

EDUCATION

Paris School of Economics (ENS / EHESS / Université de Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne) Paris, France
Master of Quantitative Economics (Public Policy and Development), magna cum laude 2018

- Fulbright scholarship grantee, US Department of State; Arthur King Peters award recipient; Eiffel laureate
- Thomas Piketty, research supervisor; Teaching Assistant, Economic History (Piketty)
- INSEAD visiting fellow; OECD consultant (Partnership in Statistics for Development)

Cornell University Ithaca, NY
Master of Public Administration, International Development 2014

- GPA: 3.9/4.0. Fellowship grants, \$30,000/year. Inductee, Pi Alpha Alpha (academic honor society).
- *Master's Thesis*: "Public Policy Options for Sustainable Agricultural Land Management in Mexico."
- *Special Projects*: Visiting researcher at CIDE (Center for Research and Teaching in Economics, Mexico City, 2012); NSF grant for study of rice production economics at IRRI (International Rice Research Institute, Philippines, 2012); field study of agricultural practices, mechanization, research and extension (Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Haryana, India, 2012); managed, presented at, and drafted proceedings for international agricultural development conference (EARTH University, Costa Rica, 2011); led CARE/Cornell grant proposal to evaluate water treatment infrastructure in Honduras.
- *Teaching Assistant, International Development Capstone*: Responsibilities included teaching and lead project management of five teams of graduate fellows consulting for international nonprofit organizations.

Dartmouth College Hanover, NH
Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology / Philosophy 2010

- Citations for academic achievement: Latin American revolutions and political anthropology of Africa.
- Assistant Teacher, Education; Manager, Dartmouth College Library; Intern, Dartmouth Organic Farm.
- Studied economics, government and philosophy at Georgetown University.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- *Languages*: English (native); French (fluent); Spanish (fluent); Italian (proficient).
- *Computer Skills*: STATA, GIS, Excel, Access, and Office. Database management experience.
- *Evaluation and Analytical Skills*: Quantitative research (econometric, statistical, and spatial analysis); qualitative research (household survey, semi-structured interview, and ethnographic fieldwork techniques); literature review, policy briefs, and extended reports; budget, procurement, and financial analysis.
- *Project Management Experience*: Leadership of five teams and 40 staff; strategic organizational planning.

EXPERIENCE

NORC at the University of Chicago Chicago, IL (and remote)
Senior Research Analyst, International Programs 2015-present

- Conduct impact evaluations of international development programs, including technical design, literature review, field data collection, econometric analysis, report-writing and presentations to stakeholders.
- Design randomized controlled trial (RCT) and quasi-experimental methodology for evaluation.
- Awarded \$25K for testing spatial econometrics in program evaluation, with L. Anselin (UChicago).
- Implement large-scale household survey questionnaires with rigorous sampling design.
- Responsible for team and budget management of ongoing impact evaluation projects and proposals.
- Train field staff in program evaluation and management, including workshops and conferences.

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Rome, Italy and Mexico City

Evaluation Analyst, CGIAR Independent Evaluation Arrangement (Rome) 2014-15

- Contributed as consultant to the technical analysis and management of major program evaluations of four CGIAR Research Programs: Global Rice Science Partnership (GRiSP); Policies, Institutions and Markets (PIM); Roots, Tubers and Bananas (RTB); and Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE).
- Responsibilities included quantitative and qualitative analysis during inquiry phase; data gathering for preliminary analysis; drafting pieces of inception and final reports; and field missions with team leaders to meet, consult, interview and present findings to program counterparts and evaluation stakeholders. Field missions to India (Odisha and West Bengal), Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Colombia, Slovenia, and Washington.

Researcher, FAO-Mexico Policy Analysis and Evaluation Office (Mexico City) 2012

- Wrote evaluation briefs regarding soil and water conservation policy “COUSSA,” a \$100 million program of SAGARPA (Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food).
- Conducted field visits to western province state agriculture development agencies and project sites; interviewed SAGARPA officials regarding policy objectives and strategy; reviewed legislative documents.
- Analyzed budget and performance metrics; co-authored report on program design and efficiency.
- Expanded research in Cornell Master’s thesis, including GIS and spatial analysis from census data.

