

# NICOLAS L. BOTTAN

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EMPLOYMENT	<b>Cornell University, Policy Analysis and Management (PAM)</b> Assistant Professor Postdoctoral Associate	Starting July 2020 July 2018 - June 2020
EDUCATION	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Economics</b> Ph.D. in Economics	May 2018
	<b>Universidad de San Andrés, Buenos Aires, Argentina</b> Master in Economics B.S. in Economics	2011 2008
FIELDS	Public Economics, Behavioral Economics, Labor Economics	
PUBLICATIONS	Losing My Religion: The Effects of Religious Scandals on Religious Participation and Charitable Giving ( <i>with Ricardo Perez-Truglia</i> ). <b>Journal of Public Economics</b> , Vol. 129, September 2015, pp. 106-119	
	Access to Preprimary Education and Progression in Primary School: Evidence from Rural Guatemala ( <i>with Paulo Bastos &amp; Julian Cristia</i> ). <b>Economic Development and Cultural Change</b> , April 2017, Vol. 65, no. 3, pages 521-547	
	Deconstructing the Hedonic Treadmill: Is Happiness Autoregressive? ( <i>with Ricardo Perez-Truglia</i> ). <b>The Journal of Socio-Economics</b> , Vol. 40(3), May 2011, pp. 224-236	
WORKING PAPERS	Choosing Your Pond: Location Choices and Relative Income ( <i>with Ricardo Perez-Truglia</i> )	
	Big Fish in a Small Pool? The Effect of Competition on Performance ( <i>with Dan Bernhardt</i> )	
	Can't Stop the One-Armed Bandits: The Effects of Access to Gambling on Crime ( <i>with Ignacio Sarmiento &amp; Andres Ham</i> )	
	Improving math learning using technology: Experimental evidence from Chile ( <i>with Roberto Araya, Elena Arias Ortiz &amp; Julian Cristia</i> )	
	Information Policies and Higher Education Choices: Experimental Evidence from Colombia ( <i>with Leonardo Bonilla &amp; Andres Ham</i> )	
	Resource Rents, Coercion, and Local Development: Evidence from Post-Apartheid South Africa ( <i>with Paulo Bastos</i> ) - revise and resubmit at the <i>Canadian Journal of Economics</i>	
SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS	Welfare Programs and Private Provision of Public Goods: Evidence from changes in SNAP eligibility.	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</b> <i>Instructor</i>	
	• Economic Statistics II (ECON 203) <i>Summer 2015*</i> <i>Teaching Assistant (Graduate)</i>	
	• Applied Econometrics (ECON 508) <i>Fall 2014</i> <i>Teaching Assistant (Undergraduate)</i>	

- Economic Statistics II (ECON 203) *Spring 2013\*\**, *Spring 2015\*\**, *Fall 2015*, *Spring 2016\**

\* Rated as "Excellent" on the Instructor and Course Evaluation (ICES) questionnaire forms by the Measurement and Evaluation, Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning.; \*\* Rated as "Outstanding" (Top 10%) on ICES forms.

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS,  
INVITED TALKS

2018: University of Warwick, Tulane University, Cornell University PAM, Loyola Marymount University, University of Arkansas, Kindai University (Upcoming).  
2017: SEA 87th Annual Meeting, NTA 110th Annual Conference on Taxation, Advances with Field Experiments, Binghamton University.  
2016 and earlier: World Bank DIME Seminar (2016), ASSA Annual Meeting (2015), Congress of the Peruvian Economic Association (2014), Higher School of Economics (2012), OVE-SPD Brown Bag Seminar at the Inter-American Development Bank (2011). OVE-SPD Brown Bag Seminar at the Inter-American Development Bank (2010). LACEA (2010), European Population Conference (2010). XIII World Congress of Social Economics (2010), Universidad de San Andrés (2009). IDB-RES (2009). XLIII Annual Meeting of the Argentinean Association of Political Economy (2008).

REFEREE SERVICES

Quarterly Journal of Economics, Economic Journal, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Economics of Education Review.

OTHER  
APPOINTMENTS

Special Sworn Status with U.S. Census Bureau.

AWARDS AND  
GRANTS

Robert Ferber Dissertation Award for Excellence in Survey Research, 2017. Departmental Thesis Completion Award, 2016. Robert Willis Haberson Memorial Dissertation Fellowship, 2015. Summer fellowship. Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2015. 2nd place at the World Championship of Econometrics (Econometric Game), Amsterdam, 2015. Graduate fellowship: Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2012-2013. Paul W Boltz Fellowship, 2012. Graduate fellowship: Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2011-2012. XV Annual Meeting of LACEA Grant, 2010. Argentinean Association of Political Economy: Young investigator special mention, 2008.

OTHER  
EMPLOYMENT

**World Bank**  
*Short-term Consultant* *Jun 2013 to Mar 2014*

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**  
*Research Assistant to David Albouy* *Aug 2016 to May 2018*

**Inter-American Development Bank**  
*Research Assistant to Julian Cristia* *Feb 2009 to Jan 2011*