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Education

Columbia University
Ph.D. candidate in Economics, *Graduate School of Arts and Sciences* 2019-2025
M.A in Statistics, *Graduate Schools of Arts and Sciences* 2018

New York University
B.A. in Psychology *College of Arts and Sciences* 2014

Research Fields

Primary Fields: Behavioral Finance, Development Economics, Climate Economics

References

Mark Dean
Professor of Economics
Columbia University

Jack Willis
Assistant Professor of Economics
Columbia University

Michael C. Best
Associate Professor of Economics
Columbia University

Joseph E. Stiglitz
University Professor
Columbia University

Working Papers

Information Frictions and the Market for Climate Adaptation: Evidence from Index Insurance in Colombia *(Job Market Paper)*

Presented at the Stanford Financial Education Symposium, Warwick PhD Student Conference, the Next Gen Science Sessions at the 8th Lindau Meeting in Economic Sciences, A Quantum Leap for Nature Finance Action Circle, WEFIDEV webinar, World Bank-KDI Development Impact Conference, and APPAM 2025.

Depositor Preferences and Climate Finance
with Edward Shore and Jing Lu
Presented at Bates College Seminar Lunch

Climate Maladaptation and the Commons: Groundwater Management in India
with Nikhil Basavappa
Best poster award, second place APPAM 2025

Works in Progress

The Salesperson as an Educator: Incentives, Persuasion, and Financial Literacy
with Brian Jonghwan Lee

Public Information Provision: Subsidy and Bureaucratic Efficiency
with Fernando Ochoa, Daniela Paz Cruzat and Marcela Zapata

Insurance and Crop Choice: Experimental Evidence from Zambia
with Lorenzo Casaburi and Jack Willis

Teaching and Research Experience

Graduate Research Fellow, Columbia Business School
Joseph E. Stiglitz 2020-Present

Teaching Fellow, Columbia University
Intermediate Macroeconomics, with Prof. Sala-i-Martin Fall 2019, Fall 2022
Money and Banking with Prof. Miles C. Leahy Spring 2021
Economics of Race in the United States with Prof. O'Flaherty Fall 2020
Introduction to Econometrics with Prof. Gashaw Spring 2020

Research Assistant, Columbia University
Mark Dean 2022-2023

Policy Working Papers

Groundwater management strategies, T20 South Africa 2025
with Nikhil Basavappa, Nitin Bassi, Anik Bhaduri, Soorya K K, Ekansha Khanduja, and Yashita Singh

Can Chile Escape its Inequality Trap? 2024
with Ignacia Lecaros, Daniela Paz Cruzat, Pablo Tillán, and Michael Walton

Inequality in Chile, Perceptions and Patterns, 2023
with Ignacia Lecaros, Daniela Paz Cruzat, Pablo Tillán, and Michael Walton

Affiliations & Other Activities

Cognition and Decision Lab, CELSS Lab, Center for Development and Economic Policy Research Fellow, IMAGO Global Grassroots (*Research Fellow 2022-2023*).

Referee Service: *Journal of Behavioral and Experimental Economics*
Student Research Breakfast Seminar Organizer 2021-2024
Cognition and Decision Lab Social Secretary 2023-2024
Undergraduate Economics Mentorship 2022-2023
NBER Behavioral Public Economics Boot Camp 2022
Sloan-NOMIS Cognitive Foundations of Economic Behavior 2022
Alliance Graduate Summer School 2022

Grants and Awards

Program for Economic Research, Summer DRA ($\sim \$4,000$ USD each) 2023, 2024, 2025
CELSS student pilot lab grant ($\sim \$800$ USD) 2025
Hewlett Foundation, Data Grant ($\sim \$2,000$ USD) 2024
Program for Economic Research, Data ($\sim \$5,000$ USD) 2024
Center for Development and Economic Policy, Student Grant ($\sim \$1,500$ USD each) 2024, 2025
Program for Economic Research, Field Experiment ($\sim \$15,000$ USD) 2023
Wueller Teaching Award, Core Courses, Runner-Up 2023
Weiss Fund, Exploratory Research Grant ($\sim \$1,500$ USD) 2022
Dean's Fellow 2019-2025

Skills

Programming and Editing: R, Shiny, Python, Tensorflow, oTree, Statistical Machine Learning, Stata, Matlab, LaTeX
Languages: English (native), Spanish (native), French (basic), Danish (basic)