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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

Assistant Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Florida, Aug. 2017–present.

Affiliate Faculty, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, Sept. 2017–present.

Research Associate, Robert F. Lanzillotti Public Policy Research Center, University of Florida, Nov. 2017–present.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Northwestern University, 2017.

M.A., Economics, Northwestern University, 2013.

M.A., Economics, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina, 2010.

B.A., Economics, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina, 2007.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development Economics, Labor Economics, Applied Microeconomics

PUBLICATIONS

1. “Persistence of the Spillover Effects of Violence and Educational Trajectories”, with Maria Padilla-Romo; *Journal of Development Economics*, (2026), vol. 181, 103759.
2. “Improvements in Schooling Opportunities and Teen Birth Rates”, with Lucas Nogueira-Garcez, Maria Padilla-Romo and Mayra Pineda-Torres; *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, (2025), vol. 236, 107120.
3. “Parents’ Effective Time Endowment and Divorce: Evidence from Extended School Days”, with Maria Padilla-Romo and Mariana Viollaz; *Journal of Public Economics* (2025), vol. 242, 105302.
4. “Full-Time Schools and Educational Trajectories: Evidence from High-Stakes Exams”, with Francisco Cabrera-Hernandez and Maria Padilla-Romo; *Economics of Education Review*, (2023), vol. 96, 102443.

PUBLICATIONS (CONT.)

5. “Violence-Induced Migration and Peer Effects in Academic Performance”, with Maria Padilla-Romo; *Journal of Public Economics* (2023), vol. 217, 104778.
6. “Democracy, Commodity Price Booms, and Infant Mortality”, with Germán Bet; *Empirical Economics* (2023), vol. 64, pp. 153–193.
7. “Intra-Household Exposure to Labor Market Risk in the Time of Covid-19: Lessons from Mexico”, with Mariana Viollaz; *Review of Economics of the Household* (2021), vol. 19, pp. 327–351.
8. “The Impact of Contracting in and Contracting out Basic Health Services: The Guatemalan Experience”, with Julián Cristia and Ariadna García Prado; *World Development* (2015), vol. 70(C), pp. 215–227.
9. “Costos de movilidad intersectorial del empleo, shocks comerciales y tecnológicos: Resultados para Argentina en base a un modelo estructural”; *Económica* (2010). Instituto de Investigaciones Económicas, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, vol. 0, pp. 105–144.

WORKING PAPERS

1. “Persistent Effects of Early Academic Rank on Cognitive and Noncognitive Outcomes”, with Eunsik Chang and Maria Padilla Romo. NBER Working Paper 35267.
2. “Moving for good: Educational gains from leaving violence behind”, with Maria Padilla Romo. NBER Working Paper 34270.
3. “Rent Control and Household Dynamics: Evidence on Domestic Violence and Marital Dissolution”.
4. “Kingpin Strategy, Violence, and Academic Performance”, with Maria Padilla-Romo and Carlos Trejo-Pech.
5. “Government Transfers to Elderly Women: Intra-household and Inter-household Effects”.
6. “Relaxing Barriers to Immigration: Effects on Earlier Immigrants”.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“When Success Hurts: Academic Rank and Peer Victimization in Schools”, with Eunsik Chang and Maria Padilla Romo.

“Does Access to Insurance Savings Accounts Affect Duration of Unemployment and Job Match Quality?”, with Eugenio Rojas and Rafael Sanchez.

“Elderly Consumption Expenditure and Efficiency”.

**OTHER
WRITING**

“How Early Academic Rank Shapes High School Choices and Admissions”, with Eunsik Chang and Maria Padilla-Romo. *VoxEU Column* (August 22, 2026).

“How impacts of violence spread through Mexican schools”, with Maria Padilla-Romo. *VoxDev Article* (April 8, 2026).

TEACHING

Economic Development (Undergraduate), University of Florida.

Microeconomic Analysis (Masters), University of Florida.

**REFEREE
SERVICE**

American Economic Review: Insights; American Journal of Health Economics; Demography; European Journal of Government and Economics; Health Economics; Journal of Development Studies; Journal of Human Capital; Journal of Human Resources; Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Population Economics; Journal of Urban Economics; Latin American Economic Review; Review of Economics of the Household. Invited Reviewer for the *Association Policy Analysis and Management* (APPAM) 2022 Program Committee’s Family and Child Policy Sub-committee.

**DEPARTMENTAL
SERVICE**

University of Florida Faculty Recruiting Committee Fall 2018/Spring 2019; Fall 2024/Spring 2025.

University of Florida – Bradbury Lecture in International Economics; Organizing Committee.

