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EDUCATION

Expected May 2023 Ph.D. Education, *Harvard University*
2020 Ed.M. Human Development and Psychology, *Harvard University*
2016 M.Sc. Economics, *Universidad de los Andes*
2011 B.Sc. Economics, *Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano*

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2018 – current Research Assistant, *Harvard Graduate School of Education*
2020 Consultant, *UNICEF Latin America and Caribbean*
2019 – 2020 Consultant, *Colombian Family Welfare Institute (ICBF)*
2017 – 2018 Research Assistant, *School of Education, Universidad de los Andes*
2014 – 2018 Research Assistant, *School of Government, Universidad de los Andes*
2011 – 2012 Research Assistant, *Department of Economics, Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano*
2011 Research Assistant, *Center for Studies on Economic Development, Universidad de los Andes*

RESEARCH

Peer-reviewed publications

- Cuartas, J.**, Weissman, D., Sheridan, M., Lengua, L. & McLaughlin, K. (2021). Corporal punishment and elevated neural response to threat in children. *Child Development*.
- Cuartas, J.** & McCoy, D. (2021). Causal mediation in developmental science: a primer. *International Journal of Behavioral Development*.
- Waldman, M., McCoy, D., Seiden, J., **Cuartas, J.**, CREDI Field Team, Fink, G. (2021). Validation of motor, cognitive, language, and socioemotional subscales using the caregiver reported early development instruments: an application of multidimensional item factor analysis. *International Journal of Behavioral Development*.
- Cuartas, J.**, McCoy, D., Grogan-Kaylor, A. & Gershoff, E. (2020). Physical punishment as a predictor of early cognitive development: evidence from econometric approaches. *Developmental Psychology*
- Cuartas, J.** (2020). Heightened risk of child maltreatment amid the COVID-19 pandemic can exacerbate mental health problems for the next generation. *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, Policy*.
- Lu, C., **Cuartas, J.**, Fink, G., McCoy, D., Liu, K., Li, Z., Daelmans, B., & Ritcher, L. (2020). Inequalities in early childhood care, education, and development in low- and middle-income countries: 2009-2018. *BMJ Global Health*.
- Cuartas, J.**, Jeong, J., Rey-Guerra, C., McCoy, D., & Yoshikawa, H. (2020). Maternal, paternal, and other caregivers' stimulation in low- and- middle-income countries. *PLOS One*.
- Cuartas, J.** & Leventhal, T (2020). Exposure to community violence and children's mental health: A quasi-experimental examination. *Social Science and Medicine*.
- Cuartas, J.**, Ward, K., Ma, J., & Grogan-Kaylor, A. (2020). Physical punishment and Colombian children and adolescents' cognitive and behavioral outcomes. *Journal of Applied Developmental Psychology*.
- Cuartas, J.**, Rey-Guerra, C., McCoy, D. & Hanno, E. (2020). Maternal knowledge, stimulation, and early childhood development in low-income families in Colombia. *Infancy*.
- Cuartas, J.** (2020). Improving the measurement of children's mental health problems in Colombia with item response theory. *Revista Colombiana de Psicología*.
- García, S. & **Cuartas, J.** (2020). Can poverty alleviation programs crowd-in private support? Short- and middle-run effects of a conditional cash transfer program on inter-household transfers. *Journal of Social Policy*.

