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Research Interests

Health Economics, Public Economics, Labor and Demographic Economics

Education

- **Ph.D. in Economics**, University of Notre Dame (expected) 2027
- **MA in Economics**, University of Notre Dame 2022
- **BA in Economics**, Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, Argentina. *Summa Cum Laude* 2019

Job Market Paper

Sinaloa Cartel Presence and Its Impact on Fentanyl Mortality in the United States

The transition to illicitly manufactured fentanyl marks the deadliest phase of the U.S. drug epidemic, yet its arrival was strikingly uneven across space. This paper studies the role of pre-existing illicit distribution networks in that transition. Combining county-level mortality data from the CDC Multiple Cause of Death files with a measure of the Sinaloa Cartel's historical heroin distribution presence, I show in a difference-in-differences and event-study framework that counties served by the cartel's network experienced earlier and substantially larger increases in fentanyl mortality once illicitly manufactured fentanyl entered the U.S. drug supply. The results indicate that pre-existing supply infrastructure explains a substantial share of excess fentanyl deaths, supporting the idea that the epidemic is driven more by supply-side forces than by demand-side conditions.

Peer-reviewed Publications

- **Ramasco, A.** (2026). Not a Sip: Effects of Zero Tolerance Laws on Traffic Fatalities. *Health Economics*, 35(2), 377–393.

Work in Progress

- Health Impact of Medicaid Coverage for GLP-1s on Type II Diabetes Patients.

Research Experience

- **Research Assistant** for Innovating Green Pathways to Prosperity (University of Notre Dame) 2024
- **Research Assistant** for Ethan Lieber (University of Notre Dame) Spring 2024
- **Research Assistant** for Alejandro Estefan (University of Notre Dame) Fall 2023

Teaching Experience

University of Notre Dame

- **Instructor of Record:**
 - Introduction to Linear Regression (Fall 2025)
- **Teaching Assistant:**
 - Stats for Economics (Fall 2024, Spring 2026)
 - Principles of Microeconomics, Real Estate Fundamentals (2022–present)

Universidad Nacional de Tucuman

- **Teaching Assistant:**
 - Public Finance (2019)
 - Impact Evaluation of Public Projects (2019)

Professional Experience

- **Economics Intern**, Amazon, New York City June 2025 - Sept 2025
- **Financial Analyst**, UNIBER Group 2020-2021
- **Junior Analyst**, OEPET, Ministry of Productive Development, Government of Tucumán 2019-2020

Referee Experience

- *Economic Modelling*

Pre-Ph.D. Research

- Danón, A., Mena, A. S., & Ramasco, A. (2021). COVID-19 at the Local Level: SEIR+, a Model to Project Epidemiological Scenarios and Demands to the Healthcare System. *Ensayos de Política Económica*, 3(3), 1-24.
- Ramasco, A. (2019). Intergenerational Mobility and Equality of Opportunities: The Case of Northwestern Argentina. *Ciencias Económicas*, 16(2), 9-28.
- Iajya, V. D., & Ramasco, A. (2019). Victimization and Insecurity Perception in Northwestern Argentina (No. 4155). *Asociación Argentina de Economía Política*.

Conferences and Presentations

- 15th Annual Conference of the American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Minneapolis, MN, June 2026.
- Applied Workshop at Universidad Nacional de Tucuman, July 2024.
- 88th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Economics Association, March 2024.
- 55th Annual Meeting of the Argentine Association of Political Economy, Online Edition, November 2020.
- Online International Conference *Covid-19 in the Americas – The Regional Economics Perspective*, LARSA, 2020.
- 54th Annual Meeting of the Argentine Association of Political Economy, Universidad del Sur, Bahía Blanca, Argentina, November 2019.
- 27th Conference of Young Researchers of AUGM Group, Universidade Federal de Sao Carlos, Brazil, November 2019.

Scholarships and Distinctions

- Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher Award, Kaneb Center & The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, 2026.
- Conference Travel Grant - Kellogg Institute, 2024 and 2026.
- Highest Overall Class GPA (Rank 1/261), Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, 2020.
- 1st Prize - National Award for Young Researchers in Economic Sciences, Universidad Nacional del Litoral, 2019.

Service

- Treasurer, Latin American Graduate Student Unidos (LASU), Notre Dame, 2022-2024.
- Volunteer Educational Assistant, Fundación Dale Tu Mano, 2018-2019.

Languages

- Spanish: (Native), English: (Fluent), French (Intermediate)

Software Skills

- Stata, LaTeX, SQL, Matlab, R, Python

Citizenship

- Argentinian and Italian

References

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