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demography · kinship · generational processes · bereavement · modelling · microsimulation

EDUCATION

The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK

PhD, Demography and Population Studies

2014 - 2018

- Title: “Beyond excess mortality: the demographic life of a Mayan community after a war of massacres”
- Primary data collection: genealogical surveys and in-depth interviews (1 year fieldwork)
- Supervisors: Arjan Gjonça, Tiziana Leone, Ernestina Coast, and Michael Murphy

MSc, Social Research Methods (Distinction)

2013-2014

Practical approach with emphasis on quantitative and qualitative data analysis

Del Valle University, Guatemala

BA, Anthropology (First class/Summa Cum Laude)

2008-2012

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Poster award (2021), Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Poster title: “Linking excess mortality to Google mobility data during the COVID-19 pandemic in England and Wales.” (Basellini, U., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Del Fava, E., Perrotta, D., Bonetti, M., Camarda, C. and Zagheni, E.).
- Otto Hahn Medal (2019) awarded by the Max Planck Society for ‘outstanding achievement from the initial creative period of young scientists’
- LSE PhD Academy Prize (2018) awarded by the London School of Economics for research on state-sponsored massacres in Guatemala
- LSE PhD Studentship (2014-2018) awarded by the London School of Economics

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR), Germany

Head, Max Plank Research Group “Kinship Inequalities”

Starting May 2022

Research Scientist (post-doc), Lab of Digital and Computational Demography

Jan 2019 - Apr 2022

Research Area Chair, Lab of Digital and Computational Demography

Sep 2019 - Sep 2021

Research-administrative role leading a group of four researchers in the ‘Aging and Generational Processes’ Research Area.

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Denmark**
Statistics Team Intern, Field Information and Coordination Support Section (FICSS) Mar - Jun 2018
 Central role in implementing UNHCR's Demographic Projection Tool.
- The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK**
Research Assistant, Law Department Apr - Jul 2017
 Leading qualitative research on low student satisfaction
- Research Assistant*, Social Policy Department Mar 2016- Jun 2017
 Quantitative analysis of maternal and child health outcomes in Palestine
- Research Assistant*, Sociology Department Sep 2014 - Sep 2015
 Qualitative coding and analysis of methodological practices in sociology of work
- Research Assistant*, Methodology Department Oct 2013 - Jan 2014
 Survey of grey literature to identify common qualitative methods in International Development
- Public Opinion Program**, Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala
Lead researcher Jul - Nov 2013
 Designing and implementing qualitative research for the Media Monitoring Project
- The Population Council**, Guatemala
Research Sub Coordinator Jan - Dec 2012
- Design and implementation of qualitative research on conditional cash transfer programmes
 - Led team of four ethnographers during six months of data collection in rural Guatemala

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- International Max Planck Research School for Population, Health and Data Science (IMPRS-PHDS)**
Class Teacher for course "Topics in Digital and Computational Demography" 2020 - 2022
- European Doctoral School of Demography (EDSD), Barcelona**
Class Teacher for course "Digital Demography" 2020 - 2022
- The London School of Economics and Political Science, UK**
Class Teacher, Social Policy Department 2016-2017
 Leading seminars for the course "Introduction to Global Population Change"
- Class Teacher*, LSE Methods Summer School 2015
 Leading seminars for the "Qualitative Research Methods" strand
- Del Valle University, Guatemala**
Class teacher, Anthropology and Sociology Department 2013
 Leading seminars for the course "Advanced qualitative data analysis"
- Class teacher*, Anthropology and Sociology Department 2011
 Leading seminars for the course "History of Anthropology 1"

GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISION

- Liliana Calderón. *Current PHDS mentor*. Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research and Stockholm University
- Michael Lachanski. *Current PHDS mentor*. Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research and University of Pennsylvania

