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Current Position: Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Universidad Católica del Norte.

Research interests Spatial wage differences, housing prices, amenities, inequality.

Education **The Ohio State University** Columbus, OH, USA
PhD in Agricultural, Environment and Development Economics May 2016

The Ohio State University Columbus, OH, USA
MSc in Agricultural, Environment and Development Economics May 2014

Universidad Católica del Norte Antofagasta, Chile
MSc in Regional Science March 2011

Universidad Austral de Chile Valdivia, Chile
BA in Business August 2004

Honors and scholarships Scholarship Doctoral studies (Government of Chile) 2012
Scholarship Master Studies (Government of Chile) 2010
Scholarship Master Studies (Regional Universities Association) 2009

Professional Activities and Administrative Duties **Head of Department of Economics** 2018 – 2020
Universidad Católica del Norte

Chilean Society of Regional Studies board member 2019 – 2020

Representative of Regional Chilean Universities 2018
Sarajevo, Bosnia y Herzegovina.

Funded research **City differences in the return to schooling** 2017-2020
FONDECYT 11170018 Budget (CLP): \$ 67,020,000
The aim of this project was to assess the effect of urban amenities (endogenous and exogenous) on the return to schooling for Chilean communes.

Publications **The double burden for being women and obese: Evidence from Chilean labor market and potential explanations**
Sarrias, M., Iturra, V.
Feminist Economics, (in press).

How does air pollution affect housing rental prices in Chile? An economic assessment of PM_{2.5} concentration across Chilean communes

Gómez, K., Iturra, V.

Environment and Development Economics, 2021.

If the air was cleaner, would we be happier? An economic assessment of the effects of air pollution on individual subjective well-being in Chile

Ahumada, G., Iturra, V.

Journal of Cleaner Production, 2021.

We Do Not Have the Same Tastes! Evaluating Individual Heterogeneity in the Preferences for Amenities

Ahumada, G., Iturra, V., Sarrias, M.

Journal of Happiness Studies, 2020.

Market versus public provision of local goods: An analysis of amenity capitalization within the Metropolitan Region of Santiago de Chile

Cortés, Y., Iturra, V.

Cities, 2019.

Amenity Decomposition: The Role Played by Firms and Workers in Explaining Spatial Wage Differences in Chile

Iturra, V.

Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie, 2018.

A Spatial Decomposition of Income Inequality in Chile

Paredes, D., Iturra, V., Lufin, M.

Regional Studies, 2016.

Construction of a spatial housing price index by estimating an almost ideal demand system

Iturra, V., Paredes, D.

Tijdschrift voor Economische en Sociale Geografie, 2014.

Substitution bias and the construction of a spatial cost of living index

Paredes, D., Iturra, V.

Papers in Regional Science, 2020.

Market access and wages: A spatially heterogeneous approach

Paredes, D., Iturra, V.

Economics Letters, 2012.

Working papers	<p>Does a higher cultural supply raise cultural consumption? The association between individual and city traits and cultural consumption in Chile</p>
	<p>Rodríguez-Puello, G., Iturra, V. <i>R&R/International Regional Science Review</i></p>
	<p>Hidden in Plain Sight: Contributions of Public Employment to Reducing Poverty and Inequality and to Boosting Income</p>
	<p>Hooks, G., Lobao, L., Iturra, V., Partridge, M. <i>Under review/Social Problems</i></p>
	<p>Does Immigration Raise Housing Rents? An Analysis of Recent Venezuelan Immigration to Colombia</p>
	<p>Forero-Vargas, D., Iturra, V. <i>Under review/Spatial Economic Analysis</i></p>
Work in progress	<p>Inequality of opportunities in wages: Using the Chilean voucher school system to identify childhood circumstances</p>
	<p>Iturra, V., Gallardo, M.</p>
	<p>Housework and wages: The economic disadvantage of being a married woman in Chile</p>
	<p>Iturra, V., Chacón, S.</p>
	<p>Disentangling the causes of spatial differences in the wage gap: The roles of amenities and knowledge spillovers</p>
	<p>Iturra, V., Pérez-Silva, R., Ahumada, G.</p>
	<p>How do local attributes shape spatial differences in the return to schooling? An amenity-based analysis of the distribution of the premium for schooling.</p>
	<p>Iturra, V., Sarrias, M..</p>
Postgraduate scholar advisor	<p>Gustavo Ahumada (co-advising with Mauricio Sarrias) 2018 Institution: Universidad Católica del Norte Degree: Master in Applied Economics with Mention in Regional Studies. Thesis Title: We do not have the same tastes! Evaluating individual heterogeneity in the preferences for amenities.</p>
	<p>Gabriel Rodríguez 2019 Institution: Universidad Católica del Norte Degree: Master in Applied Economics with Mention in Regional Studies.</p>

Thesis Title: Does a higher cultural supply raise cultural consumption? The association between individual and city traits and cultural consumption in Chile.

