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## Education

Ph.D., Economics, Florida State University, 2013

Dissertation Title: "Moral Hazard in Lending and the Real Economy"

Dissertation Committee: Milton Marquis, Manoj Atolia, Don Schlagenhauf, Alec Kercherval

M.S., Economics, Florida State University, 2010.

B.A., Economics with Mathematics, The University of Southern Mississippi, 2006

## Professional Experience

Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Texas at El Paso, Fall 2019-present.

Director of Research, Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness, University of Texas at El Paso, Summer 2021-present.

Interim Chair, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Texas at El Paso, Fall 2021- Summer 2022.

Consultant, World Bank (GMF-Latin American Division), Summer 2017-present.

Visiting Scholar, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Spring 2016-present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Georgia State University, Fall 2013 - Summer 2019.

## Teaching Experience

University of Texas at El Paso

ECON 5372: Panel Data and Discrete Choice Models, Spring 2021

ECON 5311: Managerial Economics (PMBA), Summer 2021 and Fall 2022

ECON 5311: Managerial Economics (EMBA), Spring 2021, 2022, and 2023

ECON 3372: Mathematical Economics, Fall 2020

ECON 5303: Macroeconomic Theory, Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023

ECON 2303: Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2019; Spring 2020; Fall 2021

#### Georgia State University

ECON 9080: Advanced Macro (Ph.D), Fall 2015, 2018; Spring 2017

ECON 9040: Macroeconomic Analysis II (Ph.D), Spring 2014-2018

ECON 3900: Intermediate Macroeconomics, Fall 2018

ECON 2105: Principles of Macroeconomics, Fall 2013-2017; Spring 2015-2018

#### Florida State University

ECON 4203: Intermediate Macroeconomics, Summer 2009

ECON 2023: Principles of Macroeconomics, Summer 2008

## Research

### *Refereed Publications*

1. "Pollution and Labor Market Search Externalities Over the Business Cycle," (with Garth Heutel) *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, Vol. 151, June 2023 104655.  
- NBER Working Paper #27445
2. "The Effect of Corruption on Firm Investment in the Presence of Missing Data," (with Seyedmasood Dastan) *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 82(1), 2023, 79-93.
3. "Understanding the Economic Impact of COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Orders: A Synthetic Control Analysis," (with Aaron Sun) *Journal of Economics and Finance*, Vol. 47, 2023, 1-14.
4. "Breaking Bad: When Being Disadvantaged Incentivizes Risky Behavior," (with David Johnson) *Eastern Economic Journal*, Vol. 47(1), 2021, 107-134.
5. "The Welfare Effects of Infrastructure Investment in a Heterogeneous Agent Economy," (with Felix Rioja). *B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics*, Vol. 20(1), 2020, 1-17.
6. "The Backward Hustle: An Experimental Investigation of Tax Code Notches and Labor Supply," (with Doug Norton and Robert White). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol. 177, October 2019, 432-445.
7. "The Economic Relevancy of Risk Preferences Elicited Online & With Low Stakes," (with David Johnson). *Atlantic Economic Journal*, Vol. 47(3), September 2019, 377-379.
8. "Moral Hazard in Lending and Labor Market Volatility," (with Manoj Atolia and Milton Marquis). *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking*, Vol. 51(1), February 2019, 79-109.
9. "Labor Market Volatility in the RBC Search Model: A Look at Hagedorn and Manovskii's Calibration," (with Manoj Atolia and Milton Marquis). *Computational Economics*, Vol. 52(2), August 2018, 583-602.
10. "Public Investment, Debt and Welfare: A Quantitative Analysis," (with Santanu Chatterjee and Felix Rioja). *Journal of Macroeconomics*, Vol. 56, June 2018, 204-217.

11. "Asymmetry and the Amplitude of Business Cycle Fluctuations: A Quantitative Investigation of the Role of Financial Frictions," (with Manoj Atolia and Milton Marquis). *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, Vol. 22(2), March 2018, 279-306.
12. "Optimal Public Debt Redux," (with Santanu Chatterjee and Felix Rioja). *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, Vol. 83(C), October 2017, 162-174.
13. "Public Infrastructure Maintenance and the Distribution of Wealth," (with Felix Rioja). *Economic Inquiry*, Vol. 55(1), January 2017, 175-186.
14. "Getting the Most from MATLAB: Ditching Canned Routines and Embracing Coder," (with Patrick Henson). *Economics Bulletin*, Vol. 36(4), December 2016, 2519-2525.

