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Eleonora Dávalos

Education

2017	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	PhD Public Policy, May 2017
2006	Universidad de los Andes	MSc Environmental Economics, October 2006
2004	Universidad del Valle	BSc Economics, May 2004

Academic Experience

Spring 2017– present	<u>Universidad EAFIT, Colombia</u> Assistant Professor (2017–2021), Associate Professor (2021–2025), Full Professor (2025-present): Department of Economics Economic development / Rural development / Conflict and drug policy
Fall 2024	<u>University of Texas at Dallas</u> Fulbright Visiting Scholar, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences: Research project to prevent sexual and gender-based violence in the context of armed conflict in Colombia
2011–2016	<u>University of North Carolina at Charlotte</u> Teaching Assistant - Econometrics (Graduate) - Economic Analysis of Public Policy II (Graduate) Research Assistant - Department of Sociology, NSF grant The Roots of STEM - Department of Economics - Department of Political Science
2000–2002	<u>Universidad del Valle</u> Teaching Assistant Descriptive Economics (Undergraduate)

Professional Experience

2021-2022	<u>Fundación Mi Sangre, Colombia</u> Economic Development Consultant - Analyze the process of empowerment of young women carried out by the <i>ParticipAcción</i> project for the prevention of gender-based violence and gender equality - Identify intervention processes and practices for at-risk youth populations that strengthen the development of public policies aimed at the social prevention of violence - Systematize the implementation process and results of the training and labor insertion model for young people at risk in the Urabá region in Antioquia - Design a plan to improve the monitoring and evaluation system of the Foundation
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- 2018–2019 COMFAMA, Caja de Compensación Familiar de Antioquia
Economic Development Consultant
- Conduct socioeconomic analysis of the Colombian labor market, focusing on the quality of rural employment from 2007 to 2017
 - Provide recommendations to design a strategy to reduce the levels of informality in the rural labor market of Antioquia
- 2006–2008 Office of the Governor of Antioquia, Colombia
Economic Development Consultant
- Design public / private projects and partnership for poverty reduction in 125 municipalities in Antioquia, Colombia
- 2002 Fundación Pacífico en Acción, Colombia
Economic Development Research Assistant
- Design socioeconomic local plans for land use in the Pacific Coast of Colombia, 10 municipalities

Grant Funding

- 2023 “International Exchange and Training for Human Rights Policy” co-PI, [100K Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund](#) award, USD \$34,000
- 2021–2022 “Análisis de las características socioeconómicas de los campesinos cocaleros en zonas de manejo especial” co-PI, Convocatoria Conjunta de Proyectos en Seguridad Ciudadana y Drogas, Universidad de los Andes—Universidad EAFIT, COP \$75,000,000.
- 2020–2021 “La remuneración del trabajo como proporción de la renta: sus determinantes y su relación con la desigualdad” Universidad EAFIT, COP \$38,574,997
- 2019–2020 “What is right subsidy to encourage coca crop substitution?” Universidad EAFIT, COP \$35,116,264
- 2018–2021 “Sustainable Rural and Agricultural Development: A new specialization in the master’s program in applied economics at Universidad EAFIT” co-PI, [German Academic Exchange Service](#), EUR \$200,000.
- 2018–2019 “Agricultural productivity and coca crops in Colombia” Universidad EAFIT, COP \$50,456,296.

Honors and Awards

- 2024 [Fulbright Visiting Scholar Grant](#)
- 2024 Social Projection Award, Universidad EAFIT
- 2020 Best Practices in Digital Education for Teachers, Banco Santander
- 2018 [Dean’s Distinguished Dissertation Award](#), University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- 2014 ISSDP Scholarship for Doctoral Students, International Society for the Study of Drug Policy
- 2013 Teaching Program for Doctoral Students, Center of Teaching and Learning—UNCC
- 2011–2016 Graduate Fellowship, Graduate School—University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- 2012–2017 Francisco José de Caldas Fellowship, Colciencias (Colombian Science and Technology Agency equivalent to NSF)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2024 Morales, L. F., Quiñones, M., Dávalos, E. Gaviria, F. [Spatial Spillover Effects in the Labor Market: Evidence from a Matching Function Estimation for a Middle-Income Country](#). *Spatial Economic Analysis*, 1-19
- 2022 Dávalos, E., Morales, L. F. [Diffusion of crime control benefits: forced eradication and coca crops in Colombia](#). *Spatial Economic Analysis*, 18(3), 292-317.
- 2022 Arango, Luis E., et al. [Efectos macroeconómicos del salario mínimo en Colombia](#). *Revista ESPE-Ensayos sobre Política Económica*, 103: 1-117.

