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## Current Position

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Assistant Professor of Economics, NYU Stern School of Business, July 2006-present  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, Harvard University, January-June 2009

## Education

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Stanford University

Ph.D. in Economics, 2001-2006

Dissertation: *Robust Equilibrium Analysis in Games with Uncertainty*

Principal co-advisers: Prof. Susan Athey and Prof. Ilya Segal

Universidad de San Andrés, Argentina

MA in Economics, 1999

BA *summa cum laude* in Economics, 1998

## Research Fields

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Microeconomic Theory, Game Theory, Industrial Organization

## Research

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“Rationalizable Conjectural Equilibrium: A Framework for Robust Predictions.”

“Pivotal Voting in the Laboratory,” joint with Emanuel Vespa.

“Learning Foundation for Equilibrium in Voting Environments,” joint with Demian Pouzo.

“Information Aggregation Under Non-strategic Voting,” joint with Demian Pouzo.

“Endogenous Participation and Local Market Power in Highway Procurement,” joint with Liran Einav, in progress

“Behavioral Equilibrium in Economies with Adverse Selection,” *American Economic Review*, 98(4): 1269-91, September 2008.

“Information Feedback in First Price Auctions,” *RAND Journal of Economics*, 39: 491-508, Summer 2008.

*Robust Equilibrium Analysis in Games with Uncertainty*, Stanford University Ph.D. dissertation, 2006.

“The Economics of Illegal Activities,” in Gasparini, L. (ed.) Argentina’s underground economy, FIEL, 2000, joint with Federico Weinschelbaum (in Spanish).

“On the Spontaneous Emergence and Sustainability of Market Trade,” *Annals of the Argentine Association of Political Economy*, 1999.

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## **Honors and Awards**

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Premio Consagración 2009, Academia Nacional de Ciencias Económicas (Argentina), for “Behavioral Equilibrium in Economies with Adverse Selection.” [best published paper, Argentine economist under 40 years old]

The Bradley Graduate and Post Graduate Fellowship, 2005-2006

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Economics, Stanford University, Spring 2004

Best Second Year Paper, Department of Economics, Stanford University, 2003-04

Graduate Fellowship, Department of Economics, Stanford University, 2001-2004

Best Undergraduate Thesis (co-recipient), Universidad de San Andrés, 1998

Best GPA Award Class of 1998, Universidad de San Andrés

## **Teaching**

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Firms and Markets – MBA core course at Stern (Fall 2006-2009)

Bounded Rationality in IO – undergrad elective at Harvard (Spring 2009)

TA at Stanford: Intermediate Microeconomics for Professor Liran Einav, Spring 2004

Lecturer at U. de San Andrés: Principles of Economics; Intro. to Game Theory, 2000-01

## **Professional Activities**

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Referee: *American Economic Review*, *Econometrica*, *Economic Theory*, *Games and Economic Behavior*, *International Economic Review*, *International Journal of Game Theory*, *Journal of Economic Theory*, *Journal of Economics and Management Strategy*, *Journal of Industrial Economics*, *RAND*, *Review of Economic Studies*, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*, *Theoretical Economics*.

Member: American Economic Association, Econometric Society

## **Invited Seminars and Conferences**

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UC Berkeley (2010), UC Berkeley HAAS (2010, 2006), Columbia Pol Econ (2010), Toronto (2010), Brown (2010), Duke (2010), NYU (2010), Ascea, Italy (2010), UCL (2010), LSE (2010), Universidad Carlos III (2009), CEMFI (2009), Pompeu Fabra (2009), Latin American Meetings of the Econometric Society (2009), Princeton University (2009, 2006), Northwestern University (2009), MIT/Harvard theory seminar (2006, 2009), University of Chicago (2009), Penn State (2008), Universidad de San Andres (2006, 2007, 2008), SEA Annual Meetings (2008), UCL Workshop on Biased Beliefs (2008), University of Wisconsin (2008), University of Illinois – Urbana Champaign (2008), National University of Singapore (2007, 2008), CAPCP Conference on Auctions and Procurements (2008), Yale (2007), European Meetings of the Econometric Society (2007), Stony Brook Game Theory Festival (2007), University of Maryland (2007), Harvard IO workshop (2006), University of Iowa (2006), North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society (2006), UC San Diego (2006), UCLA (2006), University of Pennsylvania (2006), Stern NYU (2006), UT Austin (2006), Asociación Argentina de Economía Política (1999), Jornadas Anuales de Economía del Banco Central del Uruguay (1999)

## **Dissertation Committee**

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Professor Susan Athey (co-principal advisor), [athey@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:athey@fas.harvard.edu)

Professor Ilya Segal (co-principal advisor), [ilya.segal@stanford.edu](mailto:ilya.segal@stanford.edu)

Professor Liran Einav, [leinav@stanford.edu](mailto:leinav@stanford.edu)

Professor Jonathan Levin, [jdlevin@stanford.edu](mailto:jdlevin@stanford.edu)