



A tribute to Jorge Aguero 1971–2023

Veronica Frisancho¹

Received: 28 July 2023 / Accepted: 21 August 2023 / Published online: 7 September 2023

© The Author(s), under exclusive licence to Springer Science+Business Media, LLC, part of Springer Nature 2023

It is with immense sadness that I am letting you know of the passing of Jorge Agüero, editor of the Review of Economics of the Household. Jorge was Associate Professor of Economics at El Instituto at the University of Connecticut. He was also affiliated with the Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy (InCHIP) at UConn as well as the Group of Development Analysis (GRADE) in Peru. Jorge left us too soon, but his legacy will survive him.



Jorge was a true scholar with a sincere commitment to the advancement of developing countries. He made several contributions in the areas of health, education, discrimination, and gender, but he was generally interested in any topic that hindered or fostered development and the lives of those least advantaged.

Jorge was an excellent academic with a social conscience. This unique mix was clearly reflected in his timely contributions to research questions with rigorous analysis, but always keeping an eye on the direct implications of his work for policy making. While pursuing academic excellence Jorge always kept track of where he came from and constantly thought of ways to contribute to his country's development as well as the professional development of talented and underprivileged young

✉ Veronica Frisancho
vfrisancho@caf.com

¹ CAF, Development Bank of Latin America, Buenos Aires, Argentina

scholars. One of Jorge's breakthrough contributions was related to the measurement of intimate partner violence, an issue that has been increasingly considered in the field since his early contributions to the topic. He thought deeply about how misreporting of intimate partner violence could affect the evaluation of risk and protective factors and he proposed innovative alternatives that more adequately measure prevalence of domestic violence and the effect of policy interventions aimed at reducing such violence.

Jorge was an amazing and very inclusive coauthor. To him, everyone's opinion mattered. He did not let seniority influence the weight attached to an opinion and was always open to suggestions and alternative views. He was also a passionate supporter of women in the field and, more generally, a supporter of gender equality. Jorge also supported young talented scholars from his native country, Peru. He tried to provide them with opportunities to collaborate and fostered their aspirations to pursue graduate programs abroad.

Jorge was a very prolific scholar and an extremely fun and caring coauthor. I worked with him on several projects for almost 10 years, and I am going to deeply miss his excellent contributions to the projects that we could not finish before he left us. But above all, I am going to miss his human qualities, especially his empathy and humility. Despite his work commitments and his very tight schedule involving cooperation with several coauthors and multiple academic obligations, whenever we interacted, he first checked on my wellbeing. He was also fun to interact with and a very loyal and supportive friend.

I am deeply honored to have been Jorge's friend and coauthor. Jorge has been a true inspiration and getting used to the idea of not having him around anymore will be extremely difficult. He still had much to contribute to the profession, but I am certain that all his coauthors and the students he trained will carry his legacy forward.

Author contributions This note recognizes Jorge Agüero's trajectory and pays tribute to his legacy and his human qualities.

Compliance with ethical standards

Conflict of interest The author declares no competing interests.

Publisher's note Springer Nature remains neutral with regard to jurisdictional claims in published maps and institutional affiliations.