Micah Villarreal

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EDUCATION	**University of California, Santa Barbara**	Aug 2019 – Present
	Fourth-year PhD student in the Department of Economics	
	Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts	2011– 2015
	B.A. in International Relations & Economics	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Primary field: Labor
Secondary field: History, Race, Gender & Inequality. Applied econometrics

POLICY REPORTS

[1] J. Geyer, L. Freiman, J. Lubell, and M. Villarreal (2018). Using the Family Self-Sufficiency Program to Help Families with Housing Asistance 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.

VISITING POSITIONS	**The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago**, Chicago, Illinois	
	AEA Summer Fellow	Jun 2023 – Sep 2023
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	**UC Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, CA	
	Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Econometrics	Mar 2023 – Jun 2023
RESEARCH ASSISTANCE	**UC Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, California	
	Research Assistant to Professor Youssef Benzarti	Spring 2021
	Abt Associates Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts	
	Programmer Analyst in the Social and Economic Policy Division	2015–2018
	The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, Cambridge, Massachusetts	
	Undergraduate Research Assistant to Esther Duflo	2015

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- Travel Support for Archival Data Collection ($1,000), 2021, AEA Mentoring Program
- Diversity Initiative Fellowship, 2021, UC Office of the President
- Graduate Research Fellowship, 2019, The National Science Foundation
- Doctoral Scholars Fellowship, 2019, UC Santa Barbara Graduate Division
- Peggy Howard Fellowship, 2019, Wellesley College Department of Economics
- President's Award for Outstanding Talent Development Leadership, 2018, Abt Associates
- Natalie Bolten Prize for Best Econometrics Paper, 2015, Wellesley College
- Global Engagement Grant, 2014, Wellesley College

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Broom Center for Demography
University of California, Santa Barbara

- Graduate Associate   2020 – Present

ACTIVITIES	**Toastmasters UCSB**	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.

We are Economics at Santa Barbara, "WeSB"   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.

Harvard Square Homeless Shelter   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

LANGUAGES

- English: Native language.
- Spanish: Limited working proficiency.

SKILLS   Stata (advanced), SAS (intermediate) , R (intermediate), ArcGIS (novice), Python (novice). GitHub, MS Office, LaTeX.

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