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## POSITIONS HELD

<b>Post Doctoral Scholar</b>	<b>Yale University.</b> MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies	August, 2012
<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Yale University.</b> The Jackson Institute for Global Affairs	Spring, 2012

## EDUCATION

<b>Ph. D. in Public Policy</b>	<b>The University of Chicago</b> · Fields: Microeconomics, program evaluation and labor economics · Dissertation: “ <i>Effects of Social Protection Programs on Labor Mobility</i> ”	June, 2011
<b>Master in Public Policy</b> (Honors)	<b>The University of Chicago</b> · Thesis: “ <i>Analysis of Mexican Immigration to the US: an Economic Approach</i> ”	June, 2002
<b>Diploma</b>	<b>Harvard Institute For International Development (HIID)</b> · Reform of social security systems in the world: Demographic, economic and financial perspectives	July, 1998
<b>B.Sc. Economics</b> (Honors)	<b>Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)</b> · Thesis: “ <i>Reform to the Mexican federal workers' pension system and its impact on public finance</i> ”	December, 1998

## JOB MARKET PAPER

<b>Abstract</b>	<b>Does Poverty Alleviation Increase Migration? Evidence From Mexico</b> What are the long-term effects of conditional cash transfers (CCTs) on labor and migration decisions? There is scientific evidence that demonstrates the positive effects of CCTs on nutrition, health and schooling levels of the poor in the short run. However, there is little evidence on their long-term effects on labor and migration decisions. The experimental data is limited for this purpose. In this paper, I examine the short and long-term effects of <i>Progres-Oportunidades</i> on migration using a regression discontinuity design. The paper identifies the effects of the program among villages with poverty levels close to the cutoff point of the original eligibility criteria. The estimates show that the program caused a drop in the population size and changed the gender composition of Mexican rural villages between 1997 and 2005. The reduction of males is significantly higher than that of females, a clear sign of the program's effect on migration decisions. In those villages where all households were covered by the program migration resulted in a 10 percentage point drop in population during this period.
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## PUBLICATIONS

<b>Published Works</b>	· Heckman, James, Javier Arias, Oliver Azuara, Pedro Bernal, and Cajeme Villarreal. (2010). “ <i>Policies to Promote Growth and Economic Efficiency in Mexico</i> ” IZA Discussion paper 47410. · Rubio, Luis, Oliver Azuara, E. Jaime and C. Hernandez. (2006). “ <i>Mexico 2025: We Construct Our Future Today</i> ”. CIDAC. · Azuara, Oliver. (2005). “ <i>Universal Pension in Mexico. From Populism to Fiscal Viability</i> ”. Naumann Foundation-CIDAC. · Azuara, Oliver. (2003). “ <i>Mexican Defined Contribution Pension System: Perspective for Low Income Workers</i> ”, The World Bank.
<b>Working Papers</b>	· Azuara, Oliver and Ioana Marinescu. (2011). “ <i>Informality and the Expansion of Social Protection Programs</i> ” (under review) · Azuara, Oliver. (2011). “ <i>Does Poverty Alleviation Increase Migration? Evidence from Mexico</i> ” (under review) · Azuara, Oliver. (2011). “ <i>Effects of Universal Health Coverage on Marriage and Labor Force Participation</i> ” · Azuara, Oliver. (2011). “ <i>Free Trade and Obesity: Consequences of Lowering the Cost of Calories</i> ” · Aguilera, Nelly and Oliver Azuara (2011). “ <i>Pricing Obesity during Childhood. Experimental Evidence</i> ” · Azuara, Oliver. (2011). “ <i>Does Minimum Wage Attract Immigrants? US-Mexico Experience</i> ”

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Yale University</b> · Masters course: Program Evaluation	Spring, 2012
<b>Teacher Assistant</b>	<b>The University of Chicago</b> · PhD Courses: Introductory Statistics (Prof. LaLonde); Advanced Statistics and Advanced microeconomics (Prof. Black) · MPP courses: Introductory microeconomics (Profs. Phillipson and Charles); Intermediate microeconomics (Prof. Grogger)	Sept. 2007 - May 2010
<b>Part-time lecturer</b>	<b>Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)</b> · College Courses: Microeconomics, History of Economic Analysis, Financial and Program Evaluation · MBA Courses: Introductory Microeconomics	2001, 2004 - 2006

## REFeree AND PRESENTATIONS

<b>Referee</b>	· Review of Labor Economics and Industrial Relations; <i>Economía Mexicana</i>
<b>Presentations</b>	· “ <i>Mind the Gap: From Evidence to Policy Impact</i> ”. IADB, World Bank, INSP, CEDLAS, 3iE; June 2011; Cuernavaca, Mexico. · American Economic Association Meetings. January 2011; Denver, Colorado · “ <i>Policies Against Hunger II: Defining the Role of Food Aid</i> ”. German Ministry of Food; September 2003; Berlin, Germany · “ <i>Human Development and Life Course Perspective</i> ”. University of Campinas; August 2003; Campinas, Brazil

## HONORS AND AWARDS

· Centro De Investigacion y Docencia Economicas, A.C. grant for comprehensive research of health insurance in Mexico. With Prof. James Heckman, Jeff Grogger and Ioana Marinescu	2010-2011
· The Harris Graduate School Scholarship. The University of Chicago	2006-2011
· Mexican Science and Technology Council, Graduate Studies Fellowship (CONACYT)	2006-2011
· Hewlett and Flora Foundation – Harris School Fellowship	2001-2002
· Japan-Inter American Development Bank Scholarship	2000-2002
· Dean's Scholarship. The University of Chicago	2000-2002

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS

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<b>Researcher</b>	Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)	Since 2010
<b>Researcher</b>	Mexico Evalua	Since Sept. 2011
<b>Research Associate</b>	University of Chicago / Mexican Commission for Social Protection in Health	June 2010 – July 2011
<b>Senior Analyst</b>	NERA Economic Consulting (Boston, MA)	Apr. 2005 – May 2006
<b>Research Associate</b>	Center of Research for Development (CIDAC – Mexico)	Mar. 2004 – May 2005
<b>Director of Analysis</b>	Federal Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL – Mexico)	Jul. 2002 – Mar. 2004
<b>Deputy Manager</b>	Mexican Pension Funds Regulator (CONSAR - Mexico)	Feb. 1997 – Sept. 2000

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