- Cuartas, J., McCoy, D., Rey-Guerra, C., Britto, P., Beatriz, E. & Salhi, C. (2019).** Early childhood exposure to non-violent discipline and physical and psychological aggression in low- and- middle-income countries: national, regional, and global prevalence estimates. *Child Abuse & Neglect*.
- Cuartas, J., Grogan-Kaylor, A., Ma, J. & Castillo, B. (2019).** Civil conflict, domestic violence, and poverty as predictors of corporal punishment in Colombia. *Child Abuse & Neglect*.
- García, S., Harker, A. & **Cuartas, J.** (2019). Building dreams: the short-term impacts of a conditional cash transfer program on aspirations for higher education. *International Journal of Educational Development*.
- Cuartas, J. & Roy, A. (2019).** The latent threat of community violence: indirect exposure to local homicides and adolescents' mental health in Colombia. *American Journal of Community Psychology*.
- McCoy, D., **Cuartas, J.**, Waldman, M. & Fink, G. (2019). Contextual variation in young children's acquisition of social-emotional skills. *PLOS One*.
- Cuartas, J., Liévano, L., Martínez, M.A., Hessel, P. (2019).** The invisible wounds of five decades of armed conflict: inequalities in mental health and their determinants in Colombia. *International Journal of Public Health*.
- Hessel, P., Martínez, M.A. & **Cuartas, J.** (2019). Acute exposure to violent neighborhood crime and depressive symptoms among older individuals in Colombia. *Health and Place*.
- Cuartas, J. & Rey-Guerra, C. (2019).** Ecological predictors of perceiving scarcity in childhood. *Child Indicators Research*.
- Cuartas, J.** (2018). Physical punishment against the early childhood in Colombia: national and regional prevalence, sociodemographic gaps, and ten-year trends. *Children and Youth Services Review*.
- Cuartas, J., McCoy, D. & Molano, A. (2018).** The acute effect of community violent crime on maternal engagement in cognitive and socioemotional stimulation. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*.
- Cuartas, J. (2018).** Neighborhood crime undermines parenting: Violence in the vicinity of households as a predictor of aggressive discipline. *Child Abuse & Neglect*.
- Cuartas, J. (2016).** Inequality and poverty as generalized trust determinants? A panel data analysis. *Revista Desarrollo y Sociedad*.

Other publications

- Cuartas, J. & Rey-Guerra, C. (2021).** A toolkit to prevent violence against children in the time of COVID-19 (In Spanish). *Interamerican Development Bank*.
- Cuartas, J. & Rey-Guerra, C. (2020).** Guidance for families to prevent violence in early childhood in the time of COVID-19: Toolkit. *United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)*.
- Gonzalez, K., Hanno, E., **Cuartas, J.**, Jones, S. & Lesaux, N. (2020). *How are they faring? Impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the lives of families and young children in Massachusetts*. Saul Zaentz Early Education Initiative, Harvard Graduate School of Education.
- Cuartas, J. (2020).** Four things you need to know about corporal punishment in Latin America and the Caribbean (In Spanish). *Interamerican Development Bank*.
- Cuartas, J. (2020).** The reopening of preschools should be the priority (In Spanish). *Revista Semana*.
- Cuartas, J. (2020).** Corporal punishment: a prevalent practice that threatens children's development (In Spanish). *Revista Semana*.
- Black, M., Bromley, K., Cavallera, V., **Cuartas, J.**, Dua, T., ... Weber, A. (2019). The Global Scale for Early Development (GSED). *Early Childhood Matters*.
- Cuartas, J. (2019).** Estimating the global prevalence of violent and non-violent discipline in early childhood. *Global Initiative to End all Corporal Punishment of Children*, Guest Feature, 4 July.
- Cuartas, J. (2019).** Corporal punishment: a prevalent and risky practice for children (in Spanish) (In Spanish). *Revista Semana*.
- Maldonado-Carreño, C., Rey-Guerra, C., **Cuartas, J.**, Plata, T., Rodríguez, J., Largacha, E., Yoshikawa, H. & Dirección de Primera Infancia – MEN. (2018). Medición de la calidad de la educación inicial en Colombia en la modalidad institucional. *Notas de Políticas en Educación*, Universidad de los Andes.
- Cuartas, J. (2017).** Child discipline and the challenge of overcoming violence in Colombia (in Spanish). *Revista Tribuna*.
- Cuartas, J. (2016).** Caregiving decisions (in Spanish). *Revista Tribuna*.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2020-2021 Science and Innovation Fellowship (10,000 USD), *Harvard Center on the Developing Child*
- 2020-2021 Knowledge Fellowship (2,000 USD), *Early Childhood Development Action Network – ECDAN*
- 2020 Early Career Scholar Program (1,200 USD), *International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development*
- 2020 Doctoral research grant (1,500 USD), *Harvard Graduate School of Education*
- 2020 Student Travel Award (300 USD), *Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science*
- 2020 Student Travel Award (250 USD), *Harvard David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies*
- 2019 Research Award (2,400 USD), *Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science*
- 2019 Student Travel Award (750 USD), *Harvard GSAS Student Council*
- 2019 Student Travel Award (750 USD), *Harvard Graduate School of Education*
- 2019 Student Travel Award (650 USD), *Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science*
- 2017 Travel Award (1,700 USD), *Universidad de los Andes*
- 2016 Research Award (40,000 USD), *Universidad de los Andes*
- 2009 Research Award (7,500 USD), *Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano*
- 2009 Full Scholarship, *Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano*

