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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am an economist focused on development and applied research focused on fostering economic inclusion among minorities. I have quantitative research experience using country- and individual-level data, while also conducting qualitative research, program evaluation and community-based participatory research projects. Through my current work I leverage digital communications tools to promote behavioral change and improve financial wellbeing and health outcomes among minorities.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Pepperdine University, School of Public Policy, Professor of Public Policy, Aug 2020 – Present; Associate Professor of Public Policy, Aug 2013 – July 2020; Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Aug 2007–Jul 2013
- National Bureau of Economic Research, Research Economist, October 2022 - Present
- Inter-American Development Bank, Consultant, October 2021 – June 2024
- Capital Group, Consultant, July 2022 – June 2024
- Center for Health Improvement for Minority Elders, UCLA, Resource Center on Minority Aging Research (RCMAR), Co-Director Analysis Core (board of directors) 2023-present, Board of Directors, Oct 2018 – 2023; Scholar, Sep 2012 – Oct 2018
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Visiting Scholar, Sep 2021 – May 2022
- Robert Wood Johnson Interdisciplinary Research Leadership Program, Fellow, Sep 2019 – August 2022
- World Bank, Consultant, May-August 2021
- RAND Corporation, Adjunct Researcher, Oct 2011 – Aug 2019; Research Fellow, May 2011 – Sep 2011
- Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, Research Fellow, May 2013 –June 2020
- Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, Visiting Senior Scholar, Sep 2017 – Aug 2018

EDUCATION

- University of Oklahoma, Ph.D. in Economics, July 2007
- Midwestern State University, Masters in Business Administration, July 2003
- Midwestern State University, Bachelor in Business Administration and Finance, December 2001

PEER REVIEWED ACADEMIC JOURNAL ARTICLES

Last name in bold if lead author, mentee/student denoted with*

Financial Knowledge, Behavior, and Stress in the United States

1. **Blanco, L.**, *Garcia, C., *Gulbins, B., & *Gutierrez, R. 2024. Systematic Review of Racial/Ethnic and Gender Differences in Financial Knowledge in the United States. *Journal of Financial Literacy and Wellbeing* (forthcoming).
2. **Blanco, L.**, Hays, R. 2024. Evaluation of the Reliability and Validity of the Retirement Knowledge Scale. *Journal of Retirement* (forthcoming, in press).
3. *Brito-Yates, S., Vasquez, G., **Blanco, L.** et al., 2024. Employment and income insecurity experienced by low to moderate income Latinas during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Health Equity* (forthcoming)
4. **Blanco, L.**, Hernandez, I., Thames, A., Chen, L., Serido, J. 2023. Mind Your Money: A Community-Based Digital Intervention for improving financial capability Among Hispanics. *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, 212, 629–643.
5. *Choi, A., Stoutland, D., Blanco, L., 2023. An evaluation of a digital financial education program and the impact of COVID-19 on financial wellbeing among college students. *Journal of American College Health*, 1-13. PMID: 37084244.

PEER REVIEWED ACADEMIC JOURNAL ARTICLES (Continued)

Financial Knowledge, Behavior, and Stress in the United States (continued)