- 2021 Dávalos, L. M., **Dávalos, E.** Holmes, J.S. Tucker, C. Armenteras, D. [Forests, Coca, and Conflict: Grass Frontier Dynamics and Deforestation in the Amazon-Andes](#). *Journal of Illicit Economies and Development*, 3(1), 74-96.
- 2021 Torres, N., **Dávalos, E.**, Morales, L. F. [Heterogeneous Effects of Agricultural Technical Assistance in Colombia](#). *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, 53(4), 459-481.
- 2020 **Dávalos, E.**, Dávalos, L. [Social Investment and Smallholder Coca Cultivation in Colombia](#). *The Journal of Development Studies*, 56(6), 1118-1140.
- 2019 **Dávalos, E.**, Morales, L., Holmes, J., & Dávalos, L. [Opposition Support and the Experience of Violence Explain the Colombian Peace Referendum](#). *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, 10(2), 99-122.
- 2017 **Dávalos, E.**, Morales, L. F. [Economic Crisis Promotes Fertility Decline in Poor Areas: Evidence from Colombia](#). *Demographic Research*, 37, 867-888.
- 2017 Avellaneda, C. N., **Dávalos, E.** [Identifying the Macro-Level Drivers of Adolescent Fertility Rate in Latin America: The Role of School-Based Sexuality Education](#). *American Journal of Sexuality Education*, 12(4), 358-382.
- 2016 **Dávalos, E.** [New Answers to an Old Problem: Social Investment and Coca Crops in Colombia](#). *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 31, 121-130.
- 2016 Stearns, E., Bottia, M. C., **Dávalos, E.**, Mickelson, R. A., Moller, S., & Valentino, L. [Demographic Characteristics of High School Math and Science Teachers and Girls Success in STEM](#). *Social Problems*, 63(1), 87-110.
- 2007 **Dávalos, E.** (2007). [Not so Sweet Sugar Cane](#). *Desarrollo y Sociedad*, 59, 117-164.

Working papers

One size does not fit all: towards a differential and comprehensive alternative development program (with María Alejandra Vélez, Juliana Rubiano, Estefany Garcia, and Lucas Marín).

Theories of crime and drug policies: a tale of two countries (with Martha Bottia).

Health outcomes following the ban on the use of glyphosate to control illicit crops in Colombia (with Alicia Florez, Leonardo F. Morales, and Liliana Dávalos).

Is there always calm after a storm? Human rights violations and peace agreement in Colombia (with Jennifer Holmes and Catalina Gómez).

Estimating Vacancy Stocks from Aggregated Data on Hires: A Methodology to Study Frictions in the Labor Market (with Raquel Zapata and Leonardo Morales).

Interactions between formal and informal labor dynamics: Revealing job flows from household surveys (with Didier Hermida and Leonardo Morales).

Invited Talks (Last 5 years)

- 21 Mar. 2025 *Consecuencias en la salud tras la prohibición del uso de glifosato para controlar cultivos de uso ilícito en Colombia*, Charlas de los Viernes, Universidad del Valle, Colombia
- 29 Jan. 2025 Health outcomes following the ban on the use of glyphosate to control illicit crops in Colombia, The 17th Global Crisisonomy Symposium, University Texas at Dallas
- 22 Oct. 2024 *Drug trafficking in the Andes*. Global Policy Class, University Texas at Dallas
- 16 July 2023 *Is there always calm after a storm? Human rights violations and peace agreement in Colombia*. Human Rights Symposium, University of Texas at Dallas.

- 6 Oct. 2022 *Does forced eradication spread coca cultivation?* Seminario Charlas de Economía, Universidad ICESI, Cali, Colombia.
- 11 Feb. 2022 *¿La erradicación forzosa propaga el cultivo de coca?* Seminario CESED, Universidad de los Andes. Via Zoom
- 27 May, 2021 *Nuevas soluciones a un viejo problema.* Asamblea de Estudiantes, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Via Zoom.
- 10 April 2019 *¿La erradicación forzosa propaga el cultivo de coca?* Seminario Departamento de Economía. Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia.

