

# Micah Villarreal

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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>University of California, Santa Barbara</b>	Aug 2019 – Present
	Fifth-year PhD student in the Department of Economics	
	<b>Wellesley College</b> , Wellesley, Massachusetts	2011– 2015
	B.A. in International Relations & Economics	
<b>RESEARCH INTERESTS</b>	Primary field: Labor Secondary field: History, Race, Gender, Inequality. Applied econometrics	
<b>POLICY REPORTS</b>	<p>[1] J. Geyer, L. Freiman, J. Lubell, and <u>M. Villarreal</u> (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.</p> <p>[2] J. Ash, A. Nichols, <u>M. Villarreal</u>, 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)</p> <p>[3] S. Dastrup, L. Freiman, J. Lubell, <u>M. Villarreal</u> 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.</p> <p>[4] J. Geyer, L. Freiman, J. Lubell, and <u>M. Villarreal</u> (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.</p>	
<b>VISITING POSITIONS</b>	<b>The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago</b> , Chicago, Illinois American Economic Association (AEA) Summer Fellow	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	Spring 2021
	<b>Abt Associates Inc.</b> , Cambridge, Massachusetts Programmer Analyst in the Social and Economic Policy Division	2015–2018
	<b>The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab</b> , Cambridge, Massachusetts Undergraduate Research Assistant to Esther Duflo	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	
	Graduate Associate	2020 – Present

<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Toastmasters UCSB</b>	2020–Present
	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>	2020 –2022
	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>	2015–2018
	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	
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English: Native language.</li> <li>▪ Spanish: Limited working proficiency.</li> </ul>	
<b>SKILLS</b>	Stata (advanced), SAS (intermediate) , R (intermediate), ArcGIS (novice), Python (novice). GitHub, MS Office, $\LaTeX$ .	

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