**FELLOWSHIPS,
AWARDS,
AND HONORS**

Sanford V. Berg Teaching Award (Distinguished Teaching), University of Florida, 2025-2026.

Dissertation Year Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2016–2017.

Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2011.

Manuel Belgrano Award. Ranked 1 out of 473 in undergraduate students (GPA-based ranking), School of Economic Sciences, UNLP, 2008.

Research Fellowship, Scientific Research Committee, Buenos Aires, 2007–2008.

**OTHER
RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

Consultant, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank, 2009.

Intern, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank, Winter 2009.

PERSONAL

Citizenship: Argentina and Italy; U.S. Permanent Resident. Married, three children (born 2015, 2018, and 2024).

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Spanish (native)

RECENT CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

(Including presentations of joint research delivered by coauthors.)

2026: IV IEB Workshop on Public Policies (Barcelona, Spain); Development Economics in the South Workshop -DevSouth (Duke University); Economic Demography Workshop (St. Louis).

2025: Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-Being, (Georgia Institute of Technology). Sixth World Labor Conference hosted by Society of Labor Economists (SOLE), 2025 (Toronto, Canada); 100th Annual Conference, Western Economic Association International (WEAI), 2025 (San Francisco); NBER SI 2025 Children and Families, July 2025 (Cambridge, MA); American Society of Hispanic Economists online Research Seminar; Federal University of Paraiba, Brazil (online); North East Universities Development Consortium (Tufts University); 95th Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association-Tampa ($\times 2$), Florida. MidSouth Education Policy Workshop.

2024: 94th Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association-Washington D.C. $\times 2$; Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey-Mexico; Atlanta Workshop on Public Policy and Child Well-Being, (Georgia Institute of Technology).

2023: ASSA Annual Meeting; 15th Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop (Atlanta Fed); Midwest International Economic Development Conference (University of Houston); 2023 South-East Exchange of Development Studies at Georgia Tech; RIDGE WELAC LACEA Workshop-Montevideo, Uruguay; University of Alabama at Birmingham; Department of Economics, University of Central Florida; Development Economics in the South Workshop (DevSouth), Tennessee; 2023 Leuven Summer Event at KU Leuven (Leuven, Belgium); Institute for Poverty Research Summer Research Workshop at UW Madison; Atlanta/Athens Health Economists Research Conference (Georgia Tech); 2023 en the International Health Economics Association (IHEA) Congress (Cape Town, South Africa); Department of Finance and Economics, Mississippi State University; Department of Economics University of Tennessee, Knoxville; Syracuse University; Economics of Education and Educational Outcomes Workshop at Clemson University; 93rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association-New Orleans; Banco de Mexico.

2022: Virtual Crime Economics (ViCE) Seminar; University of South Florida; University of Arizona; American Society of Hispanic Economist Research Seminar (ASHE); Universidad de Guadalajara (Guadalajara, Mexico); Universidad de La Plata (La Plata, Argentina); 2022 Leuven Summer Event at KU Leuven (Leuven, Belgium); Southeastern Micro Labor Workshop at the University of South Carolina; CEPR-Misum-SITE Development Economics Conference (Stockholm, Sweden); Barcelona Summer Forum on Children's Health, Well-being, and Human Capital Formation (Barcelona, Spain); Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Conference (Stanford); Congreso Anual de Economía y de Políticas Públicas Sobre México (Mexico) $\times 2$; LACEA-LAMES 2022 Annual Meeting-Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association & Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society-(Lima, Peru) $\times 2$; University of Tennessee, Knoxville-Department of Economics; Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico; Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (Lima, Peru); Seminario de Violencias Estructurales at Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico; APPAM Fall Research Conference 2022; 92st Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association, Fort Lauderdale, FL $\times 2$.

2021: University of Tennessee, Knoxville-Department of Economics; 2021 Education, Health and Inequality Mini-Conference at Indiana University; 14th Annual Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop; Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), 46th Annual Conference; 2021 Workshop in Applied and Theoretical Economics (WATE); LACEA-LAMES 2021 Annual Meeting (Bogota, Colombia); RWI-Leibniz

Institute for Economic Research (Germany); 91st Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association (Houston, TX).

2020: University of Florida ($\times 2$: presentations at the Department of Economics and at the Food & Resource Economics Department); South East Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS) 2nd Annual Conference at Georgia Institute of Technology (canceled due Covid-19 pandemic); 90th Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association (New Orleans).

2018–2019: Auburn University-Department of Economics, Southern Economic Association Conference (Washington D.C.); Florida International University-Department of Economics, 89th Annual Meeting of the Southern Economic Association (Fort Lauderdale); 2019 Workshop in Applied and Theoretical Economics (WATE); 2019 LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting (Puebla, Mexico).