6. **Blanco, L.**, *Cruz, V., *Frederick, D., & *Herrera, S. 2022. Financial Stress among Latino Adults in California during COVID-19. *Journal of Economics, Race, and Policy*, 5(2): 134-148. PMID: PMC8327043.
7. Blanco, L., Contreras, S., & Gosh, A. 2022. Impact of Great Recession bank failures on the use of financial services among racial/ethnic and income groups. *Southern Economic Journal*, 88(4): 1574-1598.
8. Angrisani, M., *Barrera, S., **Blanco, L.**, & Contreras, S. 2020. The Racial/Ethnic Differences in Financial Literacy in the Population and by Income. *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 39(3), 524-536.
9. **Blanco, L.**, Duru, O. K. & Mangione, C. 2020. A Community Based Randomized Controlled Trial on an Educational Intervention to Promote Retirement Saving Among Hispanics. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 41, 300-3015.
10. **Blanco, L.**, & Rodriguez, L. 2020. Delivering Information about Retirement Saving among Hispanic Women: A Facebook Experiment. *Behavioural Public Policy*, 4(3), 343-369.
11. **Blanco, L.**, et al. 2020. Perspectives on Finances and Mental Health among Low-Income Latinas. *Journal of Financial Therapy*, 11(2), 52-78.
12. **Blanco, L.**, Angrisani, M., Aguila, E., & Leng, M. 2018. Understanding the Racial/Ethnic Gap in Bank Account Ownership among Older Adults. *Journal of Consumer Affairs*. 3(2), 324-354.
13. **Blanco, L.**, Aguila, E., Gongora, A., & Duru, O.K. 2017. Retirement Planning Among Hispanics: in God's Hands? *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*, 29(4), 311–331. PMID: 27976984
14. Aguila, E., Angrisani, M., & **Blanco, L.** 2016. Ownership of a bank account and health of older Hispanics. *Economic Letters*, 144, 41-44 (Blanco Lead Author).
15. **Blanco L.**, *Ponce M, Gongora A, & Duru O. 2015. A qualitative analysis of the use of financial services and saving behavior among older African Americans and Latinos in the Los Angeles area. *Sage Open*. 5(1). PMID: 26064788. PMID: PMC4459749.

Minority Health in the United States

16. Castellon-Lopez, Y.M., **Blanco, L.R.**, *Garcia, C., et al. 2024. MivacunaLA (MyshotLA): a communitypartnered mobile phone intervention to improve COVID-19 vaccination behaviors among low-income, Spanish-speaking, and immigrant Latino parents or caregivers. *Vaccines* (forthcoming)
17. Panameno, M.; Blanco, L.R., Hernandez, A.M., Castellon-Lopez, Y.M., et al. 2023. Using Digital Technology to Build COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence: A Qualitative Study among Latinx Parents of Children Aged 5–11 in Under-Resourced Communities across Los Angeles County. *Vaccines*, 11, 1042.
18. *Choi, A., Blanco, L. R., Hays, R. 2022. Race and ethnicity differences in walking and associations with neighborhood perceptions among older adults in California. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, 41(12): 2499-2510. PMID: PMC9671857.

Crime in Latin America

19. **Blanco, L.**, Grier., R., Grier, K., Hicks, D. 2020. Household Responses to the Escalation of Violent Crime in Mexico. *Applied Economic Letters*, 28(4): 315-318.
20. **Blanco, L.**, Ruiz, I., & Wooster, R. 2019. The Effect of Violent Crime on Sector-Specific FDI in Latin America. *Oxford Development Studies*. 47(4), 420-434.
21. **Blanco, L.** 2016. The Impact of Judicial Reform on crime victimization in Mexico. *Violence and Victims*, 31(1), 27-50. PMID: 26645670.
22. **Blanco, L.**, Ruiz, I. 2013. The Impact of Crime and Insecurity on Trust in Democracy and Institutions. *American Economic Review Papers and Proceedings*, 103(3), 284-288.
23. **Blanco, L.** 2013. The impact of crime on trust in institutions in Mexico. *European Journal of Political Economy*, 32, 38-55.

