

MARIANA URBINA-RAMIREZ

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Education

University of Minnesota (UMN), Ph.D. (Applied Economics), expected September 2019

Universidad Central de Venezuela, MSc. (Stochastic Modeling), 2012

Universidad Central de Venezuela, BSc. (Economics), 2009

Employment

Research Assistant, IPUMS International, Minnesota Population Center, UMN – United States (June 2015 - present)

- Manage census data and conduct statistical analysis of the quality of microdata.
- Revise the census documentation and translate documents from Spanish to English and vice-versa.

Consultant, Minnesota Department of Agriculture – United States (September 2017 - June 2018)

- Collaborated in the design of the pre- and post-tests to measure the Social Science and Agricultural Literacy knowledge of sixth-grade students in Minnesota.
- Conducted the econometrical analysis to determine the effect of the AgMag magazine on knowledge.

Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank – United States (June - August 2017)

- Managed indicators related to education spending for Latin America and all countries participating in PISA 2015.
- Documented teachers' hiring policies.

Research Assistant, Department of Applied Economics, UMN – United States (January - May 2017)

- Performed part of the econometrical analysis in the project "Effects of Package Size on Household Food Purchases," led by Professor Metin Çakır.

Research Assistant, Roy Wilkins Center for Human Relations and Social Justice, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, UMN – United States (February - May 2015)

- Reviewed and merged information from multiple datasets related to disadvantaged business enterprises in the US.
- Conducted the statistical analysis of crime figures of the US from 1960-2013, by gender and race.

Research Assistant, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) – Venezuela (July 2011 - July 2014)

- Managed the CAF survey and other microdata to collaborate in the production of the Economy and Development Report.
- Coordinated the co-edition of the Economy and Development Report from 2012 to 2014.

Research Assistant, Latimark Innovación – Venezuela (June 2010 - July 2011)

- Conducted statistical analysis to produce market research reports.

Research Assistant, Ecoanalítica – Venezuela (January - December 2009)

- Managed databases to collaborate in the production of weekly, monthly, and quarterly reports of the Venezuelan economic outlook.

Trainee in Management Control, Bancaribe – Venezuela (May - November 2008)

- Managed databases to produce daily, weekly, and monthly reports on loan portfolio and customer funds.

Publications

Çakır, M., Balagtas, J., Okrent, A., and Urbina, M. *Effects of Package Size on Household Food Purchases*. Forthcoming.

Acosta, A., Barráez, D., Pérez, D., and Urbina, M. (2015). Country risk, macroeconomic fundamentals, and uncertainty in Latin American countries. *Monetary*, July-December 2015, 147-174. <http://www.cemla.org/PDF/monetaria/PUB-MON-III-02-01.pdf>

Technical Skills

Advanced knowledge of Stata. Intermediate knowledge of MATLAB, SPSS, and R.

Advanced knowledge of Microsoft Office (Excel, Access, Word, and PowerPoint).

Basic knowledge of Qualtrics, Unix, and Bloomberg.

Languages

Bilingual in Spanish and English.

Leadership

Graduate student representative, Minnesota Population Center Advisory Board. 2017-2018

Mentor to new graduate students in Applied Economics, UMN. 2015-2017

Treasurer of the Applied Economics Graduate Club, UMN. 2015-2017

Additional Professional Accomplishments

Course Certificate in Framework for Data Collection and Analysis. Coursera: University of Pennsylvania. 2018

Course Certificate in Introduction to Marketing. Coursera: University of Pennsylvania. 2018

Research assistant in the book "Dragon in the Tropics: Hugo Chavez and the Political Economy of Revolution in Venezuela" by Javier Corrales and Michael Penfold. 2010

Participation in the II Essay Contest of Economics with the essay entitled "Is education possible with inclusion?" Banco Central de Venezuela. 2009

Honorable Mention in the VI Economics Essay Contest for an essay entitled "Growth and diversification of exports from Colombia and Venezuela to the Andean market." Institute of Economic and Social Research Dr. Rodolfo Quintero. Universidad Central de Venezuela. 2009

Presentations

Presentation at the Midwest Economics Association's Annual Meeting: "Effects of the SIS expansion on Maternal Health Care Utilization and Health Outcomes." St. Louis, 2019. (Upcoming).

Poster in the Population Association of America Conference: "The Impact of Tortilla Prices on Food Security: Evidence from Mexico." Denver, 2018.

Presentation at the Midwest Economics Association's Annual Meeting: "Literacy and Use of Health Services: Evidence from Peru." Cincinnati, 2017.

Poster in the Population Association of America Conference: "Does labor force participation of women increase BMI?" Washington DC, 2016.

References

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