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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics Indiana University, Bloomington	2020 – Present (Expected Graduation Date: May 2026)
Master of Public Administration Columbia University, New York	2013 – 2014
M.A. in Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences Columbia University, New York	2012 – 2013
B.A. in Economics , Minor in Industrial Engineering Physics Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM), Monterrey	2004 – 2009

RESEARCH

Job Market Paper

From Persistence to Performance: The Effects of Elite High Schools on Retaking and Testing
Last draft: September 2025

Publications

Acosta, Marco A. “Structural Changes in the Inflation Persistence in Mexico Using the Quantile Regression,” *El trimestre económico* 85.337 (2018): 169-193.

Acosta, Marco A. (2018). “Machine Learning Core Inflation,” *Economics Letters*, 169, 47–50.

Acosta, Marco A. (2017). “Anchoring of Inflation Expectations in Mexico,” *Monetaria*, 1, 95–132.

Working Papers

Quantifying School Value Added in Double Shift Schooling.

Work in Progress

Welfare Impact from Merit Based to Lottery School Assignment: Evidence from Mexico City High School Matching Reform (with Chao Wang)

Nash Equilibrium Fees and Network ATM Merges: Evidence from Agreements Formation (with Miriam Juárez)

Master thesis

Impact of the Full-Time School Program in Student Achievement in Mexico.
Last draft: 2014

HONORS AND AWARDS

Indiana University College of Arts and Sciences, <i>Dissertation Research Fellowship</i>	2025 – 2026
Indiana University Economics Department <i>Daniel J. Duesterberg Award</i>	2025
Indiana University Economics Department <i>Taulman Miller Award</i>	2024

Indiana University, Department of Economics, <i>Graduate Assistantship</i>	2020 – 2025
Central Bank of Mexico, <i>PhD Scholarship</i>	2020 – 2022
Government of Veracruz, <i>Scholarship on Merit</i>	2012 – 2014
Mexican National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT) <i>Graduate Fellowship for Excellence</i>	2012 – 2014
National Center for the Evaluation of Higher Education (CENEVAL) <i>Outstanding Performance in the National Higher Education Exit Exam</i>	2009

EXPERIENCE

Indiana University, Bloomington	Aug 2020 – Present
Graduate Instructor	
Economics of Industry (ECON-E 351)	Spring 2025
Fundamentals of Economics I (ECON-E 251)	Fall 2023
Fundamentals of Economics for Business I (ECON-B 251)	Fall 2021, Spring 2022 Fall 2022, Spring 2023 Summer 2023, Spring 2024
Graduate Assistant	
Fundamentals of Economics for Business I (ECON-B 251)	Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Intermediate Microeconomics (ECON-E 321)	Fall 2024
Central Bank of Mexico, Mexico City	
Research Leader, System of Payments and Market Infrastructures	Jun 2019 – Jul 2020
Researcher, Real Sector Research Division	Mar 2015 – May 2019
Columbia University, New York	
Research Assistant	Sep 2014 – Dec 2014
Research Consultant	Jan 2013 – Dec 2013
World Bank, New York	
Short Term Consultant	Jun 2014 – Aug 2014
Central Bank of Mexico, Mexico City	
Analyst	Dec 2009 – Sep 2012

TALKS

Seminar System of Payments Central Bank of Mexico, Mexico City <i>Nash Equilibrium Fees and Network ATM Mergers: Evidence from Agreements Formation</i>	August 16, 2024
Hoosier Economics Conference Indiana University, Bloomington, IN <i>Quantifying School Value Added in Double Shift Schooling.</i>	April 28, 2023
5th Congress of Economics and Public Policies on Mexico Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City <i>Anchoring Core Inflation</i>	April 19, 2018

REFeree

IMEF-EY International Award for Financial Research

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent).

Software: ArcGIS, R, Stata, E-Views, Matlab and L^AT_EX.

REFERENCES

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