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Alburez-Gutierrez, D.** (in press). “The demographic drivers of grief and memory after genocide in Guatemala.” *Demography*. Temporary doi:[10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2021-003](https://doi.org/10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2021-003).
- Stelter, R. and **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.** (2022). “Representativeness is crucial for inferring demographic processes from online genealogies: Evidence from lifespan dynamics.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 119(10): e2120455119. doi:[10.1073/pnas.2120455119](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2120455119).
- Castro, A. and **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.** (2022). “North and South: Naming practices and the hidden dimension of global disparities in knowledge production.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. 119(10): e2119373119. doi:[10.1073/pnas.2119373119](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2119373119).
- Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Mason, C., and Zagheni, E. (2021). “The ‘Sandwich Generation’ Revisited: Global Demographic Drivers of Care Time Demands.” *Population and Development Review*, 47(4): 997-1023. doi: [10.1111/padr.12436](https://doi.org/10.1111/padr.12436).
- Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Kolk, M., and Zagheni, E. (2021) “Women’s experience of child death: A global demographic perspective.” *Demography*, 58 (5): 1715–1735. doi: [10.1215/00703370-9420770](https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-9420770).
- Smith-Greenaway, E., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Trinitapoli, J, and Zagheni, E. (2021) “The Global Burden of Maternal Bereavement: Indicators of the Cumulative Prevalence of Child Loss.” *BMJ Global Health*, 6:e004837. doi: [bmjgh-2020-004837](https://doi.org/bmjgh-2020-004837)
- Martinez-Folgar, K., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Paniagua-Avila, A., Ramirez-Zea, M., Bilal, U. (2021). “Excess Mortality during the COVID-19 Pandemic in Guatemala”. *American Journal of Public Health*, 0:e1-e8. doi:[10.2105/AJPH.2021.306452](https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2021.306452).
- Basellini, U., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Del Fava, E., Perrotta, D., Bonetti, M., Camarda, C. and Zagheni, E. (2021). “Linking excess mortality to Google mobility data during the COVID-19 pandemic in England and Wales.” *SSM - Population Health*, 14. doi: [j.ssmph.2021.100799](https://doi.org/j.ssmph.2021.100799).
- Riffe, T., Acosta E., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, the COVerAGE-DB team. (2021) “Data Resource Profile: COVerAGE-DB: a global demographic database of COVID-19 cases and deaths.” *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 50(2): 390-390f. doi: [10.1093/ije/dyab027](https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyab027).
- Alburez-Gutierrez, D.** (2021). “Vivir para contarla: un análisis demográfico de las masacres de Río Negro en Guatemala (1980-1982) [Living to tell the tale: A demographic analysis of the Río Negro massacres in Guatemala (1980-1982)].” *Análisis de la Realidad Nacional*, 208:91–104. ISSN:[2227-9113](https://doi.org/10.2227-9113).
- Alburez-Gutierrez, D.** (2019). Blood is thicker than bloodshed: A genealogical approach to reconstruct

populations after armed conflicts. *Demographic Research*, 40(23): 627-656.
doi:[10.4054/DemRes.2019.40.23](https://doi.org/10.4054/DemRes.2019.40.23).

Leone, T., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Gandour, R., Coast, E., and Giacaman, R. (2019). “Maternal and child access to care and intensity of conflict in the occupied Palestinian territory: a pseudo-longitudinal analysis (2000–2014).” *Conflict and Health* 13(36). doi:[10.1186/s13031-019-0220-2](https://doi.org/10.1186/s13031-019-0220-2).

McGovern, P., and **D. Alburez-Gutierrez**. (2017) “Who takes workplace case-study methods seriously? The influence of gender, academic rank and PhD training.” *Industrial Relations Journal* 48(2):98-114, doi:[10.1111/irj.12171](https://doi.org/10.1111/irj.12171).

LETTERS

Nepomuceno, M., Acosta, E., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Aburto, J.M., Gagnon, A., and Turra, C. (2020). “Besides population age-structure, health and other demographic factors can contribute to understanding the COVID-19 burden.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(25). doi:[10.1073/pnas.2008760117](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2008760117).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Alburez-Gutierrez, D., S. Aref, S. Gil-Clavel, A. Grow, D.V. Negraia, and E. Zagheni. (2019). “Demography in the Digital Era: New Data Sources for Population Research.” *Proceedings of the 2019 Conference of the Italian Statistical Society*. doi: [10.31235/osf.io/24jp7](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/24jp7).

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Alburez-Gutierrez, D. and Segura Garcia, C. (2018). “The UNHCR Demographic Projection Tool: estimating the future size and composition of forcibly displaced populations.” *UNHCR Statistics Technical Series*: [2018/1](https://doi.org/10.29025/1). Copenhagen: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

Snyder, M., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Williams, I., and Zagheni, E. (under review). “Estimates from 11 countries show the significant impact of COVID-19 excess mortality on the incidence of family bereavement.” Revise and resubmit at the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Preprint: [10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2022-010](https://doi.org/10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2022-010).

WORKING PAPERS AND PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Chong, M., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Del Fava, E., Alexander, M., and Zagheni, E. (2022). “Identifying and correcting bias in big crowd-sourced online genealogies.” MPIDR Working Paper. Rostock: Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research. doi: [10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2022-005](https://doi.org/10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2022-005).

Alburez-Gutierrez, D., Barban, N., Caswell, H., Kolk, M., Margolis, R., Smith-Greenaway, E., Song, X., Verdery, A., and Zagheni, E. (unpublished). “Kinship Approaches in Demography: Review and Key Areas for Future Development.” Manuscript submitted to the *2022 Annual Conference of the Population Association of America*.

Alburez-Gutierrez, D., Basellini, U., and Zagheni, E. (unpublished) “When do parents bury a child? Uncertainty of offspring loss across the demographic transition.” Manuscript submitted to the *2022 Annual Conference of the Population Association of America*.

Williams, I. and **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.** (2021). “Mortality change and its impact on child survival.” MPIDR Working Paper. Rostock: Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research.
doi:[10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2021-001](https://doi.org/10.4054/MPIDR-WP-2021-001).

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

Williams, I., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, Song, X., and H. Caswell. (2021). “DemoKin: An R package to implement matrix kinship models in stable and non-stable populations.”
<https://github.com/IvanWilli/DemoKin>.