Other Topics in Latin America

24. Wooster, R., Blanco, L., & Sawyer, C. 2015. Equity Commitment under Uncertainty: A Hierarchical Model of Real Option Entry Mode Choices. *International Business Review*, 25(1), 382-394.
25. Sawyer, C., Blanco, L., & Wooster, R., 2015. Does Experience Matter for Patterns of Expansion by U.S. Companies in Latin America and the Caribbean. *Global Economy Journal*, 15(1), 1-24.
26. **Blanco, L.**, Gonzalez, F., & Ruiz, I. 2013. The Impact of Sector Specific FDI on CO2 Emissions in Latin America. *Oxford Development Studies*, 41(1), 104-121.
27. **Blanco, L.** 2012. The Spatial Interdependence of FDI in Latin America. *World Development*, 40(7), 1337–1351.
28. Blanco, L., Mora, J., Olabisi, M., & Prieger, J. 2020. Synergies and Competition: Export Survival in Africa and Latin America. *Southern Economic Journal*, 87(1), 245–273.
29. **Blanco, L.** 2013. Finance, Growth, and Institutions in Latin America: What are the Links? *Latin American Journal of Economics*, 50(2), 179-208.
30. **Blanco, L.**, & Grier, R. 2013. Explaining the rise of the left in Latin America. *Latin American Research Review*, 48(1), 68-90.
31. **Blanco, L.**, & Grier, R. 2012. Natural resource dependence and the accumulation of physical and human capital in Latin America. *Resources Policy*, 37(3), 281-295.
32. **Blanco, L.** 2010. Life is Unfair in Latin America, But Does it Matter for Growth? *World Development*, 38(3), 393-404.
33. **Blanco, L.** 2009. The Finance-Growth Link in Latin America. *Southern Economic Journal*, 76(1), 224-248.
34. **Blanco, L.**, & Grier, R. 2009. Long Live Democracy: The Determinants of Political Instability in Latin America. *Journal of Development Studies*, 45(1), 76-95.

International Economics (various topics & regions)

35. Blanco, L. & Dutta, M. 2019. Do Financial Development and Checks and Balances act as Substitutes or Complements? *Oxford Development Studies*, 49(2), 184–199.
36. O’Connor, K., Blanco, L., & Nugent, J. 2018. Does Oil Really Curse Democracy? A Long-Run Time-Series Analysis of 127 Countries. *Resources Policy*, 57, 264-277.
37. Prieger, J., *Bampoki, C., Blanco, L., & *Liu, A. 2016. Economic Growth and the Optimal Level of Entrepreneurship, *World Development*, 82, 95-109.
38. Blanco, L., *Gu, J., & Prieger, J. 2016. The Impact of Research and Development on Economic Growth and Productivity in the United States, *Southern Economic Journal*, 82(3), 914–934.
39. **Blanco, L.**, Nugent, J., & *O’Connor, K. 2015. Oil Curse and Institutional Changes: Which Institutions Are Most Vulnerable to the Curse and Under What Circumstances? *Contemporary Economic Policy*, 33(2), 229-49.
40. **Blanco, L.**, & Rogers, C. 2014. Are Tax Havens Good Neighbours? FDI Spillovers and Developing Countries. *Journal of Development Studies*, 50(4), 530-540.
41. **Blanco, L.**, & Rogers, C. 2012. Competition between Tax Havens: Does Proximity Matter? *International Trade Journal*, 26(4), 291-308.
42. **Blanco, L.**, & Rogers, C. 2012. Do tax havens really flourish? *Global Economy Journal*, 12(3)
43. **Blanco, L.**, & *Isenhouer, M. 2010. Powering America: The impact of ethanol production in the Corn Belt states. *Energy Economics*, 32(6), 1228-1234.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. Blanco, L., Closing racial/ethnic and gender gaps in retirement knowledge and preparedness: The role of digital education programs. In TIAA Retirement Bill of Rights Perspectives from thought leaders.
2. Blanco, L., & *Navarrete, M. 2024. Redefining Digital Access: A Case Study in Unemployment Insurance. American Economic Association Minority Report, Issue 16 (invited contribution, forthcoming).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (Continued)

