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EDUCATION

PhD, Regional Science
Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA
May of 2016

Master of Science, Regional Science
Universidad Católica del Norte, Antofagasta, Chile.
December of 2009

Bachelor of Art, Business Management
Universidad Católica del Norte, Antofagasta, Chile.
December of 2008

EMPLOYMENT

Universidad de Talca, Talca, Chile
Associate Professor, 2020 - present.

Universidad Católica del Norte, Antofagasta, Chile
Associate Professor, 2015 - 2020

POSITIONS

Sociedad Chilena de Economistas Regionales (SOCHER)
President, 2025-Present.

Sociedad Chilena de Economistas Regionales (SOCHER)
Vicepresident, 2023-2024.

FONDECYT (ANID) Projects
Economic and Administration board, 2020-2022.

Universidad Católica del Norte, Antofagasta, Chile
Postgraduate Director of Master and PhD in Economics with major in Regional Science, 2016 - 2020.

- In charge of three CNA accreditation: Master (6 years) and PhD (2 and 4 years).

FIELDS

Discrete Choice Models

Spatial Econometrics
Applied Econometrics
Health Economics

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant July 2013-October 2014
RIMISP, Centro Latinoamericano para el Desarrollo

- Econometric analysis for “Regional Growth and Concentration” project.

Research Assistant October 2010-December 2011
Development Research Group, World Bank, Washington D.C, USA.

- Econometric analysis and data management for the Lead Economist William F. Maloney. Specialization in nonlinear regressions and labor economics.

Research Assistant March 2009-December 2010
Institute of Applied Regional Economics, Universidad Católica del Norte, Antofagasta, Chile.

- Econometric analysis and data management for regional analysis in Chile. Specialization in spatial economics and spatial econometrics.

**ACADEMIC
EXPERIENCE**

Instructor 2020-
Undergraduate level courses for Department of Economics, Universidad de Talca, Talca, Chile.
Lecturing and grading

- Advance Econometrics I.
- Advance Econometrics II.
- Advance Microeconomics I.
- Qualitative Methods for Business.

Instructor 2020-
Graduate level (Master and PhD.) courses of Economics, Universidad de Talca, Talca, Chile.
Lecturing and grading

- Econometrics II.
- Spatial Econometrics.
- Health Economics.

Instructor 2015-2020
Graduate level (Master and PhD.) courses for Department of Economics, Universidad Católica del Norte, Antofagasta, Chile.
Lecturing and grading

- Econometrics.
- Spatial Econometrics.
- Microeconomics.
- Discrete Choice Models.
- Health Economics.
- Scientific writing.

Instructor 2015-2020
Undergraduate level courses for Department of Economics, Universidad Católica del Norte, Antofagasta, Chile.
Lecturing and grading

- Econometrics

Teaching Assistant Spring Semester-2015
 Graduate level course for City and Regional Planning Department, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA.

- CRP 5450: Inferential Statistics for Planning and Public Policy

Instructor 2009-2010
 Undergraduate level courses for Department of Economics, Universidad Católica del Norte, Antofagasta, Chile.
 Lecturing and grading

- Optimization and Operation Research.
- Microeconomics II.
- Environmental Economics.

Teaching Assistant 2006-2008
 Undergraduate level courses for Department of Economics, Universidad Católica del Norte, Antofagasta, Chile.

- Microeconomics I
- An introductory course of Economics
- Macroeconomics I.
- Microeconomics II.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Grant: Estimation and Inference for Continuous Heterogenous Spatial Autoregressive Models by Simulated Maximum Likelihood 2023-2025
 Funding: Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica
 Fondecyt Regular, N 1230038
 Principal Investigator: Mauricio Sarrias.

Grant: Instrumental variable approaches for models with unobserved heterogeneity 2020-2023
 Funding: Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica
 Fondecyt Regular, N 1200522
 Principal Investigator: Mauricio Sarrias.

Grant: Individual-specific Inference for Choice Models 2016-2019
 Funding: Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica
 Fondecyt de Iniciación, N 11160104
 Principal Investigator: Mauricio Sarrias.

PhD Scholarship 2010-2015
 CONICYT, Government of Chile

Best Post-grade Thesis 2010
 Red Sinergia, Chile

Bicentenary-Mineduc Scholarship for B.A Studies 2004-2008
 Government of Chile

President of the Republic Scholarship 2000-2003
 Government of Chile

EDITORIAL DUTIES

Associate Editor, *Journal of Statistical Software*

Since 2018. Ref.

Associate Editor, *Journal Economía*

2019-2022.

BOOKS AND CHAPTERS

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ARTICLES

Corresponding author in bold letters.

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Sarrias, M (2023), "*Estimating Heteroskedastic and Instrumental Variable Models for Binary Outcome Variables in R*", **R Journal**, 15(2), pp. 263-293, DOI:10.32614/RJ-2023-050. Download.

Piras, G. & **Sarrias, M** (2023), "*GMM Estimators for Binary Spatial Models in R*", **Journal of Statistical Software**, 107(8), pp. 1-33, DOI:10.18637/jss.v107.i08. Download.

Piras, G. & Sarrias, M (2023), "*Heterogeneous spatial models in R: Spatial Regimes Models*", **Journal of Spatial Econometrics**, 4(1), pp. 4, DOI:10.1007/s43071-023-00034-1. Download.

Iturra, V. & Sarrias, M (2023), "*Amenities and individual heterogeneity in the return to schooling*", **Letters in Spatial and Resource Science**, 16(1), 18, DOI:10.1007/s12076-022-00322-8. Download.

Quintero-Fragozo, C., Cortes, Y., Sarrias, M (2023), "*Effects of Spatial Competition on Public Educational Efficiency: An Analysis for the Chilean Metropolitan Region*", **Journal of Education Policy**, 38(1), pp. 115-140, DOI:10.1080/02680939.2021.1966102. Download.

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Assessing the Impact of Obesity on Socioemotional Skills During Childhood in Chile", **Economics & Human Biology**, 101190, DOI:10.1016/j.ehb.2022.101190. Download.

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National Economic Growth in Brazil and Chile”, **Letters in Spatial and Resource Sciences**, 11(3), pp. 343-359, DOI: 10.1007/s12076-018-0217-2. Download.

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Falco, P., Maloney, W. F., **Rijkers, B.**, and Sarrias, M. (2015), “*Heterogeneity in Subjective Wellbeing: An Application to Occupational Allocation in Africa*”, **Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization**, 111, pp. 137-153, DOI: 10.1016/j.jebo.2014.12.022. Download.

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WORKSHOPS

Sarrias, M. (2018). Evaluating Willingness to Pay for Non-Market Goods Using Discrete Choice Models. May, 2018, Universidad de Concepción, Campus

Chillan, Chile.

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Atienza M., Lufin M., and Sarrias, M. (2010). Division Espacial del Trabajo en Chile, Annual Meeting of the Chilean Regional Science Association, Talca, Chile, November, 2007.

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Aroca P., and Sarrias, M. (2010). Sincronizacion de los Ciclos Regionales en Chile. 23th Meeting of Central Bank of Chile in Regions, Antofagasta, Chile

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International Journal of Transport Geography

Networks and Spatial Economics

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