

# Micah Villarreal

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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>University of California, Santa Barbara</b> Fifth-year PhD student in the Department of Economics  <b>Wellesley College</b> , Wellesley, Massachusetts B.A. in International Relations & Economics	Aug 2019 – Present   2011– 2015
<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS</b>	Primary fields: Labor, History Secondary field: Race, Gender & Inequality. Applied econometrics.	
<b>VISITING POSITIONS</b>	<b>Northwestern University</b> , Evanston, Illinois Visiting Graduate Student hosted by Joel Mokyr and Walker Hanlon  <b>The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago</b> , Chicago, Illinois American Economic Association (AEA) Summer Fellow	Sep 2023 – Present   Jun 2023 – Sep 2023
<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>UC Santa Barbara</b> , Santa Barbara, CA Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Econometrics	Mar 2023 – Jun 2023
<b>RESEARCH ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>UC Santa Barbara</b> , Santa Barbara, California Research Assistant to Professor Youssef Benzarti  <b>Abt Associates Inc.</b> , Cambridge, Massachusetts Programmer Analyst in the Social and Economic Policy Division  <b>The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab</b> , Cambridge, Massachusetts Undergraduate Research Assistant to Esther Duflo	Spring 2021   2015–2018  2015
<b>AWARDS &amp; SCHOLARSHIPS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Travel Support for Archival Data Collection (\$1,000), 2021, AEA Mentoring Program</li><li>▪ Diversity Initiative Fellowship, 2021, UC Office of the President</li><li>▪ Graduate Research Fellowship, 2019, The National Science Foundation</li><li>▪ Doctoral Scholars Fellowship, 2019, UC Santa Barbara Graduate Division</li><li>▪ Peggy Howard Fellowship, 2019, Wellesley College Department of Economics</li><li>▪ President's Award for Outstanding Talent Development Leadership, 2018, Abt Associates</li><li>▪ Natalie Bolten Prize for Best Econometrics Paper, 2015, Wellesley College</li><li>▪ Global Engagement Grant, 2014, Wellesley College</li></ul>	
<b>PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS</b>	<b>Broom Center for Demography</b> University of California, Santa Barbara <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Graduate Associate</li></ul>	2020 – Present
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Toastmasters UCSB</b> Campus chapter of Toastmasters International, a nonprofit educational organization that promotes communication, public speaking and leadership. Serving as Vice President of Education since 2021.  <b>We are Economics at Santa Barbara, "WeSB"</b> Student-led organization promoting diversity and inclusion within our own Department of Economics. As president, I lead one event per month, (i.e. interviews with female economists in department, social hours, etc.) catering to the interests among my fellow graduate students.  <b>Harvard Square Homeless Shelter</b> Cooking and serving breakfast to roughly fifteen guests a week every Friday morning from November until April; Conducting "Street Team" outreach to Harvard Square community of people who sleep on the street	2020–Present   2020 –2022  2015–2018
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ English: Native language.</li><li>▪ Spanish: Limited working proficiency.</li></ul>	

**SKILLS**

Stata (advanced), SAS (intermediate) , R (intermediate), ArcGIS (novice), Python (novice). GitHub, MS Office, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

**POLICY REPORTS**

- [1] J. Geyer, L. Freiman, J. Lubell, and M. Villarreal (2018). Using the Family Self-Sufficiency Program to Help Families with Housing Assistance Improve Earnings, Credit Score, and Debt Levels: A Quasi-Experimental Analysis. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*.
- [2] J. Ash, A. Nichols, M. Villarreal, A. Beach, and D. Collier (2018). What is the impact of a first-year experience course and mentoring program on early postsecondary outcomes? Experimental evidence from the Broncos FIRST program. Funded by a First in the World grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates. (Presented at SREE March 2019)
- [3] S. Dastrup, L. Freiman, J. Lubell, M. Villarreal and D. Weiss (2017). Interim Cost-Benefit Analysis of the Compass Family Self- Sufficiency (FSS) Program. Conducted for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates.
- [4] J. Geyer, L. Freiman, J. Lubell, and M. Villarreal (2017). Evaluation of the Compass Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Programs Administered in Partnership with Public Housing Agencies in Lynn and Cambridge, Massachusetts. Conducted under contract RP-15-MA-002 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Cambridge, MA: Abt Associates.

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