Reforms in Community Colleges: Guided Pathways Practices and Early Academic Success in Three States. Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University. [[CCRC Working Paper No. 136](#)]

Acevedo, N. (2023) Short-term Impacts of Emergency Financial Aid on the Academic Outcomes of College Students- Evidence from the CARES Act.[[Link](#)]

Works in Progress

Acevedo, N. & Ecton, W. Lowering the Cost of CTE: Evidence from a Graduation Requirement Reform in Florida.

Wu, J., Ecton, W., Acevedo, N. Taking our Jobs? Vulnerability of CTE Occupations to AI Exposure.

Ecton, W., Acevedo, N., Ganus, K., Dodgen, K. Beyond the Average Certificate: Explaining Variation in the Returns to Industry-Recognized Credentials.

Ecton, W., Acevedo, N., Ganus, K., Akerele, F. Landing the First Job: Occupational Skill Demand and Employer Perspectives on Hiring.

Acevedo, N. Value-Added of Remote Tutors: Evidence from Large-Scale Implementation in Paraguay. (Invited for the Inter-American Development Bank).

Acevedo, N., & Timmons, E. Occupational Licensing in Colombia. (Invited for the Journal of Regulatory Economics).

Acevedo, N., Sánchez, F. Effects of Merit-Based Teacher Selection: Evidence from Colombia.

Policy Briefs, Reports, and Other Writing

Acevedo, N., & Ecton, W. (2026). Skills Content of High School Level Occupations in The Tallahassee - Leon County Labor Market. Secondary Transitions and Education Pathways in Career and Technical Education Network.

Acevedo, N., Cortez, C., Brooks, C., Kizilcec, R. F., & Yu, R. (2024). Fairness Hub Technical Briefs: Mitigation Strategies of Distribution Shift.

Acevedo, N., Blanchard, K. J., & Cellini, S. R. (2022). Occupational Licensing and Student Outcomes. PEER Research Network Working Paper.

Peer-reviewed Conference Presentations

2026	APPAM: Lowering the Cost of CTE: Evidence from a Graduation Requirement Reform in Florida
2026	AEFP: Remote tutoring in language: Evidence from Paraguay.
2024	AEFP: Talent at the Top: Effects of Taxation on College Presidents' Compensation and Priorities.
2023	AEFP: Cosmetology Gets a Trim: The Impact of Reducing Licensing Hours on Colleges and Students.
2022	AEFP: Short-term Impacts of Emergency Financial Aid on the Academic Outcomes of College Students- Evidence from the CARES Act.
2022	APPAM: A matter of wages? Effects of public sector wage policies on the sector choice of highly educated professionals.

Other Presentations

2026	University of Michigan: Causal Inference in Education Research Seminar
2025	Brookings Institution: Economics of Education Seminar
2024	Columbia University: Economics of Education Seminar

Teaching

Columbia University

2024	Course Assistant, Economics of Higher Education (graduate)
2022	Course Assistant, Advanced Microeconomics of Education (graduate)
2020-2021	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Economics of Education (graduate)

Universidad de los Andes

2019	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Economic History (graduate)
2019	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Economic History of the Twentieth Century (undergraduate)
2016-2017	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Public Policy (graduate)
2015	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Data Analysis and Causal Inference II (graduate)

Service

Journal Referee

2025	American Educational Research Journal
2024	AERA Open
2024	Economics of Education Review

Conference Proposal Referee

2026	AERA, Career and Technical Education Panel
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Institutional Service

2025-26	Organizer of the Economics of Education Student Research Colloquium, Columbia University
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Professional Experience

2025	Product External Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, Education Division, Washington D.C.
2025	Short Term Consultant, World Bank, Education Division, Washington D.C.
2025	Evaluation Specialist, Equilibrium Consulting, Bogotá, Colombia (remote)
2024	Data Consultant, Delivery Associates, Washington D.C. (remote)
2019-2024	Senior Research Assistant, Teachers College, Columbia University
2016-2019	Researcher, Economics Department, Universidad de los Andes
2014-2015	Graduate Research Assistant, School of Government, Universidad de los Andes

Memberships

Association for Education Finance & Policy (AEFP)
Association for Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
American Educational Research Association (AERA)
American Economic Association (AEA)

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