3. Blanco, L., Garcia-Perez, M., & Mora, M. 2020. Latinas and COVID19: Unemployment, Labor Force Participation, and Family Caretaking Responsibilities. *Hispanic Economic Outlook* (invited contribution).
4. Blanco, L., & Contreras, S., 2018. Mobile technology as a tool for economic inclusion. *American Economic Association Minority Report*, Issue 10 (invited contribution).
1. **Blanco, L.,** Carlsen, L., Morrison, D. Carlsen, G., *Chaparro, A., & *Molina, E. 2018. Precarious Paradise: The Financial Well-being of Hispanic Immigrant Day Laborers in Malibu, in *Latinos in the 21st Century: Their Voices and Lived Experiences*. Nova Science Publishers.
2. **Blanco, L.** 2017. Book review of *The Financial Diaries: How American Families Cope in a World of Uncertainty*. *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 36, 4, 957-959 (invited contribution).
3. **Blanco, L.,** 2017. Access to Financial Services and the Wellbeing of Middle Aged and Older Hispanics in the United States. *Hispanic Economic Outlook*, Spring (invited contribution).
4. **Blanco L.,** & *Saloga C. 2013. Participation in the formal financial sector among Minorities in the United States. *American Economic Association Minority Report*, Issue 5 (invited contribution).
5. **Blanco, L.,** & Ruiz, I. 2015. Crime and Institutions: Impacts on Sector Specific FDI to Latin America and the Caribbean Region. *Hispanic Economic Outlook*, Fall (invited contribution).
6. **Blanco L.,** Dadzie C., & Dony C. 2014. Study on crime and Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean. USAID Development Experience Clearinghouse. 1-85.
7. **Blanco, L.,** & *Lillard, S. 2013. Inequality in Latin America: Changes and New Perspectives. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 55, 2, 169-177 (invited contribution).
8. **Blanco, L.** 2010. Income Inequality and Political Instability in Latin America. Pacific Coast Council of Latin American Studies Proceedings, University of Nevada Las Vegas (peer reviewed).
9. **Blanco, L.** 2010. Latin America and the Financial Crisis of 2008: Lessons and Challenges. *Pepperdine Policy Review* (lecture transcription).
10. **Blanco, L.** 2009. Latin America and the Financial Crisis of 2008: An Overview. *Hispanic Economic Outlook*, Quarter IV (invited contribution).
11. **Blanco, L.,** & *Anyanwu, O. 2013. Immigration Regulation. In Mason, P. *Encyclopedia of race and racism*. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA (invited contribution, peer reviewed).
12. **Blanco, L.,** & *Crouch, M. 2011. In the Aftermath of the Financial Crisis of 2008. What Have We Learned? Pepperdine School of Public Policy (editor).

WORKING PAPERS (revise and resubmit, under review, working paper, in progress)

1. ICanRetire-Hispanics: A Digital Educational Intervention for Improving Retirement Preparedness among Hispanics (Pepperdine SPP Working Paper Series, #85)
2. Retirement Outreach to Low- and Middle-Income Minority Workers. (with Viceiza, in progress)
3. Racial, ethnic and gender retirement knowledge gaps in the United States (with *Choi, A. & Hays, R., in progress).
4. Dollars and Zen: A digital intervention to improve money management and financial stress among Hispanic workers (with Joseph, N. & *Richards, M., in progress).
5. mivacunaLA 2.0, A randomized controlled trial of a digital intervention to improve vaccinate acceptance among Latino parents in Los Angeles. (with Castellon-Lopez et al., in progress).
6. Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in Honduras: Fostering Networking, Digital Literacy, Cybersecurity through the Red E-mpresarias Program (with Gerardino, M.P, Castillo, P., Hidalgo, N. et al.)

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS

- Opinion: Latino Communities' experiences during COVID-19 and Financial Stress, IRL Blog, March 2021.
- Opinion: The "She-cession" Is Very Real for Minority Women, Bloomberg, December 28, 2020.

MEDIA CONTRIBUTIONS (Continued)

- Opinion: Trade wars stunt economic growth. And California is starting to feel the pain, The Sacramento Bee, October 30, 2019.
- Opinion: The economic case for voter ID laws, The Hill Congress Blog, October 18, 2012.
- Opinion: Fighting crime in Mexico means bringing order to the courts, The Statesman, August 18, 2012.
- Opinion: Important Elections South of the Border, The Hill Congress Blog, June 27, 2012.
- Opinion: Most American of Mexican holidays, Sun Sentinel, The Hartford Courant, and The Wisconsin State Journal, May 5, 2012.
- Opinion: Fear of travel in Mexico because of drug wars is misplaced, Mercury News, April 10, 2012.
- Interviews Telemundo: government shutdown (April, 2011), unemployment data (July, 2011), and U.S. debt crisis (August, 2011).
- Interviews with Vivó en Vivo about the U.S. debt crisis; August, 2011 and China Radio International on the Road to Recovery in Latin America; September, 2009.
- Interviews at Pepperdine People Podcast (myself, Roger Farmer, Alvaro Vargas Llosa, Scott Sumner, and Lee O'Hanian), SPP YouTube (rise of the left and impact of the financial crisis in Latin America)
- Occasional blogging for the Intercollegiate Studies Institute

