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Employment/Affiliations

July 2018 – present: Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, Rice University
July 2013 – June 2018: Lecturer and Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Rice University
August 2011 – May 2013: Associate Professor of International Business and Finance, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University
August 2010 – July 2011: Visiting Research Scholar, Department of Economics, Rice University
August 2005 – July 2010: Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the International Business area in the Masters Programs, ITAM Business School, Mexico
March – December 2008: Research Trainee, RGEA (Research Group in Economic Analysis), University of Vigo, Spain
October 2004 – July 2005: Jean Monnet Post-doctoral Fellowship, Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies (RSCAS), European University Institute, Italy
April – October 2003: Bocconi University, Italy - Marie Curie Doctoral Fellow
2002 – 2004: University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain - Research Fellow, Department of Economics
2001 – 2002: University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain - Lecturer, Department of Economics

Education

2004: Ph.D. in Economics, *summa cum laude*, University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain
1999: M.A. in Economics, University Carlos III de Madrid, Department of Economics, Spain
1997: B.Sc. in Computer Science, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Mathematics, Romania

Awards

- 2023 – Finalist for the George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University
- 2023 – Will Rice College’s Favorite Professor, Rice University
- 2022 – Finalist for the George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University
- 2022 – Career Champion Award, Center for Career Development, Rice University
- 2021 – Favorite Professor of a Rice Scholar-Athlete, Rice University
- 2020 – Career Champion Award, Center for Career Development, Rice University
- 2019 – Malcolm Gillis Award for Distinction in Undergraduate Teaching, Rice University
- 2019 – Will Rice College’s Favorite Professor, Rice University
- 2019 – Hudspeth Award (Rice Vegan Society Faculty Sponsor), Rice University
- 2018 – Outstanding Faculty Associate for 2017-2018, Will Rice College, Rice University
- 2018 – Lovett College’s Favorite Professor, Lovett College, Rice University
- 2017 – Favorite Professor of a Rice Scholar-Athlete, Rice University
- 2017 – Distinguished Faculty Associate for 2016-2017, Hanszen College, Rice University
- 2016 – Outstanding Faculty Associate for 2015-2016, Hanszen College, Rice University

- 2015 – Distinguished Faculty Associate for 2014-2015, Hanszen College, Rice University
- 2015 – Will Rice College’s Favorite Professor, Rice University
- 2014 – Baker College’s Best Professor, Rice University
- 2010 – Distinguished Teacher Award, MBA, ITAM, Mexico
- 2007 –2009 – Distinguished Teacher Award, Department of Business Administration, ITAM, Mexico
- 2006 – Distinguished Teacher Award, Department of Business Administration, ITAM, Mexico (MBA and undergraduate level)
- 2002 – European Commission Fellowship to attend PACO Training Session, CEPS/INSTEAD, Luxembourg
- 2002 – Foundation Carlos III award for study abroad (University of Minnesota)
- 2002 – Winner of the research competition at PACO Training Session, CEPS/INSTEAD, Luxembourg
- 2001-2002 – Distinguished Teacher Award, Department of Economics, University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain

Teaching

Undergraduate level:

- ◆ **Rice University – Department of Economics:**
 - Mathematical Economics (ECON 308) (2013 – present)
 - International Economics and Finance (ECON 422) (2015 – present)
 - Microeconomics I (ECON 201) (2013-2015)
- ◆ **Missouri Southern State University – Robert W. Plaster School of Business:**
 - International Business (IB310)
 - International Corporate Finance (IB430)
 - The American Economic System (ECON180)
 - Principles of Economics (Macroeconomics) (ECON 201)
- ◆ **ITAM Business School (Mexico):**
 - International Business
 - Managerial Economics
- ◆ **University Carlos III de Madrid (Spain):**
 - International Economics
 - Decisions and game theory
 - *Teaching assistant for:* Advanced Macroeconomics, Advanced Microeconomics, Public Economics, Mathematical Economics, Decisions and Game Theory.

