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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## ACADEMICS DEGREES

- Doctor (Ph.D.) in Agricultural and Resource Economics. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. Berkeley, California. 1991
- Master (M.S.) in Agricultural and Resource Economics. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. Berkeley, California. 1981
- Magíster Scientiae (M.Sc.) in Agricultural Economics. UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE CHILE. Santiago, Chile. 1974
- Agricultural Engineer. UNIVERSITY OF GUAYAQUIL. Guayaquil, Ecuador. 1972

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

- CENTER FOR RURAL RESEARCH (CIR). ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITECNICA DEL LITORAL. Director of the Center, from 2006 to 2009. Then, since 2019 to present.
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- Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences. Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL). Guayaquil, Ecuador. June, 2015 to February 2019.
- Visiting Professor, École Nationale Supérieure Agronomique Agrocampus-Ouest and Université de Rennes 2. France. September-October, 2008.
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- Visiting Professor. Department of Agricultural Economics, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, Ghent University. Belgium. January – May, 2007
- Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics, Humboldt University of Berlin. Germany. April, 2007.
- Lecturer, Department économie rurale et gestion. Agrocampus, Université de Rennes, France. May, 2007.

- Adjunct Professor. Department of Food and Resource Economics, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. University of Florida. Gainesville, Florida. USA. Since 2002.
- Professor of Agricultural Economics. Department of Agricultural Engineering. ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITECNICA DEL LITORAL. Guayaquil, Ecuador. Since 2001.
- CENTER FOR ECONOMIC RESEARCH (CIEC). ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITECNICA DEL LITORAL. Director of the Center. 1999-2002.
- Professor of Microeconomics and Industrial Organization at the Institute of Humanistic and Economics Sciences. ESCUELA SUPERIOR POLITECNICA DEL LITORAL. Guayaquil, Ecuador. 1999 - 2001.
- Professor of Theory of Planning. Institute of Economics UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE GUAYAQUIL. Guayaquil, Ecuador. 1982 – 1994
- Director of the Research Institute for Economics UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE GUAYAQUIL. Guayaquil, Ecuador. 1984 – 1986
- Vice Dean of School of Economics, UNIVERSIDAD CATÓLICA DE GUAYAQUIL. Guayaquil, Ecuador. 1986 - 1988

## **PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Member of the Board of Directors. International Monetary Fund. Washington, DC. USA. May, 2011 – June, 2015.
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- Minister of Agriculture. Quito, Ecuador. 2009 – 2011.
- Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade. Ministry of Foreign Relations. Quito, Ecuador. April, 2009.
- CENTRO ANDINO DE ACCION POPULAR (CAAP). Associate Researcher since 1999. A NGO working in Ecuadorean rural areas.
- FINAGRO BANCO DEL AGRO S.A. Chairman and Executive President. Babahoyo, Ecuador. 1989 – 1999. A

bank specialized in economic development for the rural sector and agriculture, projects of investment and micro credit small holders.

- FINANCIERA DE GUAYAQUIL S.A. Executive Vice-president. Guayaquil, Ecuador. 1981 – 1988. Director of the Department of Project Formulation and Analysis.
- FERTILIZANTES ECUATORIANOS S.A. (FERTISA). C.E.O. Guayaquil, Ecuador. 1977 – 1978
- BANCO NACIONAL DE FOMENTO. Director for the Coast of Ecuador. Quito, Ecuador. 1976–1977.
- CENTRAL ECUATORIANA DE SERVICIOS AGRÍCOLAS (CESA). Regional Coordinator for the Coast. Guayaquil, Ecuador. 1975 - 1976. Training for peasants to develop entrepreneurial agriculture in an Agrarian Reform region.
- MINISTERIO DE AGRICULTURA Y GANADERIA. General Director of Commercialization and Enterprises. Quito, Ecuador. 1974.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

***The Political Feasibility of Adjustment in Ecuador and Venezuela.*** With Alain de Janvry, Elizabeth Sadoulet and Alison Graham. Development Centre of the Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (155 pages). OECD, 1994.

