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## EDUCATION

### **Columbia University**

Ph.D. in Economics	(expected) May 2020
M.Phil. in Economics	May 2017
M.A. in Economics	May 2016

### **Barcelona Graduate School of Economics**

M.Sc. in Economics	Jul 2014
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### **Universitat Pompeu Fabra**

Bachelor's Degree in Economics	Jul 2013
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## FIELDS OF SPECIALIZATION

Applied Microeconomics, Health Economics, Labor Economics

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## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Dissertation Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University	2019 - 2020
Dean's Fellowship, Department of Economics, Columbia University	2014 - 2019
Fellowship for US graduate studies, La Caixa Foundation, Spain	2014 - 2016
Scholarship for Master of Science, Catalunya La Pedrera Foundation, Spain	2013 - 2014
Award for top ten undergraduate students, Universitat Pompeu Fabra	2013

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## CURRENT PROJECTS

### **“Parental Involvement in Abortion Decisions and Teenager Responses: Evidence from Spain”**

*Abstract:* This paper analyzes the effects of abortion costs for minors on abortions, sexual behavior, and births. We exploit a 2015 change in parental involvement (PI) laws in Spain as a natural experiment in costs, together with rich population-level data on abortions and births. Using the exact date of teenager birth, we first document a decrease in abortions by 17-years-olds using a difference-in-difference comparison with 18-years-olds, consistent with the law that targeted Spanish minors. Using bunching methods from the Public Finance literature, we show evidence of temporal displacement. Some 17-years-old delayed their abortion and waited until they turned 18 and thereby avoided involving their parents. Second, we consider how the law change may have influenced health-related behaviors, finding implicitly that sexual behaviors changed so as to reduce the likelihood of becoming pregnant before turning 18 (and thereby internalized the cost of parental involvement). This is seen in the permanent shift in the number of abortions at age 18 that exists after removing the temporal displacement abortions around

the age 18 threshold and an increase in the number of births to mothers who were pregnant at age 17. This paper finds that an important dimension of risky youth behavior responds to incentives contained in parental notification laws.

**“The effect of liberalizing abortion on sex selection. Evidence from Spain”**

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Teaching Fellow, Columbia University**

Intermediate Macroeconomics, Professor Alonso	Spring 2017, 2019
Principles of Economics, Professor Musatti	Fall 2018
Labor Economics, Professor Edlund	Spring 2018
Intermediate Macroeconomics, Professor Sala-i-Martin	Fall 2016, 2017

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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Internship at the Catalan Finance Ministry (Division of Studies and Projects)	Jul 2013
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## **OTHER**

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Leader and Treasurer, Scouts, L'Agrupament Escolta Pau Casals	2009 - 2011
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## **PERSONAL**

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Software: Stata, R, Matlab, LaTeX

Languages: Catalan (native), Spanish (native), English (fluent)

Citizenship: Spanish

## **REFERENCES**

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