

# Luis Felipe Sáenz

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

---

Address: 1014 Greene Street, Columbia, SC 29208.  
Phone: +1(803)777-6876.  
E-mail: [felipe.saenz@moore.sc.edu](mailto:felipe.saenz@moore.sc.edu).  
Webpage: <https://sites.google.com/site/luisfelipesaenz/>.  
Citizenship: Colombia and United States of America.

## EDUCATION

---

Ph.D. Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2018.  
M.A. Economics, Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia), 2010.  
B.Sc. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, 2008.

## EMPLOYMENT

---

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of South Carolina (2018 – present).  
Research Fellow, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC (2010 – 2012).

## PUBLICATIONS

---

Bucheli, M., Ciravenga, L., & Sáenz, L.F. (2023). The Octopus that Shrank: A Historical Analysis of How Multinationals Address Policy and Contractual Uncertainty in a Global Value Chain. *Strategic Management Journal*, 44(13), 3289–3323, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1002/smj.3537>.

Parente, S.L., Sáenz, L.F. & Seim, A. (2022). Income, Education and Democracy. *Journal of Economic Growth*, 27, 193–233, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10887-022-09203-7>.

L.F. Sáenz. (2022). Time-Varying Capital Intensities and the Hump-Shaped Evolution of Economic Activity in Manufacturing. *Journal of Macroeconomics*, 73, 103429, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmacro.2022.103429>.

Bucheli, M. & Sáenz, L.F. (2022). Caffeinated Memories: The Creation of Historical Narratives as Public Goods in the Colombian Coffee Industry. *Business History*, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00076791.2022.2108801>.

Bucheli, M. & Sáenz, L.F. (2014). Export Protectionism and the Great Depression: Multinational Corporations, Domestic Elite, and Export Policies in Colombia. In Paulo Drinot and Alan Knight (Eds.), *The Great Depression in Latin America* (pp. 129-159). Durham: Duke University Press.

## WORKING PAPERS

---

Europe Falling Behind: Service Sector's Productivity Differences Between Europe and the US (with Cesare Buiatti and Joao Duarte). *Revise and resubmit; Journal of International Economics*.

Regulation and Taxation in a Model of Growth (with John McDermott).

Sovereign Debt Crises with Incomplete Information (with Cesare Buiatti).

The Ricardo Effect: Evidence from the Manufacturing Labor Income Share in Colombia (with Cesare Buiatti).

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

---

The Global Industrial Revolution (with Robert E. Lucas, Jr.)

Jobless Industrialization (with Laura Alfaro, Marcela Eslava and Martí Mestieri).

Closing the Agricultural Productivity Gap (with Juliana Helo).

Developmentalism and State Autonomy (with Marcelo Bucheli and Luis Fernando Medina).

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

---

### University of South Carolina

2018 – present

*Department of Economics*

*Columbia, SC*

Assistant Professor    Topics in Growth and Development, Ph.D. course (Spring 2022).  
International Economic Development (Spring 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020;  
Fall 2019).  
Advanced Macroeconomic Theory, Ph.D. core-course (Spring 2023, 2021,  
2019).  
Applied Macroeconomics. M.A. course (Spring 2023, 2020).  
Principles of Macroeconomics (Fall 2018).

### University of Illinois

2013 – 2018

*Department of Economics*

*Urbana, IL*

Lecturer    History of Modern Economic Thought (Fall 2017, Fall 2016).  
Teaching Assistant    Principles of Microeconomics (Spring 2016, Fall 2015).  
Intermediate Microeconomics (Spring 2014).  
Principles of Macroeconomics (Fall 2013).

### Universidad de los Andes

2008 – 2016

*Department of Economics*

*Bogotá (Colombia)*

Lecturer    Introduction to Modern Economic Growth (Summer 2016, 2015, 2014).  
Teaching Assistant    History of Economic Analysis (Spring 2010, Fall 2009).  
Globalization, Multinationals, and History (Summer 2009).  
Advanced Long-Run Macroeconomics (Spring 2009).  
Introduction to Modern Economic Growth (Fall 2008).  
Time Series Analysis (Summer 2008).

## PRESENTATIONS

---

- 2023 · Turin; Firms, Labor Markets, and Development Workshop (Collegio Carlo Alberto.)
  - Cartagena; Society for Economic Dynamics Annual Meeting.
  - Barcelona; European Economic Association Annual Meeting.
  - Rabat; Annual Conference on Labor Markets and Structural Transformation (MENA – World Bank.)
  - New Orleans, LA; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting.
  - Medellín; World Congress of the International Economic Association.
- 2022 · Bogotá; RIDGE Forum on Growth and Development in Macroeconomics.
  - Fort Lauderdale, FL; Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting.
  - Lima; LACEA Annual Meeting.
  - Milan; European Economic Association Annual Meeting.
- 2019 · Bogotá; Colombian Economics Annual Conference (Universidad de los Andes).
  - Puebla; LACEA Annual Meeting.
  - Frankfurt; The Society for Economic Measurement Annual Conference.
  - Washington D.C.; Georgetown Center for Economic Research Biennial Conference.
- 2018 · Bogotá; Colombian Economics Annual Conference (Universidad de los Andes).
  - Cartagena; Seminario de Investigación del CEER – Banco de la República.
  - Guayaquil; LACEA Annual Meeting.
  - Nashville, TN; Midwest Macroeconomics Meeting.
- 2017 · Pittsburgh, PA; Midwest Macroeconomics Meeting.
  - St. Louis, MO; Economics Graduate Student Conference (Washington University).
  - New Haven, CT; Young Economists Symposium (Yale).
  - Lexington, KY; Midwest International Trade Conference.
  - Madison, WI; Midwest International Economic Development Conference.
  - Cincinnati, OH; Midwest Economic Association Annual Meeting.
  - Urbana, IL; University of Illinois' Graduate Seminar.
- 2015 · Urbana, IL; University of Illinois' Macroeconomics Reading Group.
  - Bogotá; Universidad de los Andes' "te investigo" seminar.
  - Santa Cruz de la Sierra; LACEA Annual Meeting.

## HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

---

- 2021 Structural Transformation and Economic Growth (STEG) Small Research Grant, with Laura Alfaro, Marcela Eslava and Martí Mestieri (£25,000).
- 2020 The Moore School Research Grant Program & CIBER Award, University of South Carolina.
- 2019 The Moore School Research Grant Program, University of South Carolina.
- 2017 Paul W Boltz Fellowship, University of Illinois. Graduate Conference Travel Award.
- 2015 Brems Graduate Research Award for Best Third Year Paper, University of Illinois. Summer Fellowship, University of Illinois.  
LACEA Grant for Graduate Students. Graduate Conference Travel Award.
- 2014 List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students, University of Illinois.
- 2012 University of Illinois Fellowship.

## **REFeree SERVICES**

---

Annals of Finance; Canadian Journal of Economics; Desarrollo y sociedad; Hispanic American Historical Review; Journal of Institutional Economics; Structural Change and Economic Dynamics; Tiempo y econom'ia.

Last updated: January 15, 2024