Research Analyst, FAO Independent Office of Evaluation (Rome) 2012

- Composed analytical reports and research briefs in evaluation of FAO’s impact in Sri Lanka, comprising over fifty FAO projects conducted within five years, and \$50 million investment in agricultural development, rural infrastructure, humanitarian relief, and post-civil war conflict management.
- Delivered quantitative and written analysis of portfolio strengths and weaknesses; managed internal FAO databases on program objectives and outcomes; recognized in published report to the Governing Bodies.
- Helped convene and manage the Annual General Meeting of the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG), and Evaluation Practice Exchange among UN experts and professionals.

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Panama City, Panama

Consultant 2013

- Team leader, research director, client communication manager, and final presentation speaker on maternal health policy paper, for central Coordination Unit of Salud Mesoamerica, a \$200 million public-private partnership of the IDB. Worked alongside Monitoring and Evaluation Officers at IDB office in Panama.
- Senior scholar in quantitative analysis of household survey baseline data using STATA, and lead writer of health economics research paper, “Determinants of Inequality in Child Malnutrition in El Salvador.”
- Guided a team of researchers in analyzing and recommending policy changes to SM2015 program design and Ministry of Health incentive schemes across eight Central American countries.

International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)

Texcoco, Mexico

Research Assistant, Socioeconomics Program 2012

- Examined economic incentives for farmers’ adoption of sustainable agricultural practices under the MasAgro program, a \$50 million public-private partnership between CIMMYT and SAGARPA.
- Interviewed farmers in their fields, during field visits with producers, extension agents and researchers.
- Reviewed and synthesized three decades of research findings from prior agricultural extension campaigns, including at national research institutions, Universidad Autónoma Chapingo and Colegio de Postgraduados.
- Extended agricultural economics research in Master’s thesis on public policy for soil conservation and compliance, at CIDE (Center for Research and Teaching in Economics) and Cornell.

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Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture and Development

Ithaca, NY

Research Assistant, SRI-Rice

2011-12

- Researched Latin America rice production for Costa Rica conference presentation; studied agronomy and technology adoption in India field visit—interviewing farmers, fieldworkers, researchers, and policymakers.

Harvard School of Public Health

Boston, MA

Research Assistant, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights

2011

- Statistical and written analysis for concept note of European Romani adolescent education intervention.

Thompson Island Outward Bound / US National Park Service

Boston, MA

Field Supervisor

2011

- Implemented \$200,000 US National Park Service (Boston Harbor Islands) grant program; designed agriculture and conservation projects; wrote construction proposal; managed budget and procurement.
- Delegated to four team leaders; responsible for productivity, safety, and training of 40 staff.

Médecins du Monde Argentina

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Field Assistant

2010-11

- Organized local public health campaigns with Bolivian and Peruvian migrant community leaders for project “Public Health Promotion in Migrant Communities,” planning strategy with organization committees.
- Helped lead workshops among women’s collectives and self-help groups; wrote research grant proposals.
- Trained in qualitative research methods; applied ethnographic methods to data collection and analysis.

Estancia Ranquilco

Neuquén, Argentina

Field Research Assistant

2011

- Contributed to Northwestern University ethnographic study on indigenous culture in western highlands of Argentina; participated in rangeland cattle ranching and construction work with *gaucho* farmers.

Estación Biológica Corrientes

Corrientes, Argentina

Field Research Assistant

2010

- Studied behavior patterns of black howler monkeys (*Alouatta caraya*) in field setting, jungle and wild forests of northern Argentina; contributed to two doctoral dissertations in biological anthropology.

United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Consultant, International Policy Center for Inclusive Growth

2010

- Researched potential partnerships across four countries; recognized for distinguished performance.

Government of the District of Columbia

Washington, DC

Site Manager, District Department of the Environment

2009

- Trained 30 District youth in urban environmental restoration; led construction of two community gardens.
- Coordinated two sites and supervised five team leaders, reporting to five different managers and liaising city government officers with program implementation partners.
- Honored by Director of the District Department of the Environment, Government of the District of Columbia, for excellence in program implementation and outstanding local neighborhood impact.