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Academic positions:

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Business School	
Associate Professor (with tenure)	2024-present
Assistant Professor	2018-2024

Education:

Ph.D., Economics, Brown University, 2018
M.A., Economics, Brown University, 2013
B.A., Political Science, ITAM, high honors, 2012
B.Sc., Economics, ITAM, high honors, 2010

Peer-reviewed publications:

1. “State Recreational Cannabis Laws and Racial Disparities in the Criminal Legal System” (with Angélica Meinhofer and Jamein P. Cunningham). *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. May 2026.
2. “LGBTQ+ Individuals in the Mexican Labor Market: Queerphobia, Sorting, and Observable Outcomes” (with Emilio Gutierrez). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 237. September 2025.
3. “LGBT+ Persons and Homophobia Prevalence Across Job Sectors: Survey Evidence from Mexico” (with Emilio Gutierrez). *Labour Economics*, 87. April 2024.
4. “Trade-Offs between Access and Quality in Healthcare: Evidence from Retail Clinics in Mexico”. *Journal of Public Economics*, 224. September 2023.
5. “Increasing Retirement Savings through Access Points and Persuasive Messages: Evidence from Mexico” (with Mariano Bosch). *Journal of Human Resources*, 58(5), p.1752-1781. September 2023.

6. “Electoral Repercussions of a Pandemic: Evidence from the 2009 H1N1 Outbreak” (with Emilio Gutierrez and Jaakko Meriläinen). *The Journal of Politics*, 84(4), p.1899-1912. October 2022.
7. “Local Water Quality, Diarrheal Disease, and the Unintended Consequences of Soda Taxes” (with Emilio Gutierrez). *The World Bank Economic Review*, 36(1), p.1-18. February 2022.
8. “Information and Behavioral Responses during a Pandemic: Evidence from Delays in Covid-19 Death Reports” (with Emilio Gutierrez and Tiago Tavares). *Journal of Development Economics*, 154, 102774. January 2022.
9. “Shocks to Hospital Occupancy and Mortality: Evidence from the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic” (with Emilio Gutierrez). *Management Science*, 67(9), p. 1-10. September 2021.
10. “Illegal Drug Market Responses to State Recreational Cannabis Laws” (with Angélica Meinhofer). *Addiction*, 116, p. 3433-3443. May 2021.
11. “The Effect of a Cash Transfer Program for the Elderly in Mexico City on Co-Residing Children’s School Enrollment” (with Emilio Gutierrez and Laura Juarez). *The World Bank Economic Review*, 31(3), p. 809-828. October 2017.

Working Papers:

1. “Eye-opening Products: Uncertainty and Surprise in Cataract Surgery Outcomes” (with Emilio Gutierrez and José Tudón) – *R&R at Review of Economics and Statistics*
2. “The Effects of Dialysis Firm Consolidation on Patient Health” (joint with Anwita Mahajan and Francisco Garrido)
3. “Promotions Measured with Error: Implications for Health Policy and Firm Behavior” (with Emilio Gutierrez and José Tudón)
4. “Going Big in Health: Effect of a Large-Scale Preventive Health Policy” (with Arturo Aguilar and Ricardo Gómez-Carrera)
5. “Referral Rewards Programs and Customer Acquisition” (joint with José Tudón)

Selected Works in Progress:

1. “Understanding the Impact of Female Role Models on Women's Choice to Major in Economics” (joint with Lucia del Carpio and Emilio Gutierrez)
2. “Recreational Cannabis Laws are Associated with Increases in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Admissions for People Experiencing Homelessness” (joint with Ashley C. Bradford and Angélica Meinhofer)
3. “Generic Aversion in the Market for Retail Pharmacies in Mexico” (joint with Carlos Paramo)

Resting Papers:

1. “Delays in Death Reports and their Implications for Tracking the Evolution of COVID-19” (joint with Emilio Gutierrez and Tiago Tavares) – *Covid Economics Working Paper*
2. “Over-the-Counter Access Regulations: Evidence from an Antibiotics Law in Mexico”

Selected Presentations:

- 2026 UT/ITAM Tex-Mex Conference, NBER Economic Analysis of Regulation Meeting*
- 2025 Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI)
- 2023 PODER Notre Dame – ITAM Mini-Conference; Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC), University of Houston; NBER Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Meeting; International Health Economics Association (iHEA) Congress
- 2022 NBER Health Economics Program Meeting
- 2021 American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon)
- 2020 Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Dartmouth College; Research Institute for Development, Growth, and Economics (RIDGE) Forum
- 2019 International Health Economics Association (iHEA) Congress; Barcelona GSE Summer Forum
- 2018 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Guayaquil, Ecuador; NEUDC, Cornell University; ITAM Alumni Conference, Mexico City, Mexico; Congreso sobre Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico; Population Association of America (PAA), Denver
- 2017 Invited seminar at Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica, Cuernavaca, Mexico; Invited seminar at El Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico; LACEA, Buenos Aires, Argentina; NEUDC, Tufts University; Population Health Science (PHS) workshop, Boston University; PAA, Chicago
- 2016 LACEA, Medellin, Colombia; Invited seminar at Banco de México, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2015 NEUDC, Brown University; LACEA, Santa Cruz, Bolivia
- 2011 NEUDC, Yale University; LACEA, Santiago, Chile; Brown Bag ITAM, Mexico City, Mexico

* *co-author presentation*

Professional Activities:

Refereeing for AEJ: Economic Policy, Contemporary Economic Policy, The Economic Journal, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Latin American Economic Review, PLOS ONE, The World Bank Economic Review.
Population Studies and Training Center affiliate, Brown University, 2015-2018
Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences affiliate, Brown University, 2015-2018

Honors, Grants and Fellowships:

- 2025 IEA-WE grant for research on interventions to advance women in economics in the Global South with Lucia del Carpio and Emilio Gutierrez; 30,000 USD
- 2023 Russell Sage Foundation (Grant #2207-39479) with Angélica Meinhofer; 100,000 USD

- 2023 Inter-American Development Bank's LGBTQ+ Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean project with Emilio Gutierrez; 30,000 USD
- 2022 Victor L. Urquidi Economics Prize (2nd place), Mexico
- 2019 Victor L. Urquidi Economics Prize (2nd place), Mexico
- 2018 Joaquin Xirau Icaza Economics Prize, Mexico
- 2018 Student Paper Prize (3rd place), International Health Economics Association (iHEA)
- 2016 Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs Fellowship, Brown University
- 2016 Banamex Award in Economics (honorable mention), Mexico
- 2012 Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon (UANL) Research Award, Mexico