***Después de la Dolarización: situación actual y perspectivas.*** Revista ESPOL Propuestas. Año 3, No. 9. Octubre 2000.

***Evaluación del Proyecto de Fortalecimiento de Sistemas Financieros Rurales.*** Centro Andino de Acción Popular. Quito, Mayo 2000.

***El Problema del Banano en el Ecuador: una Propuesta de Regulación.*** Revista ESPOL Propuestas. Año 5, No. 14. Enero 2002.

***Produce and the Giant Sucking Sound.*** With Richard Beilock. Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida. Paper presented at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Conference, Orlando, Florida. February, 2002.

***The Non-Event of Produce and NAFTA.*** With Richard Beilock and Sikavas NaLampang. Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida. Paper presented at the Conference on Free Trade of the Americas, the WTO, and New Farm Legislation: Responding to Opportunities and Challenges. San Antonio, Texas. May, 2002. Published in Estey Centre Journal of International Law and Trade Policy (esteyjournal.com), Volume 3 Number 1, 2002. p. 141-162

***Formación de Sistemas Financieros Rurales en la crisis bancaria ecuatoriana.*** Ecuador DEBATE, CAAP, No. 56. Quito. August, 2002.

***Estudio del Potencial Agroindustrial y Exportador de la Península de Santa Elena y de los Recursos Necesarios para su implantación.*** (ESPOL, CEDEGE, University of Florida, PROMSA). Research Director of a regional study. Published in a CD-ROM which includes a GIS with thematic maps on the agricultural systems, soil characteristics and irrigation infrastructure of the Peninsula de Santa Elena, Ecuador. October, 2002.

***Contribución al Desarrollo de la Península de Santa Elena.*** Revista ESPOL Propuestas. Año 5, Número 17. Noviembre del 2002.

***Las matemáticas simples del equilibrio general.*** Matemática, Volumen 1 Número 2. Instituto de Ciencias Matemáticas, ESPOL. April, 2003.

***The Role of Social Capital in the Development of Rural Financial Markets.*** J. Wayne Reitz Seminar in Food and Resource Economics. Departmental publication at the Department of Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida. November, 2003.

***An Application of the Contingent Valuation Method to Assess the Efficiency of the Institutional Structure of Irrigation Property Rights: the case of the Peninsula of Santa Elena.*** With G. Van Huylenbroeck and P. Herrera. International Journal of Water Resource Development, Vol. 20, Nº 4, pp. 539-553. December, 2004.

***A Generic Four-step Methodology for Institutional Analysis of Governance Structures.*** With G. Van Huylenbroeck and P. Herrera. Journal of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) as a

conference paper. 2005. (Available at <http://agecon.lib.umn.edu/>).

***Information Use and Water Resources Laws and Policies in Ecuador.*** With D. Matamoros, P. Herrera, P. Cornejo, G. Van Huylenbroeck, P. A. Vanrolleghem, L. Van Biesen, Z. Cisneros, and J. Douse. In: J. S. Wallace, P. Wouters and S. Pazvakavambwa (eds.), *Hydrological Information in Water, Law, and Policy: current practice and future potential*. UNESCO/WMO/HELP Programme, Kluwer International Publishers. March, 2006.

***Irrigation Potential of the TRASVASE System (Santa Elena Peninsula, Guayas, Ecuador).*** With Camilo Cornejo, Dorota Z. Haman y Jonathan Jordan. Journal of Irrigation and Drainage ASCE. September/October 2006. pp. 453-462.

***Transaction Costs in Land and Water Use Decisions: the case of the Peninsula of Santa Elena, Ecuador.*** With G. Van Huylenbroeck and P. Herrera. Published in "Memorias del 2º Congreso Nacional de Ciencias – ESPOLCiencia", Guayaquil, Ecuador. November 2006.

