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CURRENT POSITION

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

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, University of Maryland, College Park 2007

B.A. Economics and Spanish, Wellesley College, *magna cum laude* 1997

PUBLICATIONS

“Officials Versus Thieves: Is Public or Private Expropriation More Harmful to Small Firms?”
accepted Journal of Development Studies

“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

“Dropouts, Defaulters and Continuing Clients: Client Exit from Microfinance”, *Revisions*
requested by The Developing Economies

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

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

“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

Determinants of Microfinance Dropout Behavior, with Masahiro Shoji

Migration and Labor Force Outcomes, with Emily Conover and Melanie Khamis

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 2013
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-present
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	ASSAs, Wake Forest (scheduled)
2013	Hamilton College, PacDev, AALAC Mellon 23 Economic History, America Latina Crime and Policy Network, Liberal Arts College Development Economics Conference (co-organizer for inaugural conference at Amherst), 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, NEUDC (Yale), Colorado College
2010	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

2008 Meetings, Southern Economic Association, APPAM
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 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 Public Economics

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