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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Economics, University of California Santa Barbara (2009)
- M.A. in Economics, University of California Santa Barbara (2002)
- Licenciatura en Economía (B.S. in Economics) Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, México. (1999)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Immigration, Macroeconomics, Dynamic Political Economy, Social Security

TEACHING: UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

- Business and Economics Forecasting (Econ 3342). Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020
- Seminar in Economic topics (Econ 8351) – Fall 2021
- Managerial Economics (Econ 6350) – Spring 2021
- Principles of Macroeconomics (Econ 2301). Fall 2019
- Money and Banking (Econ 3381). Fall 2020 and Fall 2019

TEACHING: TEXAS TECH [2012 – 2019]

- Empirical Studies in Macroeconomics (PhD - Econ 5381). Fall 2012 - Fall 2018 (once a year)
- Advanced International Economics (PhD - Econ 5333). Spring 2014 – Spring 2019 (once a year)
- Intermediate Macroeconomics (Econ 3311). Spring 2013 - Spring 2015 (Every semester)
- Principles of Money, Credit and Banking (Econ 3323). Fall 2015 – Spring 2019 (Every semester)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Voting over redistribution in the Meltzer-Richard model under interdependent labor inputs". **Economic Letters** 192 (2020). Article 109206.
- "Immigration and demographics: can high immigrant fertility explain voter support for immigration?" with Henning Bohn. **Macroeconomic Dynamics** 23:5, July 2019, Pp. 1815-1837. Available online since 7/20/2017. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1365100517000463>
- "Intergenerational Mobility and the Political Economy of Immigration" with Henning Bohn. **Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control** 94, Sept 2018. Pp. 72-88. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jedc.2018.07.005>
- "Tax Smoothing with Immigration in an Overlapping Generations Economy". **Applied Economics Letters** 26(6), 2019, Pp. 460-464. Available online since 6/21/2018. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2018.1486975>
- "Solving dynamic inefficiency with politically sustainable guest worker programs" (2016). **Economics Letters** 148, pp 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.econlet.2016.09.002>
- "Endogenous Immigration Policy in a Stylized Political Economy". (Forthcoming) in **World Scientific Handbook of Global Migration**, Robert Sauer editor, World Scientific Publishing, forthcoming 2021

PUBLICATIONS IN SPANISH

- "La ley de Concursos Mercantiles en Mexico: Algunas Reflexiones a 4 años de su entrada en vigor" (The new bankruptcy law in Mexico: some reflections since enacted 4 years ago) with Leonado Torre. **Ensayos** Vol. XXIII (2004) Nov, Pp: 1-28.
- "El Mercado Telefónico en México: 10 años después de la Privatización de Telmex" (The Telephone Market: 10 years after the Privatization of Telmex) with Leonado Torre. **Ensayos**, Vol. XIX, Nov 2000, pages 1-48.
- "Tarifas y Penetración Telefónica en México: Demanda Insuficiente o Poder de Monopolio?" (Rates and telephone density in Mexico: Lack of Demand or Monopoly Power?) with Leonardo Torre Cepeda. CADE Working Paper (2000)
- Brief Note "Comentarios sobre el anteproyecto de Ley de Concursos Mercantiles" (Comments on a project for a New Bankruptcy Law in Mexico). Published by Mexican Newspaper El Economista. Feb-16- 2000.

Undergraduate thesis "Rendimientos Privados y Sociales de la Educación en Instituciones Públicas y Privadas: Evidencia para el Area Metropolitana de Monterrey" (Social and Private Returns to Schooling on Public and Private Institutions: Evidence for the Metropolitan Area

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of Monterrey). Published in "Sexto Encuentro Internacional 1999. Capital Humano, Crecimiento, Pobreza: Problemática Mexicana" by the School of Economics at the Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León.

WORKING PAPERS

- "Revisiting Social Security as Markov Equilibrium in OLG Models". Draft: March 2021
- "A Model of Optimal Immigration". Draft: March 2020
- "A simple technique to finding equilibria of Overlapping Generation Models with Markov Perfect Equilibria".

