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CURRENT POSITION	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> , Center for Effective Global Action Post-Doctoral Fellow	Berkeley 2016–present
EDUCATION	<b>Tulane University</b> , Department of Economics Ph.D. (fields: Development Economics, Public Finance) B.S., <i>summa cum laude</i> and Phi Beta Kappa	New Orleans 2016 2011
VISITING POSITIONS	<b>Banco de México</b> (Central Bank), Payment Systems Division Visiting Researcher  <b>University of California, Berkeley</b> , Haas School of Business Visiting Scholar  <b>El Colegio de México</b> , Center for Economic Studies Visiting Researcher	Mexico City 2017  Berkeley 2014–2015  Mexico City 2013–2014
PUBLICATIONS	<p>Digital Financial Services Go a Long Way: Transaction Costs and Financial Inclusion (with Pierre Bachas, Paul Gertler, and Enrique Seira). <i>AEA Papers &amp; Proceedings</i> 108, 444–448, 2018.</p> <p>Can a Poverty-Reducing and Progressive Tax and Transfer System Hurt the Poor? (with Nora Lustig). <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 122, 63–75, 2016. Media coverage: <i>The Washington Post</i></p> <p>Comparing the Incidence of Taxes and Social Spending in Brazil and the United States (with Nora Lustig, Whitney Ruble, and Timothy M. Smeeding). <i>Review of Income and Wealth</i> 62, S22–46, 2016.</p> <p>The Effects of Brazil's Taxation and Social Spending on the Distribution of Household Income (with Claudiney Pereira). <i>Public Finance Review</i> 42, 346–367, 2014. Media coverage: <i>Bloomberg Businessweek</i>; <i>Folha de São Paulo</i>; <i>Le Monde</i></p> <p>The Impact of Bolsa Família on Poverty: Does Brazil's Conditional Cash Transfer Program Have a Rural Bias? (undergraduate honors thesis). <i>Journal of Politics and Society</i> 23, 88–125, 2012.</p>	
WORKING PAPERS	<p>How Debit Cards Enable the Poor to Save More (with Pierre Bachas, Paul Gertler, and Enrique Seira).</p> <p>The Political Economy of Antipoverty Spending and Poverty Measurement (with Stefano Barbieri).</p>	
GRANTS	<p><b>Digital Credit Observatory</b> “Gender-Differentiated Credit Scoring Algorithms using Call Detail Records and Machine Learning” (PI) Pilot Fund (PI)</p> <p><b>Data 2X/UN Foundation</b> Big Data for Gender Challenge (Co-PI)</p> <p><b>Innovations for Poverty Action</b> “Leveraging Digitized Government Transfers to Offer Low-Interest Microcredit” (Co-PI)</p>	<p>2017–2019 \$268,263 \$19,645</p> <p>2017–2019 \$49,986</p> <p>2016–2019 \$345,000</p>

	<b>J-PAL</b>	2017–2018
	Government Partnership Initiative (Co-PI)	\$28,012
	<b>World Bank</b>	2017–2018
	“Enhancing Equitable Opportunities through Access to Productive Assets for Female Entrepreneurs” (Co-PI)	\$154,000
	<b>Development Impact Lab/USAID</b>	2017
	Explore Travel Grant	\$4,890
	<b>CEGA–Visa Financial Inclusion Lab</b>	2016–2017
	“Leveraging Digitized Government Transfers to Offer Low-Interest Microcredit” (Co-PI)	\$150,000
	Pilot Fund (PI)	\$10,000
	<b>National Science Foundation</b>	2015–2016
	Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant	\$16,481
	<b>Bill &amp; Melinda Gates Foundation</b>	2014–2016
	“The Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty in Low-income Countries” (Co-PI)	\$581,162
	<b>Fulbright Program</b>	2013–2014
	Fulbright–García Robles Public Policy Initiative	\$13,384
HONORS AND AWARDS	School of Liberal Arts Summer Merit Fellowship (\$9570)	2014, 2015
	Schloss Prize for Excellence in Economics Research (\$2500)	2014
	School of Liberal Arts Graduate Fellowship	2011–2016
	William Wallace Peery Society (top percentile of graduating class)	2011
	Paul Tulane College Award in Economics	2011
	James H. Clark Fellowship	2010, 2011
	Phi Beta Kappa	inducted as a junior in 2010
	Liberal Arts Research Award (\$1000)	2010
	Stone Center Award for Best Paper on Latin America	2010
	David Cameron Taylor Summer Research Grant (\$1500)	2010
	Raytheon Scholarship (\$2000)	2009, 2010
	Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society	inducted in 2009
	Stone Center Summer Grant (\$500)	2009
	Dean’s Honor Scholarship (full tuition merit-based scholarship)	2007–2011
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	Paris School of Economics (World Inequality Lab)	2018
	Artificial Intelligence for Economic Development (CEGA and World Bank)	2018
	Comisión Nacional Bancaria y de Valores (CNBV, Economics Seminar)	2017
	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM, Business Seminar)	2017
	Centro de Estudios Espinosa Yglesias (CEEY, Seminar)	2017
	World Bank (Poverty Global Practice)	2017
	Universidad Iberoamericana (EQUIDE Seminar)	2016
	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM, Economics Brownbag)	2016
	Mexico’s Ministry of Social Development	2016
	Bansefi (Mexican government bank)	2016
	Arizona State University (Economics Seminar)	2016
	Tulane University (Economics Seminar)	2015
	University of San Francisco (Economics Seminar)	2015

