

# LEONARD AYALA

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## EDUCATION

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<b>The University of Texas at Dallas</b>	Master of Science in Economics GPA: 3.96 Certificate in Economic and Demographic Data Analysis ( <i>in progress</i> )	December 2022
	Bachelor of Science in Economics GPA: 4.0, Summa Cum Laude, Major Honors	May 2021

## EXPERIENCE

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**Center on Budget and Policy Priorities** - *Housing Intern; Washington D.C.* January 2022 - August 2022

- Collaborated with stakeholders such as the National Coalition for Housing Justice to advance housing and homelessness initiatives
- Managed six databases using Stata and excel including Point-in-Time homelessness counts and Household Pulse Survey data
- Provided general project support including policy research, policy briefs, and literature reviews
- Moderated discussions on housing equity for supervisors and the housing team

**The Texas Tenants' Union** - *Housing Intern; Dallas, TX* May 2021 - August 2021

- Developed housing policy recommendations for the use of \$410 million from coronavirus recovery funds for the Texas legislature
- Designed a civic engagement project to educate tenants regarding relevant policy and to increase voter turnout
- Attended stakeholder meetings and produced weekly reports on eviction and tenant policy for supervisors

**The Institute for Urban Policy Research** - *Research Intern; Richardson, TX* August 2020 - December 2020

- Collaborated with a team of researchers to evaluate the impact of eviction policies on tenants within Dallas County
- Conducted data quality control of the Texas 2036 database to ensure accuracy
- Moderated a public racial sensitivity workshop of 35 participants to decrease racial bias

**United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean** - *Intern; Washington D.C.* January 2018 - March 2018

- Conducted literature reviews on U.S. policy relating to Latin America
- Surveyed ten news sources and synthesized relevant information into daily reports for ECLAC stakeholders
- Researched credit, debt, and remittance flows from Latin American regions

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Anti-Racist & Intersectional Approaches in Social Science and Community-Based Research**

IGI Global: Handbook of Research on Social Justice Research Methods

Co-Author - The University of Texas at Dallas

### **A Review of Eviction Protections in Dallas, Texas**

Contributor - The Institute for Urban Policy Research, 2021

## LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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**Dallas Habitat for Humanity** - *Volunteer* January 2016 - May 2017

- Assisted in the construction of over 15 houses for families in need

## HONORS

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**Urban Land Institute Urban Plan Program Winner** Spring 2021

- Analyzed market data to develop a mixed-use infill project proposal to revitalize a neighborhood with a 14.3% rate of return

**Bill Archer Fellow, Washington D.C.** Spring 2018

- Selected from a competitive UT Texas System cohort to study and intern in Washington D.C.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Technical Skills:** Microsoft Office Suite (Advanced), Stata (Intermediate), R (Intermediate), ArcGIS (Basic)

**Languages:** Fluent in English (Native), Proficient in Spanish (Native)