***La Globalización y sus efectos en la Agricultura: los Pequeños y Medianos Productores y sus Alternativas.*** Análisis Latinoamericano del Medio Rural (ALASRU). Universidad Autónoma de Chapingo, México. ALASRU, N°4. November 2006.

***Importance of institutions and governance structures for market access and protection of property rights of small farmers in developing countries.*** With Guido VanHuylenbroeck. In E. Bulte and R. Ruben (editors), *Development Economics between markets and institutions*. Mansholt publication series – Volume 4. Wageningen Academic Publishers. 2007.

***La Economía Política de la Biodiversidad. Conocimientos ancestrales y derechos de propiedad.*** In Fernando Martín Mayoral (editor), *Deduda Externa y Economía Ecológica: dos visiones críticas*. FLACSO-Ministerio de Cultura. Quito, 2009.

***Acumulación Perversa: Comuneros, agua y tierra en la Península de Santa Elena.*** With Paul Herrera, in F.Brassel, S. Herrera and M. Laforge (editors). Published by Sistema de Investigación de la Problemática Agraria en el Ecuador. Quito, Ecuador. August, 2008.

***A Systematic Review on the Contributions of Edible Plants and Animal Biodiversity to Human Diets.*** With Daniela Peñafiel, Patrick VanDamme, Carl Lachat and Patrick Kolsteren. *Ecohealth*. September, 2011.

***Ruralidad, Acceso a la Tierra y Soberanía Alimentaria.*** Análisis Latinoamericano del Medio Rural (ALASRU). Universidad Autónoma de Chapingo, México, No. 7: 171-186. November 2013.

***Biodiversity and Peasant Agriculture: a Symbiotic Relationship that Molds the Smallholder Production Function.*** With Patrick VanDamme and Paul Herrera. Paper presented at the First Latin American Ecosystems Services Partnership conference (forthcoming publication). Center for International Agriculture (CIAT), Cali, Colombia. October 2016.

***Barriers to Eating Traditional Foods Vary by Age Group in Ecuador with Biodiversity Loss as a Key Issue.*** With Daniela Peñafiel, Céline Termote, Carl Lachat and Patrick VanDamme. January 2016.

***Cacao: Situación Mundial.*** Chapter in book edited by F. Hidalgo and A. Sicgcha, “Cacao y Campesinos”. Universidad Central del Ecuador. Quito, 2017.

***Hacia una bioeconomía sostenible: un enfoque desde Ecuador.*** With Diego Inclán Luna, Alfredo López y Daniel Ortega Pacheco. 4to. Congreso Internacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación para la Sociedad. Memoria Académica. CITIS, Universidad Politécnica Salesiana. Editorial Universitaria Abya-Yala, Quito, 2018.

***Understanding constraints on private irrigation adoption decisions under uncertainty in data constrained settings: A novel empirical approach tested on Ecuadorian Cocoa cultivations.*** With Gonzalo Villa-Cox, Francesco Cavazza, Cristian Jordan Diaz y Stijn Speelman. *Agricultural Economics*. August, 2021.

***Ecosystem Services Valuation in the Abras de Mantequilla Wetland System: A comprehensive Analysis.*** With Diego Portalanza, Malena Torres y Eduardo Alava. *Ecological Indicators*. December, 2023.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

**Condecoración al Merito Universitario.** Universidad Técnica del Norte. Ibarra, Ecuador 2010.

**Sion Raveed Award.** BALAS, the Business Association of Latin American Studies. Conference at Bogotá, Colombia 2008.

**Premio al Mérito Académico.** Award for relevant academic accomplishments, Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL) 2008.

**Chaire des Amériques 2008-2009.** Institute des Amériques, University of Rennes, France 2008.

**Premio al Mérito Científico.** Award for research quality, Escuela Superior Politécnica del Litoral (ESPOL) 2006.

**Outstanding Educator Award.** College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Florida 2003.

**Premio Contenta.** University of Guayaquil 1972.

## LANGUAGES

English, French, Spanish