SEMINARS / PRESENTATIONS

- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, "A model of Optimal Immigration". (Expected – November 2021).
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, " Voting over Redistribution in the Meltzer-Richard model under Interdependent Labor Inputs". (Nov 25, 2019).
- American Society of Hispanic Economists, Conference "Economic Issues affecting Hispanic and African American communities". Paper: "Social Security as Markov Equilibrium in OLG Models: the CRRA case" (Oct 18, 2019).
- UTRGV Department of Economics and Finance Seminar "The demand for the different types of immigration and implications for the US in a stylized model" (September 13, 2019)
- UTEP Department of Economics and Finance Seminar " "Social Security as Markov Equilibrium in OLG Models: the CRRA case" (Jan 22, 2019)
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, "Social Security as Markov Equilibrium in OLG Models: the CRRA case". (Nov 20, 2018).
- American Society of Hispanic Economists, Conference "Economic Issues affecting Hispanic and African American communities". Paper: "The Demand for the different types of immigration and implications for the US in a stylized model" (Oct 13, 2018).
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, "Endogenous Immigration Policy in a Stylized Political Economy". Washington DC. (Nov 19, 2016).
- Texas Tech Department of Economics Seminar, "The Demand for the different types of immigration and implications for the US in a stylized model", (Oct. 26, 2016)
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, "Immigration and demographics: can high immigrant fertility explain voter support for immigration?" New Orleans. (Nov 23, 2015).
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, "The Demand for the different types of immigration and implications for the US in a stylized model", New Orleans. (Nov 23, 2015).
- American Society of Hispanic Economists, Conference "Economic Issues affecting Hispanic and African American communities". Paper: "Intergenerational Mobility and the Political Economy of Immigration" (Oct 17, 2014).
- Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, "Immigration and Redistribution", Tampa Bay, Florida. (Nov 25, 2013).
- University of California Santa Barbara Seminar "Intergenerational Mobility and the Political Economy of Immigration" (Aug 16, 2013)
- Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas "Intergenerational Mobility and the Political Economy of Immigration" (March 9th 2011)

SERVICE: UTRGV

- PhD Comprehensive Examinations of Finance (December 1 2019 - present)
- Committee Member, Bylaws Committee (Sept 1 2019 – present)
- Committee Member, Admissions to PhD in Business Administration with concentration in Finance (Sept 1 2019 – present)
- Committee Member, PhD Comprehensive Examinations Finance (Sept 1 2019 – present)
- Committee Member, PhD Prelim Examinations Finance (Sept 1 2019 – present)
- Peer-reviewer of teaching of Dr. Jean Baptiste Tondji (December 2020)
- Committee Member, Search Committee for Economics Tenure Track Position (September 2019 to March 2020)
- Participant, Meeting on Focus group on Honors College Curriculum (Sept 17 2020)
- Presentation on "The economic effects of COVID-19" , September of 2020. Organized by the Political Science Association at UTRGV
- Directed student learning, Honor's Project on the Robin Hood App, by Alberto Kraemer de Mellow (Sept 2020-December 2020)

SERVICE: TEXAS TECH

- Peumali Whitanage Ph.D. Committee (Chair, 2019)
- Funda Ekiz Ph.D. Committee (Member, 2018)
- Yanze Li, Ph.D. Committee (Chair, 2017)
- Ibrahim Alnaser Ph.D. Committee (Member, 2017)
- Huiying Chen Ph.D. Committee (Member, 2017)
- Ahmed Hasmiwu Ph.D. Committee (Member, 2017)

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- Ph.D. Core Examinations Committee Member (Macroeconomics). Fall 2012-Present
- Ph.D. Field Examinations Committee Member (International Economics). Fall 2015-Present
- Presenter, Workshop on Immigration Reform organized by Cross Cultural Academic Advancement Center at Texas Tech University. Difficult dialogues series: "*A discussion on the topic of current US policies regarding immigration reform*" (April 4, 2017)
- Mentor for Graduate Part Time Instructors (GPTI's) Funda Ekiz and Syed Osman (Fall 2016)
- Panel Member, Annual Meeting of the Society of Environmental Journalists. Discussion table on climate driven migration, illegal crossings and water quality, Texas Tech University (Oct 19, 2012).

MEDIA

- TV Fox34 and Telemundo interview (April 5th, 2018).
- TV KLBK Interview (February 17, 2107).
- Radio KTTZ (March 13, 2017).
- Radio KUT Interview (March 25, 2015).
- TV KCBD Channel 11 (June 17, 2013)

REFEREE

- Macroeconomic Dynamics
- Journal of Public Economic Theory
- Journal of Pension Economics and Finance
- Asia Pacific Journal of Regional Science

SOFTWARE

- Mathematics/Statistics: Matlab, Mathematica, STATA, SPSS, E-views.
- General: Scientific Workplace, Latex, Excel, Word, Power Point, Blackboard, APLIA and others.

LANGUAGES

- English & Spanish

CERTIFICATIONS

- Independent Applying the QM rubric (May 30, 2020)