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Education

Ph.D. Economics, University of Notre Dame, 2003.

B.A. Business Economics and Political Science, University of California, Riverside, 1997.

Fields and Research Interests

Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Immigration, Immigration Policy, Race and Gender Inequality, Entrepreneurship, Poverty

Positions

Policy Expert, UCLA Latino Policy and Politics Initiative, 2020-present

Department Chair, Occidental College, 2020-2021

Professor, Occidental College, 2019-present

Associate Professor, Occidental College, 2012-2019

Visiting Scholar, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego, 2013- 2014

Assistant Professor, Occidental College, 2006-2012

Research

Published and Forthcoming

- "Immigration, Sanctuary Policies, and Public Safety" with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes and Thitima Puttitanun. *International Migration Review*, forthcoming.
- "Recent Changes in Immigration Policy and U.S. Naturalization Patterns" with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes. *Review of Economics of the Household*, October 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11150-020-09510-1>
- "Do Immigrants Delay Retirement and Social Security Claiming?," with Sita Slavov. *Applied Economics*, 52 (10): 1105-1123, 2020.
- *Mexican Immigrant Entrepreneurs in Los Angeles: Neighborhood Poverty and Segregation in the (Re-)Production of Disadvantage*, with Dolores Trevizo. Palgrave Macmillan, 2018.
- "Interior Immigration Enforcement and the Political Participation of U.S. Citizens in Mixed-Status Households" with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes. *Demography*, 54 (6): 2223-2247, 2017.

- "The Hidden Educational Costs of Intensified Immigration Enforcement" with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, *Southern Economic Journal*, 84 (1): 120-154, 2017
- "Neighborhood Segregation and Business Outcomes: Mexican Immigrant Entrepreneurs in Los Angeles County" with Dolores Trevizo, *Sociological Perspectives*, 59 (3): 668-693, 2016.
- "Falling through the Cracks? Grade Retention and School Dropout among Children of Likely Unauthorized Immigrants" with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, *American Economic Review*, 105(5), 598-603, 2015.
- "Poverty Among Hispanics in the United States" in *The Economic Status of the Hispanic Population*, edited by Marie T. Mora and Alberto Davila, Information Age Publishing: 49-64, 2013.
- "Border Enforcement and Selection of Mexican Immigrants in the United States" with Fernando Lozano, *Feminist Economics*, 19(1), 2013.
- "Antipoverty Policy: The Role of Individualist and Structural Perspectives," with Gbenga Ajilore, William Darity, Jr., and Leslie Wallace, in the *Oxford Handbook of the Economics of Poverty*, edited by Philip N. Jefferson, Oxford University Press: 780-797, 2012.
- "Skilled Immigrant Women in the U.S. and the Double Earnings Penalty" *Feminist Economics*, 18(1): 99-134, 2012.
- "The Reality of Reality Television: Does Reality TV Influence Local Crime Rates?" with Lesley Chiou, *Economics Letters*, 108: 330-333, 2010.
- "The Labor Supply of Immigrants in the United States: The Role of Changing Source Country Characteristics" with Fernando Lozano, *American Economic Review*, May, 99 (2): 35-40, 2009.
- "Incorporating Service Learning Into the Economics Curriculum," *Review of Black Political Economy*, 36 (2): 37-149, 2009.
- "Mexican Immigrant Entrepreneurship in Los Angeles: An Analysis of the Determinants of Entrepreneurial Outcomes," with Dolores Trevizo in Alfonso Morales, David Torres and John Sibley Butler (eds.) *An American Story: Mexican American Entrepreneurship & Wealth Creation*, Purdue University Press, 2009.

Papers Under Review

- "Immigration Policy, Immigrant Detention, and the U.S. Jail System," with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, under review

Working Papers

- "The Role of Global Perceptions on International Student Enrollments" with Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes and Ashley Muchow

Works in Progress

- "Aspiring Students Studying Economics To Succeed" with Kirsten Wandschneider

Book Reviews and Other Non-peer reviewed publications

- "Book Review: The Economics of Immigration". 2016. *Applied Economics Journal*, 23 (2): 95-98.
- "Navigating the Associate Professor Years" American Society of Hispanic Economists, Hispanic Economic Outlook, Fall 2018.

Grants

Grants

- Schwartz Scholar Grant, Occidental College, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Robinson Scholar Grant, Occidental College, 2006-2015.
- Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Research Grant, 2008
- John and Dora Haynes Foundation, Faculty Research Grant, with Dolores Trevizo, 2007

Professional Activities

Editorial

- Editorial Board Member, *Feminist Economics*, January 2018-present.
- Associate Editor, *Feminist Economics*, January 2015-January 2018.

Reviewer

Review of the Economics of the Household, *Feminist Economics*, *Demography*, *Review of Black Political Economy*, *Journal of Economic Education*, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, *International Migration Review*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, *National Science Foundation*

Invited Seminars and Presentations (Past 2 Years)

- 2020: California Assembly Select Committee on Latina Inequities, Informational Hearing on The Economic and Health Impacts on Latinas During the Covid-19 Pandemic; Allied Social Science Association
- 2019: Western Economic Association Conference, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Allied Social Science Association

Professional Affiliations

- Chair, American Society of Hispanic Economists, Communications Committee (2018-2020)
- American Society of Hispanic Economists, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, American Economic Association, Research Network on International Migration

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