Katty Gómez 2019

Institution: Universidad Católica del Norte

Degree: Master in Applied Economics with Mention in Regional Studies.

Thesis Title: How does air pollution affect housing rental prices in Chile? An economic assessment of PM2.5 concentration across Chilean communes.

Jorge Kong 2020

Institution: Universidad Católica del Norte

Degree: Master in Public Management and Regional Development.

Thesis Title: Inequality in access to basic opportunities for Chilean children: A comparative analysis between Chilean communes for the period.

Daniel Forero 2020

Institution: Universidad Católica del Norte

Degree: Master in Applied Economics with Mention in Regional Studies.

Thesis Title: Does immigration rise housing rents? An analysis of the recent Venezuelan immigration to Colombia

Teaching experience

Universidad Católica del Norte

- _ Microeconomics, undergrad level 2016 - Present
- _ Urban Economics, graduate level 2017 - Present
- _ Quantitative Methods, graduate level 2018 - Present
- _ Statistics, graduate level 2018 - 2019
- _ Academic Writing, graduate level 2020
- _ Return to Schooling, graduate level 2021

Instituto Profesional Andrés Bello

- _ Finance, undergrad level 2009
- _ Financial Mathematics 2009

Universidad Austral de Chile

- _ Finance, undergrad level 2005 - 2008
- _ Corporate Finance, undergrad level 2007
- _ Project Formulation and Evaluation 2006

Presentations

Schooling, wages and cities: An empirical study of cultural demand in Chile. Rodríguez, G., Iturra, V.
National Meeting of Business Schools, Antofagasta - Chile.
November, 2020.

Disentangling the causes of the spatial differences in the wage gap: amenities and knowledge spillovers. Iturra, V., Pérez-Silva, Rodrigo, Ahumada, G.

North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), Pittsburgh, PA, USA.
November 2019.

Heterogeneity in the Returns to Schooling: The Role of Household and Firm Amenities, Iturra, V., Sarrias, M.

Annual Meeting of the Chilean Economic Society, Valparaíso - Chile.
September 2018

City differences in the returns to schooling: Amenity or productivity effect?., Iturra, V., Sarrias, M.

Chilean Society of Regional Studies, Chillán - Chile.
September, 2017.

Local governments and income inequality across US counties., Iturra, V., Lobao, L., Partridge, M., Gregory Hooks.

North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), Portland, OR - USA.
November, 2015.

The role played by natural and man-made amenities in explaining spatial wage differences in Chile, Iturra, V.

North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), Washington, DC - USA.
November, 2014.

Market Access and Wages: A spatially heterogeneous approach, Paredes, D., Iturra, V.

Chilean Society of Public Policies, Santiago - Chile.
2012.

Construction of a Spatial Housing Price Index by Estimating an Almost Ideal Demand System, Paredes, D., Iturra, V.

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North American Regional Science Council (NARSC), Miami, FL - USA.
November, 2011.

Market Access and Wages: A spatially heterogeneous approach, Paredes, D., Iturra, V.

Chilean Society of Regional Studies, Concepción - Chile.

2011.

Estimación de un índice de precios de viviendas para las comunas de Chile, Paredes, D., Iturra, V.

Congress of Regional Studies, Iquique - Chile.
2010.

Estimación de la ley de Zipf para Chile para el período 1907-2002, Val-
lone, A., Atienza, M., Iturra, V.

Congress of Regional Studies, Iquique - Chile.
2010.

Determinación de convergencia en el Producto Interno Bruto per cápita para las regiones chilenas: Un análisis del período 1960-1997, Itura, H., Iturra, V.

National Congress of Business Students, Viña del Mar - Chile.
2002.

Reviewer for: Journal of Regional Science, Papers in Regional Science, Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy, Area Development and Policy, Spatial Economics Analysis.

References

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