Conference Presentations (Last 5 years)

- Dec. 2023 Medellín *Supporting Agricultural Development.* 20th World Congress IEA, International Economic Association.
- Nov. 2022 Barranquilla *Does forced eradication spread coca cultivation?* XIV Encuentro Nacional de Estudios Regionales y Urbanos.
- May 2021 Via Zoom *Does forced eradication spread coca cultivation?* Segunda Conferencia de REDESAL, Red de Estudios Sobre Drogas en América Latina.
- Nov. 2019 Puebla *Heterogeneous effects of agricultural technical assistance in Colombia.* LACEA annual meeting, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association
- Oct. 2019 México *Cultivos ilícitos en países en desarrollo: ¿consecuencia de la baja productividad agrícola?* Primera Conferencia de REDESAL, Red de Estudios Sobre Drogas en América Latina.
- July 2019 Barcelona *Illicit Crops in Developing Countries: A Consequence of Low Agricultural Productivity.* APPAM international conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.

University Teaching

Undergraduate courses taught at Universidad EAFIT

- 3.0 credits EC0112 Principles of Microeconomics, Fall 2017, Fall 2021-Spring 2023, Spring 2024, 2025
- 3.0 credits EC0102 Principles of Microeconomics, offered every semester Fall 2018-Fall 2021
- 3.0 credits EC0245 Microeconomics II, offered every semester Fall 2019–Fall 2020
- 3.0 credits EC0271 Environmental Economics, Spring 2018 and Fall 2019

Undergraduate courses taught at Universidad de Antioquia

- 3.0 credits 1024604 Quantitative Methods, Spring 2017

Undergraduate courses taught at The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

- Summer 2013 ECON2102 Principles of Microeconomics

Undergraduate research supervising and mentoring

- Spring 2021 Valentina Garcia Gomez, major in economics
- Fall 2020 Sofía Gongas Torres, major in economics
- Fall 2020 Valentina Garcia Salgado, major in economics
- Fall 2020 Sara Arias Carreño, major in economics
- Fall 2020 Diana Carolina Gómez Cordoba, major in economics
- Fall 2019 Valentina Posada Salazar, major in economics
- Fall 2019 Juanita Sosa Arango, major in economics
- Spring 2019 Camilo Velásquez Agudelo, major in economics
- Spring 2019 Mateo Trávez Velásquez, major in economics

Fall 2018	María Isabel Pérez Patiño, major in economics
Fall 2017	Andres Arias Pineda, major in economics

Master thesis advising

Joined MSc, Spring 2021	Alicia Florez Escobar
Joined MSc, Fall 2020	David Betancur Londoño
Joined MSc, Spring 2020	Estefany Hernandez Garcia
Joined MSc, Spring 2019	Julián David Londoño Hincapie
Joined MSc, Spring 2018	Nicolás Arturo Torres Franco

Department Service

Spring 2024-present	Undergraduate research group mentor
Spring 2020–Spring 2023	Department curriculum reform committee member
Summer 2018–Spring 2022	Microeconomics coordinator, 14 groups +400 students
Fall 2019	Member search committee, microeconomics hire
Fall 2018	Member search committee, microeconomics hire
Fall 2018, Fall 2019	Economics graduate program admissions committee

Professional Service

2022-2024	Editorial Council Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics
2021, 2024	Program committee member LACEA Annual Meeting
2022-2023	Vice-Chair local organizing committee 20th World Congress of IEA
2021	Co-organizer of the 2021 Conference of the Drug Study Network in Latin America–REDESDAL
2020	Reviewer to <i>LASER PULSE</i> Vietnam Request for Applications
Reviewer	<i>International Journal of Drug Policy, World Development, Spatial Economic Analysis, Communications Earth & Environment, Journal of Peacebuilding, Journal of Illicit Economies and Development, Local Government Studies, Social Science Research.</i>

Professional Society Membership

2015–present	Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association—LACEA
2014–present	American Economic Association—AEA
2013–present	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management—APPAM
2017-2018	The North American Regional Science Council—NARSC
2014–2015	International Society for the Study of Drug Policy—ISSDP
2012–2013	American Political Science Association—APSA
2012–2013	Midwest Political Science Association—MPSA
2012–2013	North Carolina Political Science Association—NCPA