BROADER IMPACT

- 2020 I testified in the Colombian [Senate](#) and [House of Representatives](#) as they discussed a bill to prohibit corporal punishment
- 2019 My research on corporal punishment was cited in a [bill](#) (*Proyecto de Ley Número 212 de 2019 Cámara*) to prohibit corporal punishment in Colombia

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

- 2021 *International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect*, Milan, Italy.
- 2021 *Society for Research in Child Development*; Virtual Meeting.
- 2019 *Society for Research in Child Development*; Baltimore, USA.
- 2017 *Latin American Studies Association*; Lima, Perú.
- 2016 *Colombian Economics Conference*; Bogotá, Colombia.

Invited

- 2019 Primer Encuentro Nacional para el Acompañamiento y Fortalecimiento a las Familias desde la Primera Infancia, *Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar (ICBF)*, Bogotá, Colombia
- 2019 Encuentro Internacional sobre Castigo Físico, *Universidad de la Sabana*, Chía, Colombia.

AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

- 2019 – current Graduate Student Affiliate, *Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science*
- 2019 – current Ad Hoc Reviewer, *The Lancet*; *Child Development*; *Development & Psychopathology*; *Child Abuse & Neglect*; *Psychology of Violence*; *Children & Youth Services Review*; *Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences*; *Developmental Child Welfare*
- 2018 – current Co-Founder and Co-Director, *Apapacho* (www.apapacho.com.co)
- 2020 Member, Advisory Board, *Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar (ICBF)*
- 2009 Student Representative, *Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Teaching Fellow, *Early Childhood Development in Global Contexts*, *Harvard University*
- 2021 Teaching Fellow, *Latent Variable Analysis: Structural Equation Modeling*, *Harvard University*

- 2020 Teaching Fellow, Science-Driven Innovations in the Early Childhood Ecosystem, *Harvard University*
- 2020 Teaching Fellow, Understanding Today's Educational Testing, *Harvard University*
- 2017 – 2018 Adjunct professor, Public Policy Evaluation, *Universidad de los Andes*
- 2015 – 2016 Adjunct professor, Poverty and Inequality, *Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano*
- 2014 – 2016 Adjunct professor, Introduction to Economics, *Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano*

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- 2017 Multidimensional poverty analysis, *Oxford Poverty and Human Development Institute*
- 2014 Impact Evaluation Applied to Education, *Economics, Universidad de los Andes*

SKILLS

Software: Stata, R, Mplus, ArcGIS, EndNote, Covidence
Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native).

SELECTED MEDIA MENTIONS

- 2021 [How spanking may affect brain development in children](#), *The Harvard Gazette*
- 2021 [Palmadas comprometem desenvolvimento cerebral de crianças, mostra estudo](#), *Folha de S.Paulo*
- 2021 [‘Las palmadas afectan el cerebro de los niños’: Harvard](#), *El Tiempo*
- 2020 [Students awarded fellowships by the Center on the Developing Child](#), *The Harvard Gazette*
- 2020 [Castigos físicos afectan hasta el cerebro](#), *El País de Cali*
- 2019 [The consequences of corporal punishment – connecting research and policy action to reduce the harmful practice in Colombia and around the world](#), *Harvard Graduate School of Education News*
- 2019 [Conozca las consecuencias del castigo físico en los niños](#), *Canal RCN*
- 2019 [Conozca las consecuencias que tendría el castigo físico, según la ciencia](#), *Blu Radio*
- 2019 [El largo camino que queda para prohibir definitivamente el castigo físico en menores de edad](#), *Revista Semana*

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