

## Natasha Avendaño Garcia

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### EDUCATION

**University of California, Berkeley**, Goldman School of Public Policy Berkeley, CA  
PhD Candidate in Public Policy Expected Completion 2011  
Qualifying Paper: "Death or Tobacco taxes: The United States cigarette tax policy." Grade: Superior

**University of California, Berkeley**, Goldman School of Public Policy Berkeley, CA  
Master in Public Policy Awarded May 2008

**Scholarships awarded:** Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley 2010 - 2011  
Ministry of Finance of Colombia 2006 - 2010  
COLFUTURO, Colombia 2006 - 2008

**Universidad de Los Andes** Bogotá, Colombia  
Master of Arts in Economics Awarded September 2003

**Universidad de Los Andes** Bogotá, Colombia  
Bachelor of Arts, Economics Awarded September 2001

**International Monetary Fund – Institute ESAF** Brasilia, Brazil  
Spend Policies (2003)  
Fiscal Programming and Policies (2004)

**ASAP-ILPES CEPAL** Buenos Aires, Argentina  
Tax Estimations (2005) - Scholarship awarded to attend

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**University of California, Berkeley**, Program on Housing and Urban Policy Berkeley, CA  
Research Associate March 2010 - present

**Servicio de Impuestos Internos de Chile (IRS)**, Economic Studies Department Santiago, Chile  
Intern June – August 2007

- Developed a study of great importance to evaluate the performance of the Chilean Tax Administration (Internal Revenue Service-SII), correlating the budgetary resources of the SII and the VAT collecting performance of the SII.

**Ministry of Finance**, Macroeconomic Policy Department Bogotá, Colombia  
Advisor September 2001 – August 2006

- Continuously monitoring the macroeconomic variables to analyze its possible effect on the GDP.
- Implement, develop and update the Computable General Equilibrium Models, focused to the analysis of the tributary structure, and the Colombian pension system to looking for their impact in the economy.
- Work jointly with the Tax and Customs Administration (DIAN), to elaborate and to implement the necessary studies and works in the preparation of law projects on tributary subjects.
- Represent the Ministry of Finance and Public Credit in the processes of international treaty negotiation, related to tributary subjects.

- Served as a Technical Negotiator for:
  - The Harmonization of the Indirect taxes in the Andean Community IADB-CAN;
  - Double taxation agreement with Spain; and
  - Free Trade Agreement between the U.S. - Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

**Banco de La Republica (Central Bank)**

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Bogotá, Colombia

December 1999 – July 2000

- Create reports about the monetary conditions of the market and the financial system of Colombia.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of California, Berkeley**

Berkeley, CA

- Graduate Student Instructor
  - Haas School of Business: Macroeconomics Spring 2007
  - Economics Department: Econ1 Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009
  - Intermediate Macro, Economics of Transition Summer 2008
  - Intermediate Micro Summer 2009, Spring 2010
  - Head GSI Econ 1 Fall 2008, Fall 2009

**University Jorge Tadeo Lozano, School of Economics**

Bogotá, Colombia

- Titular Professor, Public Economics August 2005 – June 2006

**Javeriana University, School of Economics**

Bogotá, Colombia

- Titular Professor, Principles of Microeconomics January – June 2002

**Los Andes University, School of Economics**

Bogotá, Colombia

- Teaching Assistant for: August 2001 – May 2003  
Principles of Microeconomics, Microeconomics II, Macroeconomics II, and Macroeconomics III.
- Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for: January 1998 – May 2001  
Statistics, Quantitative Methods in Economics, Mathematical Economy, and Programming.

**SKILLS**

Languages: Spanish (native), English, French (basic).

Volunteer Work: Rotary International – Member of Rotaract in Colombia 1997 – 2006

**PUBLICATIONS**

Avendaño, N. (2005) "Evasión en el Impuesto a la Renta de Personas Naturales: Colombia 1970 - 1999" (*Personal Income Tax Evasión: Colombia 1970-1999, Master's Research Dissertation*) Archivos de Macroeconomía. Departamento Nacional de Planeación. October 26 2005. Colombia.

Carrasquilla, Alberto, Natasha Avendaño, Maria Virginia Jordan (2006) "Reformas Fiscales para el Nuevo Siglo: La Visión de sus Protagonistas Durante las Administraciones Pastrana y Uribe" Capitulo 4: "Las Reformas Pensionales: Leyes 797 y 860 de 2003 y el Acto Legislativo 01 de 2005" (*The Pension Reforms: Laws 797 and 860 and Legislative Act 01 of 2005*) Fedesarrollo. December 2006. Colombia.

Avendaño, N. (2007) "Gasto en Fiscalización y Recaudo de IVA: Presente y futuro de la lucha contra la evasión en Chile" (Fiscalization spending and VAT Tax: Present and Future of the anti-evasion efforts in Chile. Research developed during the summer internship). Departamento de Estudios Económicos y Tributarios. SII. Chile

Avendaño, N. (2009) "Political Economy and Institutional Management: The SII and the Tax Control" Departamento de Estudios Económicos y Tributarios. SII. Chile Advanced Policy Analsis MPP.