Theile, T., **Alburez-Gutierrez, D.**, et al. (2022). “rsoc: A multi-platform R package to run and analyse demographic microsimulations using SOCSIM.” <https://github.com/tomthe/rsoc>

INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

“Formal demography of kinship: theory and applications.” [Formal Demography Working Group](#) (25 February 2022, online, co-presentation with Hal Caswell) [[recording](#)] [[code](#)].

“Kinship inequalities and the persistence of memory after genocide.” [Center for Demography and Ecology](#), Wisconsin, USA (University of Wisconsin–Madison, 01 February 2022)

“The Demographic Drivers of Grief and Memory After Genocide in Guatemala.” [UW Seminar Series](#). Seattle, USA (University of Washington, 20 April 2021).

“Linking excess mortality to Google mobility data during the COVID-19 pandemic.” Mexico City, Mexico (El Colegio de Mexico, 16 April 2021).

“‘The ‘Sandwich Generation’ Revisited: Global Demographic Drivers of Care Time Demands.” Population and Health Research Group Seminar Series, St Andrews, Scotland (University of St Andrews, 08 Dec 2020).

“Women’s experience of child death: a global demographic perspective.” [ISER External Seminar](#), Colchester, UK (Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Essex, 27 November 2019).

“The Demographic Foundations of the Lived Experience of Kin Death: A Genealogical Reconstruction.” [SUDA Demographic Colloquium Series](#), Stockholm, Sweden (Stockholm University, 23 May 2019).

“Ciencias Sociales Computacionales: Retos y oportunidades en la era digital [Computational Social Sciences: challenges and opportunities in the Digital Age]”. Guatemala City, Guatemala (Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences, 25 April 2019).

“Mass killings, family support, and survival: evidence from Guatemala.” [SUDA Demographic Colloquium Series](#), Stockholm, Sweden (Stockholm University, 8 February 2018).

OUTREACH AND SCIENCE COMMUNICATION

- News magazine: “Generational overlap places a heavy burden on parents in the global South” (News magazine of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, [n-IUSSP](#), Jan 2022)

- News magazine: “Global trends in child loss: less and later” (News magazine of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, [n-IUSSP](#), Nov 2021)
- Podcast episode: “Demografía y la experiencia de muerte [Demography and the experience of death]” ([Divulga Podcast](#), episode 31, May 2021)
- Academic video: “How Can We Quantify the Immediate and Lingering Impact of Genocide on Local Populations?” ([Latest Thinking](#), Apr 2020)
- Opinion piece: “Coronavirus: a warning to Latin America and the Caribbean to dramatically increase COVID-19 testing” ([The Conversation](#), UK, Apr 2020)
- Blog post: “Genocide is the tip of the iceberg: Reviewing the Guatemalan case” ([LSE Human Rights Blog](#), Feb 2016)

ORGANISER OF INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC EVENTS

- Coordinator of the [Seminar Series of the Lab of Digital and Computational Demography](#), Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research. 2020-2021
- *Organiser and moderator*: [Panel Discussion on Digital and Computational Demography](#), IX Conference of the Latin American Association for Population Studies, Santiago, Chile (online) 2020
- *Organiser*: [Rostock Open Science Workshop](#), Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research (MPIDR), Rostock 2019
- *Organiser*: [Workshop on Demographic Research with Web and Social Media Data](#), 13th International AAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), Munich 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- *Associate Editor* for journal Demographic Research (Apr 2022 - Apr 2025)
- *Reviewer* for academic journals: Demography; Population and Development Review; Population Studies; European Journal of Population; Journal of Marriage and Family; Population Research and Policy Review; Demographic Research; Revue Quetelet/Quetelet Journal; Genus; Journal of the Royal Society Interface; BMC Public Health; PLOS ONE; Scientific Reports; EPJ Data Science
- *Organiser* of the ‘Social Policy Qualitative Research Group’, London School of Economics 2017-2018
- *President* of the ‘Methodology Student Union’, London School of Economics 2013-2014
- *President* of the ‘Social Sciences Student Union’, Del Valle University (Guatemala) 2011-2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population ([IUSSP](#))
- British Society for Population Studies ([BSPS](#))
- Population Association of America ([PAA](#))
- European Association for Population Studies ([EAPS](#))
- Latin American Association for Population Studies ([ALAP](#))
- Latin American Studies Association ([LASA](#))
- Households in Conflict Network ([HiCN](#))
- Population Health and Armed Conflict Network (PHAAC)

- International Science, Technology, and Innovation Network of Guatemala ([REDCTI](#))

SKILLS

- Statistical programming: R (`base`, `tidyverse`, `data.table`, `parallel`, `shiny`), Stata, Excel
- Text processing and web: \LaTeX , MS Office, (r)markdown, HTML, JavaScript, Tesseract
- Other programming: Git, Python 3, SQL, Hadoop
- Demographic microsimulation: SOCSIM with applications in R
- Qualitative data analysis: NVivo, Atlas.ti
- Experience in qualitative, quantitative, and online data collection

LANGUAGES

- International: **Spanish** (native), **English** (full professional C2), **German** (full professional C1), **Swedish** (beginner A1)
- Guatemalan: **K'iche'** (full professional C1), **Achi** (full professional C1), **Kaqchikel** (professional B1), **Q'eqchi'** (limited working A2)