RESEARCH FUNDING - Ongoing Research Support

SSA NB25-03 via NBER RDRC (Blanco/Viceisza) 01/01/2025-12/31/2025
Title: Gender Impacts of Retirement Outreach Programs Targeting Black and Hispanic Workers. Role: co-PI
(Total Award: \$119,081)

SSA NB25-03 via NBER RDRC (Blanco/Viceisza) 01/01/2024-12/31/2024
Title: Digital Retirement Outreach Programs Targeting Black, Hispanic, and White Workers. Role: co-PI (Total Award: \$204,026)

NIH/NIA - P30AG021684-16 (Mangione/Duru) 11/15/2023-06/30/2028
Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research IV/Center for Health Improvement of Minority Elderly III
Title: Address health disparities for African American & Latino elders by training minority faculty who will advance their careers by conducting research on minority elders. Role: Co-I (Total Award: \$590,036)

National Science Foundation (Roman/Blanco/Boies/Armitage/Nash) 09/01/2023-08/31/2026
Title: Impact of Enhanced Healthcare on Labor Market Participation in San Antonio, Texas. Role: co-PI (Total Award: \$553,930)

NIH-NINR 1R01NR021183-01 (Booker) 06/01/2024-06/30/2027
Title: Testing the Pain Relief of musculoskeletal conditions and Arthritis using Culturally Tailored Interventions for Black Elders (PROACTIVE) Intervention: A Randomized Controlled Trial. Role: Consultant (Total Award: \$1,000,000)

EPA (Rising Communities) 09/01/2024-06/30/2027
Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Education & Research Center
Title: Environmental Justice and BIPOC Women's Health. Role: Consultant (Total Award: \$497,162)

RESEARCH FUNDING - Completed Research Support

NBER's Retirement and Disability Research Center/SSA (Blanco/Viceisza) 10/03/2022-09/30/2023
Title: Designing Outreach Programs to Low-to-Middle Income Black and Hispanic Workers. Role: co-PI (Total Award: \$151,216)

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RESEARCH FUNDING - Completed Research Support (Continued)

NIH/NIA - P30AG021684-16 (Mangione/Duru, \$455,136) Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research IV/Center for Health Improvement of Minority Elderly III Title: Address health disparities for African American & Latino elders by training minority faculty who will advance their careers by conducting research on minority elders. Role: co-PI (Total Award: \$455,136)	09/15/2018-06/30/2023
California Community Foundation (Pregler) Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Education & Research Center Title: Women's Health & Money, Role: Consultant (Total Award: \$150,000)	01/01/2020-12/31/2023
LA County Department of Public Health (Blanco/Castellon) Title: mivacunaLA/myshotLA: A Mobile Intervention to Promote Vaccine Acceptance Among Underserved Latino Families in East and South Los Angeles. Role: co-PI (Total Award: \$125,000)	04/01/2022-11/31/2022
Possibility Labs/ Digital Transformation Fund (Blanco/Castellon) Title: mivacunaLA/myshotLA: Providing access to information to Latino Families with low proficiency of reading and writing Spanish/English. Role: co-PI (Total Award: \$1,714)	07/01/2022-06/31/2022
University of California Los Angeles COVID-19 Research (Blanco and Castellon) Title: mivacunaLA/myshotLA: A Mobile Intervention to Promote Vaccine Acceptance Among Underserved Latino Families in East and South Los Angeles. Role: co-PI (Total Award: \$70,000)	05/01/2021-07/31/2022
LA Care (Pregler/ Blanco) Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Education & Research Center Title: Women's Health & Money, Role: Consultant (Total Award: \$150,000)	01/01/2020-12/31/2023
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (Blanco, Hernandez and Thames) Title: Mind your Money: A Community Based Mobile Intervention. Role: co-PI (Total Award: \$350,000)	10/01/2019-08/31/2022
Federal Reserve of Minneapolis Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute (Blanco) Title: Mobile Money Diaries and Mental Health among Hispanics. Role: PI (Total Award: \$12,000)	01/01/2018-06/30/2019
LA Care (Pregler and Blanco) Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Education & Research Center Title: Women's Health Equity & Financial Literacy. Role: co-PI (Total Award: \$50,000)	09/01/2017-03/01/2019
NIH/NIA - P30 AG021684-15:S1 (Mangione) Resource Center for Minority Aging Research – Center for Health Improvement of Minority Elderly Title: Financial planning for retirement and health among Hispanics. Role: PI of Diversity Supplement Project (Total Award: \$122,259)	08/01/2016-06/30/2018
Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation (Blanco/Prieger) Title: Applied Policy Research and Training Program. Role: co-PI (Total Award: \$145,000)	08/30/2016-09/01/2017
Cathay Bank (Pregler and Friedman) Iris Cantor-UCLA Women's Health Education & Research Center Title: Women's Health and Financial Wellbeing. Role: Senior Researcher (Total Award: \$20,000)	06/15/2015-12/15/2017

