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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor, Vassar College, Department of Economics 2014-present
Assistant Professor, Vassar College, Department of Economics 2007-2014

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, College Park 2007
B.A. Economics and Spanish, Wellesley College, *magna cum laude* 1997

PUBLICATIONS

“Dropouts, Defaulters and Continuing Clients: Client Exit from Microfinance”, 2014
Developing Economies, Vol. 52 (4)

“Officials Versus Thieves: Is Public or Private Expropriation More Harmful to Small Firms?”
2014, *Journal of Development Studies*, Vol. 50 (6), pp.773-788.

“Crime and Microenterprise Growth: Evidence from Mexico”, with Ariel BenYishay, 2014
World Development , Vol.56, pp. 139-152

“Can Low Returns to Capital Explain Low Formal Credit Use? Evidence from Ecuador”, 2014
Journal of Developing Areas, Vol. 48 (1), pp. 1-19

“A Goldsmith Experiment for Learning Money Creation”, with Bob Rebelein, 2013
Journal of Economic Education, Vol. 44 (4), pp. 372-388

“Ethnic Concentration and Bank Use in Immigrant Communities”, with Sarah Bohn, 2013
Southern Economic Journal, Vol. 79 (4), pp. 864-885

“Too Vulnerable for Microfinance? Risk and Vulnerability as Determinants of Microfinance
Selection in Lima”, 2012, *Journal of Development Studies* Vol.48 (9), pp. 1342-1359

WORKING PAPERS

“Violence and Migration: Evidence from Mexico’s Drug War”, with Sukanya Basu

“Homicide and Work: The Impact of Mexico’s Drug War on Labor Market Participation”, with
Ariel BenYishay

“Gender Ratios and Female Labor Force Outcomes: Evidence from Large-Scale Mexican Migration”, with Emily Conover and Melanie Khamis

“Flexibility Matters: Do More Rigid Loan Contracts Reduce Demand for Microfinance?”
Background paper for CAF’s 2011 Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Knowledge Spillovers and Illegal Production: The Case of Opium Production in Mexico, with Emily Owens

Determinants of Microfinance Dropout Behavior, with Masahiro Shoji

Violence and Investments in Health, with Emily Conover and Melanie Khamis

TEACHING

Econometrics. Vassar College	Spring 2014
Latin American Economic Development. Vassar College	Fall-Spring 2014
Financial Markets & Investments. Vassar College	Fall 2007-Spring 2014
Introduction to Macroeconomics. Vassar College	Fall 2007-Fall 2009, Spring 2012
Money and Banking. Vassar College	Spring 2008-Fall 2013

COLLEGE SERVICE

Phi Beta Kappa selection committee, Vassar College	2011-2013
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC), Vassar College	2012-present

AWARDS

Lucy Maynard Solomon Research Grant, Vassar College	Spring 2008
University of Maryland, Departmental Undergraduate Teaching Award	Spring and Fall 2006
Graduate Assistantship, University of Maryland	2002-2007
Peggy Howard Fellowship, Wellesley College, Department of Economics	2004
Phi Beta Kappa, Wellesley College	1997
Omicron Delta Epsilon, Wellesley College	1997

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Presentations:

2014	Wake Forest, PacDev, WorldBank/IZA conference on Labor and Development, Liberal Arts College Development Economics Conference (scheduled), SEA (scheduled), ITAM (scheduled)
2013	Hamilton College, PacDev, AALAC Mellon 23 Economic History, America Latina Crime and Policy Network, Liberal Arts College Development Economics Conference, Southern Economic Association, LACEA, CAF workshop on 2014 Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo, Bates College
2012	Hunter College, Lafayette College, America Latina Crime and Policy Network, Western Economic Association, Southern Economic Association
2011	AEA Economic Education conference, America Latina Crime and Policy Network, Workshop in Macroeconomic Research at Liberal Arts Colleges,

- 2010 NEUDC (Yale), Colorado College
Millennium Challenge Corporation, CAF meetings for the 2011 Reporte de Economía y Desarrollo, Mellon 23 Workshop, Microfinance Impact and Innovation Conference, Fordham University
- 2009 Wesleyan University, Amherst College, Latin American Studies Association Meetings, Southern Economic Association, APPAM
- 2008 Bard College, Colgate University, Southern Economic Association
- 2007 Union College, Williams College, Vassar College, Macalester College, Beloit College, Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, LACEA, NEUDC, APPAM

Workshops:

- 2013 Pedagogy in Action Institute at Vassar
- 2011 CeMENT regional mentoring workshop
- 2009 Teaching Innovation Program (American Economic Association)
- 2008 CSWEP national mentoring workshop

Referee Service:

Economic Development and Cultural Change, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Developing Areas, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Education, Journal of Comparative Economics, World Development, Global Journal of Economics and Finance, Health Policy and Planning, Journal of Quantitative Criminology

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Research Assistant, Sovereign Ratings Latin America, Standard and Poor's
New York, NY 1999-2001

Research Analyst, Emerging Markets Fixed Income Research, Latin America, Chase Securities
New York, NY 1997-1999

SKILLS

- Languages: English (native), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (basic)
- Completed Series 7 and Series 63 registration