### *Papers Under Review*

1. "The Effects of Productive vs Redistributive Fiscal Policies in Developing Countries," (with Felix Rioja)  
- Revision Requested; *Economic Modelling*
2. "Assessing the Impact of Informal Sector Employment on Young Less-Educated Workers," (with Javier Cano-Urbina)  
- Under Review
3. "The Role of Demographic Change in Explaining Declining Labor Force Participation," (with Manoj Atolia and Felix Rioja)  
- Under Review
4. "Close Encounters of a Heterogeneous Kind: Understanding the Differential Impact of Social Distancing on COVID-19 Deaths," (with David Johnson and Alexi Thompson)  
- Under Review
5. "On the Determinants of Corruption: Evidence from Firm-Level Data," (with Seyedmasood Dastan)  
- Under Review

### *Working Papers and Works in Progress*

1. "Skill-Specificity and Labor Market Dynamics Over the Business Cycle," (with Manoj Atolia)
2. "General Purpose Technology (GPT) and Economic Activity," (with Manoj Atolia and Milton Marquis)
3. "Optimal Debt in an Open Economy," (with Santanu Chatterjee and Thomas Lebesmuehlbacher)
4. "Remittances and Precautionary Savings," (with Santanu Chatterjee and Thomas Lebesmuehlbacher)
5. "After COVID-19: Public Debt Stabilization and its impacts—the Argentinian Case," (with Felix Rioja)

### *Other Publications*

Alfaro, E., Gibson, J., Maldonado, M., Marczak, J., Moreno, J., Ransom, R., Ulloa-Peters, I., "US-Mexico Commerce: Tracking the Final Destination and Mexico's Fiscal Benefit with Great Border Efficiency," Atlantic Council, Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness, and COLEF. 2022.

Rodriguez, A., Flores, Noe, Gaytan, D., Gibson, J., Maldonado, M., Marczak, J., Cata, J., Moreno, J., Ransom, R., Ulloa-Peters, I., "The Transformative Power of Reduced Wait Times at the US-Mexico Border: Economic Benefits for Border States," Atlantic Council, Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness, and COLEF. 2022.

Rodriguez, A., Byrd, J., Flores, Noe, Gaytan, D., Gibson, J., Hernandez, C., Maldonado, M., Marczak, J., Cota, J., Ransom, R., Ulloa, I., "The Economic Impact of a More Efficient US-Mexico Border," Atlantic Council, Hunt Institute for Global Competitiveness, and COLEF. 2022.

Gibson, J. and F. Rioja, "The Aggregate and Distributional Impacts of Infrastructure Investment in Paraguay", World Bank Report, 2017

Gibson, J. and F. Rioja, "Assessing the Impact of Reducing Public Debt in Argentina," World Bank Report, 2019.

## Invited Seminars and Conference Presentations (Presented by Coauthor = \*)

**2023:** Midwest Macroeconomics Spring Meetings (Clemson University; scheduled), 93rd Southern Economic Association Meetings (New Orleans; scheduled)

**2022:** Midwest Macroeconomics Spring Meetings (Logan, Utah), 92nd Southern Economic Association Meetings (Fort Lauderdale, FL; cancelled)

**2021:** 9th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality\* (London School of Economics), 91st Southern Economic Association Meetings (Houston)

**2020:** 90th Southern Economic Association Meetings (New Orleans/Virtual) [scheduled], Florida State University (Virtual Workshop), 46th Eastern Economic Association Conference (Boston, MA), North Carolina State University (Raleigh, North Carolina)\* [canceled, COVID-19]

**2019:** 89th Southern Economic Association Meetings (Fort Lauderdale, FL), North American Summer Meetings of the Econometric Society (Seattle Washington), Association of Environmental and Resource Economists Summer Conference\* (Lake Tahoe, Nevada), Midwest Macroeconomic Spring Meetings (Athens, Georgia), St. Lawrence University (Canton, New York), University of Maryland Baltimore County (Baltimore, Maryland), University of Texas El Paso (El Paso, Texas), American Economic Association Meetings (Atlanta, Georgia)

**2018:** University of Mass Lowell (Lowell, Massachusetts), 88th Southern Economic Association Meetings (Washington, D.C.), 111th Annual National Tax Association Meetings\* (New Orleans, Louisiana), Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society\* (Guayaquil, Ecuador), Midwest Macroeconomic Fall Meetings (Nashville, Tennessee), Canadian Public Economics Group Meetings\* (Toronto, Ontario), University of Mississippi (Oxford, Mississippi), Tulane University (New Orleans, Louisiana), 52nd Annual Conference of the Canadian Economic Association\* (Montreal, Quebec), 24th International Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance (Milan, Italy), 11th Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop (Atlanta, Georgia)