RESEARCH FUNDING - Completed Research Support (Continued)

NIH/NIA - P30 AG021684 (Mangione) 07/01/2012-06/30/2015
Resource Center for Minority Aging Research – Center for Health Improvement of Minority Elderly
Title: Financial Exclusion and the Wellbeing of Elderly Minority Populations. Role: PI of Pilot Award (Total Award: \$40,000)

NIH/NIA - P30 AG043073 (Goldman) 02/01/2014-06/30/2014
Resource Center for Minority Aging Research – Minority Aging Health Economics Research Center
Title: Retirement Planning among Middle-Aged and Older Hispanics. Role: PI of Pilot Award (Total Award: \$30,000)

USAID - AID-OAA-C-11-00169 (Blanco and Dadzie) 05/01/2014-09/30/2014
Title: Study on Crime and Investment in Latin America and the Caribbean. Role: Senior Analyst (Total Award: \$20,000)

Corporacion Andina de Fomento, Research Program on Citizen Security (Blanco) 08/15/2011-02/29/2012
Title: An Analysis of the Impact of Reform to the Criminal Justice System in Mexico. Role: PI (Total Award: \$15,000)

OTHER FUNDING

- Pepperdine Office of the Provost, Community-Based Research Grant, Spring 2019 (\$10,000) & Spring 2014 (\$10,000), Cross-School Collaboration Research Grant, Spring 2023 (\$40,000) & Spring 2016 (\$10,000), Latin American Conference Grant, 2010 (\$2,000), Research Grant Fall (\$3,000): 2023-2015, Research Grant (\$1500-\$3,000): 2010-2023
- Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, Economic Development Lectures Grant, 2015 (\$14,000), Research and Teaching Grant, 2012 (\$17,500), Guest Speaker Series and Publication Grant, 2010 (\$18,500), Reading Group Grant, Fall 2009 (\$13,500)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Pepperdine, School of Public Policy: Assistant/Associate/Professor, Fall 2007 – Present; Courses: Applied Economic Analysis of Public Policy I (Microeconomics), Applied Economic Analysis of Public Policy II (Macroeconomics), Global Economics, Latin American Economic Development, Public Finance and Public Choice, Seminar in Research Methods (Capstone), Math Review Workshop
- University of Oklahoma, Economics Department: Instructor, Summer 2004 – Spring 2007; Courses: Intermediate Macroeconomic Theory, Principles of Macroeconomics; Teaching Assistant, Spring 2004; Courses: Principles of Macroeconomics

AWARDS

- Stephen D. Davis Award for Scholarly Achievement, Pepperdine University, 2024
- Excellence Service Award, American Society of Hispanic Economists, 2013 and 2009
- Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society Chapter, Fall 2006
- Robert E. and Mary B. Sturgis Scholarship, Spring 2006
- A.J. Kondonassis Spring 2005 and Sooner Heritage Scholarship Spring 2004 – Spring 2007
- OU Latino Achievement and Heritage Honor Student, Spring 2005 and Spring 2006
- Graduate Woman of the Year, 2002, President's Excellence Medal, 2001
- Delta Mu Delta National Scholarship, Spring 2001