Graduate-level:

- ◆ **Rice University – Department of Economics:**
 - Mathematical Economics I (Ph.D. level, ECON 507) (2013)
- ◆ **ITAM Business School (Mexico):**
 - Global Strategy, Microeconomics (MBA, Master in International Management)
 - International Markets, MYGLOBE (Executive Program)
- ◆ **University Carlos III de Madrid (Spain):**
 - Microeconomics (MA Industrial Organization)

Research

Publications and working papers

♣ **Publications**

- Bejan, M (2011) - “Trade Agreements and International Comovements: the Case of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement)”, *Review of Economic Dynamics* 14(4), pag.667-685.
- Bejan, M (2010) - “Openness to Trade and Output Volatility” - *BALAS Annual Conference Proceedings - 2010-03-24*
- Bejan. M., Ortega, F. (2009) - “CEMEX: Crecimiento y consolidación a través de la diversificación de mercados”, *ITAM Business Cases series* Nr. ITAM/DAAC 097-09-EST-CD (2009)
- Bejan, M., Ortega, F. (2009) - “CEMEX: Crecimiento y consolidación a través de la diversificación de mercados: Nota de Enseñanza”, *ITAM Business Cases series* Teaching Note Nr. ITAM/DAAC 099-09-EST-NE (2009)
- Bejan, M (2007) - “Some Business Cycle Consequences of Signing NAFTA”, *European University Institute RSCAS 2007/03*
- Bejan, M. (2007) - “Openness to Trade and Output Volatility”, *proceedings of the 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Business*
- Bejan, M. , Desmet, K., Kujal, P and Lopez, J.M. (2002) - “Inward FDI and Labor Markets: A Sectoral Analysis for Spain”, *proceedings of the CEPR workshop “Foreign direct investment and labor markets”*

♣ **Work in progress**

- “A Reassessment of the Relationship between Openness and Volatility using an International Business Cycle Model”
- “Performance-Based Contracts, Monitoring and Fraud" (joint with Camelia Bejan and P.K. Sen)
- “Liability versus Negligence in Information Security Contracts” (joint with Camelia Bejan)

Referee work

- Member of the scientific committee for the XXIV Conference on International Economics, Spain, 2023
- Review of Economics and Statistics
- Regional Studies
- International Review of Economics and Finance
- Canadian Journal of Economics
- The World Economy
- The Journal of International Trade and Economic Development
- Business Association of Latin American Studies
- Economía Mexicana - Nueva Epoca
- Cambridge University Press

Theses/research supervised

- **Graduate level:**
 - Maria Ayala (2009, MBA, ITAM - with special mention, Mexico)
 - Francisco Ortega Jara (2010, MIM, ITAM, Mexico)
- **Undergraduate level:**
 - Yixing (Lisa) Ling (2019-2020 Honors Program, Rice University)
 - Jiawen Xie (Fall 2017, Rice University)
 - Claudio Ruiz Cervantes (2008, undergraduate, ITAM, Mexico)
 - Andres Aguilar Magallon (2008, undergraduate, ITAM, Mexico)

- Tashel Martin (2011 – 2012, Honors Program, MSSU)
- Ryan Prisock (2011 – 2013, Honors Program, MSSU)
- Aaron Pirtle (2012, undergraduate, MSSU)

Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars

- **2023**
 - XXXI European Workshop on Economic Theory, Naples, Italy
- **2022**
 - RISE Inflation Conference, Rice University
 - Innovative Educators Summit, Hawkes Learning, online
 - Learning from Our Students: Tools and Techniques for Collecting Student Feedback, Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University
- **2020 – 2021:** attended several teaching webinars from Harvard Business Publishing Education, online
- **2019** – Effective Feedback for Deeper Learning, Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University
- **2018** – Teaching and Accessibility: Exploring the Research on Universal Design for Learning, Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University
- **2017**
 - Grade Orientation & The Motivation To Learn, Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University
 - Challenging the Biased Brain: Creating Constructive Dialogue in the Classroom, Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University
- **2016** – Stereotype Threat: What It Is and How It Affects Our Teaching, Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University
- **2015**
 - Boston College, USA (teaching seminar)
 - Society of Economic Design Conference, Istanbul, Turkey
- **2014** – Student Feedback: a Key to Success, Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University
- **2013** – Academy of International Business – Midwest Meeting, Chicago, USA (presenter)
- **2012** – SBR (Society of Business Research), Nashville (TN), USA (presenter)
- **2010** – BALAS 2010 (Business Association of the Latin American Studies), Barcelona, Spain (presenter)
- **2009**
 - 43rd conference of the Canadian Economics Association, Toronto, Canada (presenter)
 - LACEA-LAMES 2009, Buenos Aires, Argentina (paper accepted)
 - Econometric Society Australasian Meeting, Canberra, Australia (paper accepted)
- **2008** – RGEA (Research Group in Economic Analysis), University of Vigo, Spain (seminar)
- **2007**
 - 7th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Business, Hawaii, USA (presenter)
 - CIDE, Mexico City, Mexico (seminar)
- **2005**
 - The University of Guanajuato, Mexico (seminar)
 - ITAM Business School (seminar)
 - SAET Conference on Current Trends in Economics, Vigo, Spain (presenter)
 - LACEA 2005, Paris, France (presenter)
 - VI National Symposium in Administration, Acapulco, Mexico (invited speaker)
 - European University Institute (Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies) (seminar)
 - BBVA, Madrid, Spain (seminar)

- **2004**
 - Fall 2004 Midwest Economic Theory and Trade Conference, St. Louis (MO), USA (presenter)
 - XXIX Symposium of Economic Analysis, Pamplona, Spain (presenter)
 - European University, Madrid, Spain (seminar)
 - EEA-ESEM (19th Annual Congress of the European Economic Association and 59th European Meeting of the Econometric Society), Madrid, Spain (presenter)
- **2003**
 - Summer Meeting of Economic Analysis, Vigo, Spain (presenter)
 - XXVIII Symposium of Economic Analysis, Seville, Spain (presenter)
 - Macroeconomics Workshop, University Carlos III de Madrid, Spain (presenter)
- **2002**
 - CEPR workshop “Foreign direct investment and labor markets”, Turin, Italy

Academic Service

◆ **Rice University:**

- Member of the Rice University Committee on Fellowships and Awards (Fall 2016 – present)
- Member of the Rice Economics Department Undergraduate Committee (Fall 2016 – present)
- Member of the Rice Economics Department Honors Committee (Fall 2019 – present)
- Faculty participant in the Rice Academic Fair (2017, 2023)
- Faculty participant in the Admitted Owl Calling Campaign (2016, 2017)
- Will Rice College Faculty Associate (Spring 2017 – present)
- Will Rice College - Faculty mentor for an O-week group (Fall 2017– present)
- Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium judge (April 2016)
- Hanszen College Faculty Associate (Spring 2014 – Fall 2017)
- Hanszen College - Faculty mentor for an O-week group (Fall 2014)

◆ **Missouri Southern State University:**

- Member of the Academic Policies Committee (2011-2013)
- Member of the Faculty Development Committee (2011-2013)
- Member of the Students and Alumni Affairs Committee (2011-2013)
- Member of the ACBSP Accreditation Committee (2011-2013)

◆ **ITAM Business School (Mexico):**

- Coordinator of the Master in International Management
- AACSB Accreditation Committee member
- Faculty advisor
- Master and MBA theses advisor

Other Rice University and Community Involvement

- Worked on ROAR (Rice Outcomes Assessment Report) (2017, 2018)
- Faculty sponsor of Rice Vegan Society (helped organize the Rice VegFest 2019 and won the Hudspeth Award for best Faculty Sponsor)

Languages

- English
- Spanish
- Romanian (native)
- Italian
- French (basic)