PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022 – Present **Milken Institute**  
*Director (Research Department)*  
- Design and implement economic research to effectively design, implement, and evaluate policy interventions.  
- Write expert reports and white papers related to regional and international economics.  
- Manage teams in charge of conducting research on topics related to market dynamics.

2020 – 2022 **StoneTurn Group**  
*Managing Director*  
- Designed and implement economic models to detect effects of anticompetitive behaviors and to estimate sales and revenue in but-for scenarios.  
- Wrote expert reports on topics related to economic competition, IP, and valuation.

2017 – 2021 **University of Southern California**  
*Assistant Professor of the Practice of Economics*  
- Taught courses in microeconomics, econometrics, policy, and quality of life.  
- Conducted research in labor and policy using econometric models to determine causal effects of policy interventions based on observational data.

2017 – 2019 **Multiple Economic Consulting Firms**  
*External Consultant*  
- Worked on data analysis and data visualizations using statistical software.

2014 – 2017 **Cornerstone Research**  
*Associate*  
- Worked on litigation matters in the areas of antitrust, IP, and general damages.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

2008 – 2014 **University of Southern California**  
*Ph.D., Economics*  
Fields: Life Satisfaction, Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics

2008 – 2010 **University of Southern California**  
*Master of Arts, Economics*

2002 – 2007 **Universidad de las Americas – Puebla**  
*Bachelor of Science, Economics*
HONORS AND AWARDS
General Education Teaching Award
USC Dornsife, Spring 2019

Research Fellow/ Affiliate
IZA European Institute for the Study of Labor, 2012 – present

PUBLICATIONS
“Life Transitions and Life Satisfaction during Young Adulthood,” Journal of Happiness Studies (2018), 19(1): pp. 297-314 (with Richard A. Easterlin)

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