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- American Economic Association: 2007, 2009, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management: 2014, 2019, 2022
- Association of Private Enterprise Education: 2009
- Behavioral Science and Policy Association: 2017
- Latin American Studies Association: 2009, 2010
- Pacific Coast Council in Latin American Studies: 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Pacific Conference on Development Economics: 2010, 2013
- Southern Economic Association: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2014
- Southwestern Economic Association Conference: 2006, 2008
- Western Economic Association International: 2011, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2021, 2023

SEMINARS

- 2023: UCLA, General Internal Medicine, UCLA Community Engagement Research program (CERP), UCLA RCMAR-CHIME, RAND Corporation
- 2021: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, American Society of Hispanic Economists, Inter-American Development Bank
- 2020: Pepperdine University, Center for Financial Security, Center for Financial Empowerment
- 2019: Pepperdine University
- 2018: Federal Reserve of Minneapolis, UCLA
- 2017: Pepperdine University
- 2016: Pepperdine University
- 2015: University of Southern California
- 2011: RAND, Texas Christian University, University of Texas-El Paso, George Mason University
- 2010: University of Southern California
- 2009: Duke University, Pepperdine University, Sam Houston State University
- 2008: Pepperdine University
- 2007: Pepperdine University, Hope College, Knox College, Auburn University, ITAM, CIDE

OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION AT WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- 2024 Financial Education Innovation & Impact Summit, NEFE, Presenter
- Driving Retirement Preparedness among the Hispanic Community with The Capital Group, Panelist, October 2024, Webinar
- Women Leadership in Policy: Shaping the Administration's Agenda, September 2024, Webinar
- RCMAR-CHIME Methods Seminar, Mixed Research Methods Panel, Panelist, August 2024, Virtual
- Discussion on Racial/Ethnic/Gender Retirement Knowledge Gaps with S&P Global, Presenter, June 2024, Webinar
- 2023 DCIIA Academic Forum, New York City, Presenter
- 2023 Cherry Blossom Financial Education Institute, George Washington University, Presenter
- 2023 Pension Research Council Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, Discussant
- 2023 Current Innovations in Probability-based Household Internet Panel Research, D.C., Presenter
- 2022 Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute Conference, Federal Reserve of Minneapolis, Discussant
- 2022 DCIIA Academic Forum, New York City, Presenter
- 2022 Center for Financial Empowerment Conference, Los Angeles County Consumer and Business Affairs, Los Angeles, Presenter
- NABE/DCIIA Panel on Equity and Inclusion in Retirement, May 2022, Webinar
- Federal Reserve System's Community Development Research Conference, Washington D.C., May 2019
- RCMAR Annual Investigators Meeting, work in progress presentation, UCLA, June 2019
- RAND Behavioral Finance Forum, Washington D.C., October 2017

OTHER PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION AT WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES (Continued)

- FDIC Consumer Research Symposium, Washington D.C., October 2017
- RCMAR Annual Investigators Meeting, podium presentation, San Francisco, April 2017
- Financial Needs for Older Adults Roundtable, research presentation, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco – Los Angeles, August 2015
- Women's Health and Money at Work, preliminary findings presentation, Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco – Los Angeles, August 2015
- Hispanic Economic Issues, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, presentation, November 2014
- Psychological Science and Behavioral Economics in the Service of Public Policy Workshop, National Institute of Aging, White House, May 2013
- RCMAR-CHIME UCLA Scientific Retreat, manuscript review: 2013, 2014, 2014, 2015, 2016
- RCMAR-CHIME UCLA Scientific Retreat, presentation: Jun 2013, Jun 2014, Jun 2023
- RCMAR Annual Investigators Meeting, poster presentation: Feb 2013, Feb 2014, Apr 2015, Apr 2016
- RCMAR Annual Investigators Meeting, podium presentation: Apr 2017
- Annual UCLA Research Conference on Aging, poster presentation, Jun 2013
- Global Crisis and Latin American Economies Conference, panel chair, USC, Nov 2012
- UNDP Citizen insecurity in Latin America Conference, presenter, Georgetown University, Jul 2012
- Policy Symposium, panel on economic development, panelist, RAND, Apr 2012
- International Development brown bag, panel about funding, panelist, RAND, Mar 2012

