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EMPLOYMENT

2022 – Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Syracuse University

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, May 2022

M.A., Political Economy, Boston University, Boston, MA, 2019

B.S., Mathematics (*Highest Distinction*), Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2013

B.A., Economics (*Highest Distinction*), Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, 2013

PUBLICATIONS

“The Other Great Migration: Southern Whites and the New Right,” with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Patrick Testa

Quarterly Journal of Economics, August 2023.

“Sundown Towns and Racial Exclusion: The Southern White Diaspora and the ‘Great Retreat’,” with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Patrick Testa

American Economic Association: Papers & Proceedings, May 2022.

WORKING PAPERS

“The Confederate Diaspora,” with Samuel Bazzi, Andreas Ferrara, Martin Fiszbein, and Patrick Testa

“U.S. Immigration Enforcement and Mexican Labor Markets”

“Immigration Policy and Crime Reporting: Evidence from Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals”

WORK IN PROGRESS

“Return Migration and the Origin Country Housing Market: Evidence from Mexico,” with Daniel Osuna Gomez, Eduardo Medina-Cortina, and Rodolfo Oviedo Moguel

“Effects of Women’s Political Representation on Crime Reporting and Violence Against Women in Mexico,” with Kyuhan Choi

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2022: Southern Economic Association, UC Davis Global Migration Center, 15th Migration and Development Conference (NOVAFRICA), RIDGE Virtual Workshop on Labor, California State Fullerton, Cornell University, Syracuse University

2021: Development Reading Group (Boston University), Young Economists Symposium, IZA Annual Migration Meeting, Development and Political Economics SF Bay Area PhD Student Conference (DEVPEC), Western Economic Association International Virtual Conference

2019: Urban Economics Association (Philadelphia), Migration and Mobility Workshop (University of Glasgow)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Appleby-Mosher Faculty Research Grant, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2022
Early Stage Urban Research Award, Boston University Initiative on Cities, 2021
Trustee Grant, Russell Sage Foundation, 2021
Rosenstein-Rodan Prize for the Best Graduate Student Paper on Development Economics, Boston University, 2021
Abdala Fieldwork Grant, Institute of Economic Development, Boston University, 2020
Teaching Fellow of the Year, Economics Department, Boston University, 2019
Graduate Student Fellowship, Boston University, 2016-2021
Phi Beta Kappa, Indiana University, 2013

WORK EXPERIENCE

Boston University Department of Economics, Boston, MA
Research Assistant to Samuel Bazzi and Martin Fiszbein, AY 2021-2022
Research Assistant to James Feigenbaum, Spring 2020
Boston University Wheelock School of Education, Boston, MA
Research Assistant to Marcus Winters, Fall 2019
World Bank Group, Washington DC
Short-term Consultant, Poverty and Equity, February-November 2019
Peace Corps Nicaragua, Matagalpa, Nicaragua
Educator, 2014-2016
Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indianapolis, IN
Research Associate, 2013-2014

REFEREE EXPERIENCE

Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Population Economics, International Migration Review, Population Research and Policy Review

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economics of Migration (Fall 2022 and Spring 2023, Syracuse University)
Economic Development of Latin America (Spring 2023, Syracuse University)
Intermediate Microeconomics (Summer 2019 and Summer 2020, Boston University)