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**DISSERTATION TITLE:** “Three Essays Revisiting Old Housing Issues on New Contexts: *Understanding the Demand for Housing Attributes in Developing Countries, the Construction of Price Indices with Higher Disaggregation Levels, and Residential Mobility and Location Choice under Displacement Scenarios*”

Degree:	Ph.D. in Regional Planning
Date of Completion:	December 2016
Principal Advisor:	Geoffrey J.D. Hewings
Committee Members:	Katherine Baylis, Daniel McMillen & Andrew Greenlee

PRE-DOCTORAL STUDIES:	DEGREE:	DATE:	FIELD:
University of Illinois (UIUC)	M.S.	May, 2016	Applied & Agricultural Economics
Universidad Católica del Norte (UCN)	M.S.	Dec, 2010	Regional Science
Universidad de Tarapacá (UTA)	B.A.	Dec, 2008	Business Management

### FIELDS OF CONCENTRATION:

#### PRIMARY

Housing Economics  
Regional and Urban Economics

#### SECONDARY

Applied econometrics  
Spatial Analysis

### WORKING PAPERS:

“Towards Housing Policies that Consider Households’ Preferences: Estimating the Demand for Housing Attributes in Chile” with Dusan Paredes. **Minor Revisions** in *International Journal of Strategic and Property Management*

“Housing Price Indices for Small Spatial Units” with Geoffrey Hewings **Revise and Resubmit** in *Regional Science and Urban Economics*

“Estimating the wage premium of delayed retirement and its variations across space” with Johan Kleasson and Özge Öner Jönköping International Business School, Sweden. **Revise and Resubmit** in *Tijdschrift voor economische en sociale geografie*

“House Prices and School Choice: Evidence from the Chicago’s Magnet Schools Proximity Lottery” with Leonardo Bonilla and Daniel McMillen. **Submitted to the Journal of Urban Economics**.

“Revealing Migrant pathways in the formal labor market: The case of Sweden” con Mikaela Backman (Jönköping University, Suecia) y Francisco Rowe (University of Liverpool, UK). **Submitted to the Journal of Small Business Economics**

### PUBLICATIONS:

**Lopez, E.** & Greenlee, A. (2016) “Residential Mobility and Location Choice as the Product of Housing Displacement: An ex ante Analysis”. *Applied Geography*, Vol. 75. Pages 156-175.

**Lopez, E.** & Aroca, P. (2012) “Estimación de la inflación regional de los precios de la vivienda en Chile”. *Trimestre Económico*, Vol. LXXIX, 315, pp. 601-630.

### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Commercial forestry expansion and local economic outcomes: The case of Chile” con Patricio Aroca (Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile) y Leonardo Bonilla (Banco de la República, Colombia)

### SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS:

2016	North American Regional Science Council (NARSC): <i>First Place Student-lead Paper</i>
2016	Western Regional Science Association (WRSA): <i>Charles Tiebout Student Paper Finalist</i>
2015	Centre for Spatial Economics and Entrepreneurship, Jönköping University: <i>Research Fellow</i>
2013-2015	Lincoln Institute of Land Policy: <i>Research Mentee in research project with Dusan Paredes</i>
2013-2014	Regional Economics Applications Laboratory: <i>Philip Israilevich Distinguished Research Fellow</i>
2011-2014	Fulbright & MIDEPLAN-Chile: <i>Ph.D. Student grantee</i>
2009	Universidad Católica del Norte: <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Place in academic achievement</i>
2008-2010	Universidad Católica del Norte: <i>M.S. Student grantee</i>

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

*Instructor:* Business Location Decisions (GEOG 205). Department of Geography, UIUC. Fall 2016.  
 Business Location Decisions (GEOG 205). Department of Geography, UIUC. Fall 2015.  
 Introduction to Economics. Department of Journalism, UCN. 2009-1

*Teaching Assistant:* Econometric Applications. Department of Economics, UCN. 2008-1  
 Optimization Methods. Department of Economics, UCN. 2008-2  
 Microeconomics II. Department of Economics, UCN. 2009-2

**RELEVANT POSITIONS:**

2011-2016 Research Assistant. Regional Economics Applications Laboratory. UIUC, USA.  
 2014-2015 Graduate Assistant. Department of Urban and Regional Planning. UIUC, USA.  
 2009-2010 Project Engineer. Regional Tourism Observatory. Antofagasta, Chile  
 2008-2009 Research Assistant. Institute of Applied Regional Economics Research (IDEAR), UCN, Chile

**CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS:**

North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. “*House Prices and School Choice: Evidence from the Chicago’s Magnet Schools Proximity Lottery*” (Nov. 2016)  
 North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. “*Residential Mobility and Location Choice as the Product of Housing Displacement: An ex ante Analysis*” (Nov. 2016)  
 North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. “*Residential Mobility and Location Choice as the Product of Housing Displacement: An ex ante Analysis*” (Nov. 2015)  
 Housing in an Unequal World, RC43. Chicago, IL. “*Residential Mobility and Location Choice as the Product of Housing Displacement: An ex ante Analysis*” (Sep. 2015)  
 Workshop on Ageing and the Economy. Jönköping International Business School. “*Who stays longer? Individual and Geographical factors influencing the timing of retirement*” (Jun, 2015)  
 8th Midwest Graduate Student Summit (AERUS), Purdue University. “*House prices and school choice: Evidence from Chicago’s magnet schools proximity lottery*” (Apr. 2015)  
 North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. “*Estimating the Demand for Housing Attributes in Developing Countries: The Case of Chile*” (Nov. 2014)  
 Research Seminar: Land Policy and Urban Development in Latin America. Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. Panamá City, Panamá. “*A three-step model for estimating the demand for housing attributes in Chile: Insights of price and income elasticities in a developing economy*” (Oct. 2014)  
 North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. “*Estimating Housing Price Indices for 10 MSAs for Illinois*” (Nov. 2012)  
 North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. “*Housing Price Inflation in the Chilean Economy*” (Nov. 2011)

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

*Reviewer.* Journal of Regional and Urban Economics (2014-present)  
*Student General.* Regional Economics Applications Laboratory, UIUC, 2013-14  
*Conference Organizer.* 7<sup>th</sup> Midwest Graduate Student Summit (AERUS), UIUC, 2014  
*Treasurer.* Doctoral Students in Urban Planning (DSUP), UIUC, 2012-14

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

*Affiliations:* American Planning Association (APA); North American Regional Science Association (NARSC); Western Regional Science Association (WRSA); Regional Science Association International (RSAI); Chilean Regional Science Association (SOCHER)

*Languages:* English (fluent), Spanish (Native)

*Software:* *Proficient:* R, STATA, SPSS, Ucinet 6.0, ArcGIS;  
*Above the average:* MATLAB, Geoda, Netlogo, Mathematica.

**REFERENCES:**

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 Prof. Daniel McMillen, University of Illinois, [mcmillen@illinois.edu](mailto:mcmillen@illinois.edu)  
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