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession Member, American Economic Association, 2021-Present
- Women's Institute for Science, Equity and Race, Board of Directors, 2024 – Present
- The Academy of Financial Education, Board of Directors, Treasurer, 2024 – Present
- The Volcker Alliance Future Leaders of Schools of Public Service Initiative, 2023
- Journal of Consumer Affairs, Associate Editor January 2023 – December 2023
- Mosaic Economic Project Fellow 2021, Progressive Policy Institute
- mHealth Training Institute Scholar 2021, University of California Los Angeles
- American Society of Hispanic Economists: Mentorship for Mid-career Economists Committee Chair 2020-2022; President 2017; Board Member 2016-2018; HEO Committee Member 2011-2017; Scholarship Committee Chair 2009-2013
- American Economic Association Pipeline Mentoring Program, 2015-Present (Mentees: Michael Navarrete, Sergio Barrera, Camila Morales, Patrese Anderson, and Deidra Reed)
- RCMAR-CHIME Mentor, 2019-Present (Mentees: Anna Choi and Mienah Sharif)
- Jobs and Economic influencer for McClatchy's California Influencer series, Sacramento Bee, 2019
- Open Economics, Editor, 2017-2021
- NIH/NIA Butler-Williams Scholar, 2016
- Pepperdine University: SPP Diversity Committee Founder and Co-Chair, 2020-present, Diversity Council, Co-Chair 2011-2013 and Member 2008-present; Center for Women in Leadership Board Member 2016-2018; Academic Council Member 2007-2008, 2014-2015, and 2016-2017; Waves of Innovation Selection Committee, 2014; Institutional Review Board Alternate Member 2009-2010; Women in Public Policy Faculty Advisor 2008-2015; Phi Alpha Alpha Honor Society Faculty Advisor 2012-Present
- Pacific Coast Council in Latin American Studies, President 2011; Program Chair 2010; Board Member Fall 2007-2014
- Millennium Momentum Foundation, Leadership Development Institute, trainer 2011-2018

TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (Continued)

- Harris Manchester College Summer Research Institute, 2015
- NSF SBE Research Experiences for Undergraduates Program, SBE, review panelist, 2018
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Economics, review panelist, 2015 & 2017
- RAND Summer Institute on Health and Aging, Summer 2011
- American Studies Center - Princeton James Madison Program, Fellowship, Summer 2010
- Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics, Fellowship, Spring 2009-2012
- Age Friendly Banking Task Force, Member, 2016
- Women's Health & Money at Work Advisory Committee, Senior Researcher, 2014-2020

MEMBERSHIP IN SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- American Economic Association
- American Society of Hispanic Economists
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Latin American Studies Association
- Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association
- Pacific Council on International Policy
- Pacific Coast Council of Latin American Studies
- Southern Economic Association
- Western Economic Association International

REFEREE WORK (Selected list)

American Political Science Review, Applied Economics, Applied Economics Journal of Politics, Democracy and Security, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Energy Economics, Economics of Governance, Economic Systems, Economic Issues, Ensayos Revista de Economía, European Journal of Political Economy, Economic Modelling, Global Economics Journal, Global Economy Journal, Global Crime, International Journal of Population Research, International Trade Journal, International Journal of Consumer Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Family and Economic Issues, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Journal of Politics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of International Taxation and Public Finance, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice, Journal of Population Ageing, Journal of Economics Race and Policy, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Research Review, National Tax Journal, Palgrave Macmillan, Public Choice, Resource Policy, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Qualitative Sociology, Southern Economic Journal, The Latin Americanist, The Gerontologist, Transnational Corporations, Violence and Victims, World Economy, and World Development.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Language skills: Fluent in English and Spanish, competent in French
- Student work experience: Graduate Hall Director and Resident Assistant, Office of Housing, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas, Aug 2000 – Jul 2003, supervised 57 Resident and Student Assistants, 178 students.

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