

# Jade Ramirez-Barraza

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## EDUCATION

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### **University of Utah**

Bachelors of Science in Economics; emphasis in Statistical Analysis

Salt Lake City, UT

August 2022 - Present

Certificate in Computational Linguistics

Minor in Computer Science, Linguistics

3.8 GPA

**Relevant Coursework:** Econometrics, Linear Algebra, Foundations of Data Analysis, Introduction to Probability, Applied Statistical Research

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Kem C Gardner Institute of Policy**

Salt Lake City, UT

Intern

August 25' - Dec '25

- Support education policy research in Utah by gathering, analyzing, and synthesizing data to inform business and policy decision-making.
- Draft written reports and summaries for stakeholders while receiving Excel training to build more effective spreadsheets for data analysis and reporting.

### **Department of Linguistics**

Salt Lake City, UT

Undergraduate Researcher

August 25' - Dec '25

- Conduct undergraduate research in computational linguistics, focusing on statistical methods (Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Expectation Maximization) to model and simulate tree grammars in Python.
- Awarded a competitive undergraduate research grant to independently pursue and develop this project, demonstrating initiative and academic excellence.

### **College of Family and Consumer Sciences**

Salt Lake City, UT

Teaching Assistant

May 25' - August 25'

- Served as the primary TA for Home Economic Issues
- Managed grading responsibilities for a cohort of approximately 40 students in an online general education course.
- Primarily focused on evaluating student performance through the grading of discussion forums and examinations, ensuring timely and constructive feedback.

### **Financial Wellness Center**

Salt Lake City, UT

Peer Mentor

July 25' - Dec '25

- Coached and counseled about 4-6 students weekly on various financial issues, while writing and teaching courses and workshops focusing on financial literacy and skills
- Continuously pursued professional development in areas around financial literacy, public speaking, and counseling.

### **Department of Economics**

Salt Lake City, UT

Undergraduate Researcher

May 23' - August 23'

- Proposed and conducted independent multi-disciplinary research in collaboration with an economics professor, demonstrating strong initiative and research acumen.
- Adapted quickly to new research methodologies and techniques, self-learned in R, and Corpus Linguistics, with

continuous commitment to expanding knowledge in multiple disciplines

## IRS VITA

### Volunteer Site Coordinator

Salt Lake City, UT

January 23' - Dec '25

- Completed IRS Advanced Tax Certification and Foreign Student Tax Certification; worked and learned with experienced volunteers gaining experience in many tax issues, problem solving, customer service, and adaptability.
- Worked with student organizations to coordinate and set up multiple tax clinics across campus developing time-management, leadership and communication skills.

## VOLUNTEER AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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### No More A Stranger

#### Volunteer

Salt Lake City, UT

April 24' - July 24'

- Successfully completed the Fundamentals of Immigration Course
- Volunteered at free legal clinics doing intakes for those looking for immigration help, helped translate for those volunteers that did not speak Spanish.
- Varying commitment of 1-3 hours a week

### Women In Economics

#### President & Founder

Salt Lake City, UT

Sept 22' - May 23'

- Created a club meant to develop community for women in the economics major/minor or with interests in Economics. The club consistently contained 4-5 members.
- Worked with the Hinckley Institute to create a forum on Women in the Workforce across Utah. Our club specifically organized the speakers, and developed questions for the moderators. The forum had over 60+ attendees.
- 2-3 hours a week commitment

## PUBLICATIONS

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Sarah F. Small & Jade Ramirez-Barraza (2024). Barbara Bergmann's Scholarship on the Economic Risks of Being a Housewife. The Edward Elgar Handbook on Women and Heterodox Economics: Past, Present, and Future. Accepted, 06/2024.

## POSTER SESSIONS

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Jade Ramirez-Barraza, Megan Rose, Ella Sjoblom, Holden Cheney, Dawson Bertuzzi (2025) Disparities in Utah School Lunch Programs. Poster Presented at College of Social and Behavioral Science Research Day, Utah United States.

## LANGUAGES

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English - Native

Spanish - Conversational

## AWARDS

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O'Melveny and Meyers Scholarship

FLAS Scholar

Department of Economics Scholarship x2

Regions Dependents Scholarship

**WCF Mutual Insurance Company Scholarship**

**Dean's List x8**

**Undergraduate Research Opportunity Grant x2**