	UC Berkeley (Development Economics Seminar)	2015
	Tulane University (Public Policy Working Group)	2015
	UC Berkeley (Development Lunch)	2015
	World Bank (Poverty Reduction and Equity)	2015
	Inter-American Development Bank (Gender and Diversity Unit)	2013
	Center for Inter-American Policy and Research	2013
	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Economics)	2013
	World Bank (Poverty Reduction and Equity)	2013
	UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago	2013
	African Development Bank, Tunis	2013
	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	2012
	Inter-American Dialogue, Washington, D.C.	2011
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), UC Davis	2018
	American Economic Association, Philadelphia (session organizer)	2018
	Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, BsAs (invited speaker)	2017
	Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Tufts	2017
	Congreso Sobre México, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City	2017
	Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev), UC Riverside	2017
	Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), MIT	2016
	Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, Luxembourg	2015
	Congreso Sobre México, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City	2015
	Southern Economic Association, Atlanta	2014
	Congreso Sobre México, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City	2014
	American Economic Association, Philadelphia	2014
	Southern Economic Association, Tampa	2013
	Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Mexico City	2013
	International Association for Research on Income and Wealth, Rio de Janeiro	2013
	Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, Bari	2013
	Research Network on Inequality and Poverty, Washington, D.C.	2013
	Southern Economic Association, New Orleans	2012
	Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Lima	2012
	German Association of Latin American Research, Berlin	2012
	University of Texas Institute of Latin American Studies, Austin	2012
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>University of California, Berkeley</b> , Haas School of Business	Berkeley
	Guest Lecturer, Big Data and Better Decisions (MBA course)	Sp 2018
	Guest Lecturer, Applied Impact Evaluation (Master's course)	Sp 2018
	<b>World Bank</b>	Washington, D.C.
	Instructor, Stata Training Session on Fiscal Incidence	Feb 2015, Feb, Jul 2016
	<b>Government of Paraguay</b>	Asunción
	Instructor, Stata Training Session on Fiscal Incidence	Sep 2015
	<b>Tulane University</b>	New Orleans
	Teaching Assistant, Economics of Poverty (N. Lustig)	Sp 2012, F 2013, Sp 2013
	Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics (J. Edwards)	Sp 2013

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE	<b>United Nations University</b>	Helsinki
	Consultant, World Institute for Development (UNU-WIDER)	2017
	<b>Yale University</b>	New Haven
	Research Assistant, Economics and Political Science (J. Roemer)	2014
	<b>World Bank</b>	Washington, D.C.
	Short Term Consultant, Poverty Reduction and Equity	2013–2016
	Short Term Consultant, Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management	2015–2016
	Short Term Consultant, Economic Policy Sector	2012
	<b>Inter-American Development Bank</b>	Washington, D.C.
	Consultant, Gender and Diversity Unit	2012–2015
	<b>Tulane University</b>	New Orleans
	Research Assistant, Economics (N. Lustig)	2010–2013
	Research Assistant, Portuguese (S. Beal)	2010–2011
	<b>Instituto para la Participación y el Desarrollo</b>	Buenos Aires
	Intern	2010
REFeree SERVICE	Economic Journal	
	Food Policy	
	Journal of Environmental Economics and Management	
	Journal of Macroeconomics	
	Journal of Public Economics	
	Latin American Economic Review	
	Public Finance Review (×2)	
	Research on Economic Inequality	
	Review of Income and Wealth (×2)	
	Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance	
	World Development (×2)	
OTHER SERVICE	Volunteer, Job Market Recommendations, Women in Economics at Berkeley	2016
	Editor and Maintainer, Tulane Economics Working Paper Series	2015–2016
	Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Association, Tulane	2012–2013
	Representative, Graduate Studies Student Association, Tulane	2012–2013
LANGUAGES	English, Spanish, and Portuguese (fluent); French (advanced proficiency)	
PROGRAMMING	Python, R, Stata; see <a href="http://www.github.com/skhiggins">www.github.com/skhiggins</a>	