**2017:** 87th Southern Economic Association Meetings (Tampa, Florida), Florida State University (Tallahassee, Florida), Arizona State University Alumni Conference\* (Tempe, Arizona), World Bank Seminar on Fiscal Equity\* (Asuncion, Paraguay), Tulane University (New Orleans, Louisiana), Carleton University (Ottawa, Ontario), 7th Bolivian Conference on Economic Development \* (La Paz, Bolivia)

**2016:** 86th Southern Economic Association Meetings (Washington D.C.), 21st Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Meetings (Medellin, Colombia), Midwest Macroeconomic Fall Meeting (Kansas

City, Missouri), Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Atlanta, Georgia), Midwest Macroeconomic Spring Meeting (West Lafayette, Indiana), University of Georgia (Athens, Georgia), International Monetary Fund (Washington D.C.)

**2015:** 85th Southern Economic Association Meetings (New Orleans, Louisiana), Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Atlanta, Georgia), 20th Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Meetings\* (Santa Cruze, Bolivia), 21st International Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance (Taipei, Taiwan)

**2014:** 8th Southeastern International/Development Economics Workshop (Atlanta, Georgia), 84th Southern Economic Association Meetings (Atlanta, Georgia), Arizona State University Alumni Conference\* (Tempe, Arizona), Bolivian Conference on Economic Development\* (Cochabamba, Bolivia), 20th International Conference on Computing in Economics and Finance (Oslo, Norway)

**2013:** Midwest Macroeconomic Fall Meetings\* (Minneapolis, Minnesota), 19th International Conference in Computing in Economics and Finance\* (Vancouver, Canada), Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, Washington), Western Oregon University (Monmouth, Oregon), Georgia State University (Atlanta, Georgia), Trinity College (Hartford, Connecticut)

**2012:** Florida State University (Tallahassee, Florida), Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Richmond, Virginia), Midwest Macroeconomic Spring Meeting (Notre Dame, Indiana),

**2011:** Florida State University (Tallahassee, Florida)

**2010:** Society of Nonlinear Dynamics and Econometrics (Navara, Italy)

## Grants, Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

1. US Department of Treasury through the City of El Paso: 2023-2026 (\$299,989; Co-PI Mayra Maldonado)
 

"One-Stop Shop Business Center: Data Analytics, Performance Metrics, and Economic Impact Analysis"
2. U.S. Department of State through Atlantic Council: 2022 (\$71,165; Co-PI Mayra Maldonado, Victor Manuel Manjarrez Jr.)
 

"Border Management Study, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement"
3. Texas Mutual Insurance: 2022 (\$10,000; Co-PI Mayra Maldonado)
 

"Strengthening the Early Childhood Education System"
4. Project Vida: 2021 (\$9,000; Co-PI Mayra Maldonado)
 

"Economic Impact Analysis of Project Vida in El Paso"
5. Department of Labor through Borderplex Alliance: 2021 (\$15,000; Co-PI Mayra Maldonado)
 

"Economic Impact of COVID-19 on the Counties of El Paso and Dona Ana"
6. Charles Koch Foundation, Communities Division: 2020 (\$56,000; Co-PI Doug Norton)
 

"Understanding the Relationship Between Notches, Poverty, and Dynamic Decision Making"

Design and conduct a lab-in-field experiment to study the relationship between tax policy and labor supply in El Paso

7. Piette Dissertation Award, Florida State University, 2012
8. Irvin and Peggy Sobel Award for Best Graduate Student, Florida State University, 2010
9. College of Social Sciences Graduate Fellowship, Florida State University, 2007
10. Undergraduate Achievement Award in Economics, University of Southern Mississippi, 2005

## Student Advising

### *Ph.D. Committee*

2021: Ernest Dorilas (GSU)

2019: Seyedmasood Dastan (GSU) and Alicia Plemmons (GSU)

2018: Faraz Farhidi (GSU)

### *MA Advisor (non-thesis paper)*

2018: Jeffrey Jarboe (GSU), Kun Cheng (GSU), Jarod Vautrot (GSU), and Divyanshi Loomba (GSU)

2017: Nicholas Kogan (GSU) and Jaeyong Yoo (GSU)

2016: Grace Mattingly (GSU)

### *MS Thesis Chair*

2021: Sokaina El Bekri (UTEP), Andy Ryle (UTEP), and Jakia Sultana (UTEP)

2020: Karla Lujan Villa (UTEP)

### *MS Thesis Committee*

2019: Felipe Mejia (UTEP)

## Service to University

Title IX Advisor (UTEP): 2020 - Current

## Service to College

MBA Policy Committee: August 2021 - Current

Research Resource Committee: August 2021 - Current

Graduate Curriculum Committee: August 2021 - Current

## Service to Department

MS Econ Coordinator: 2019 - Current

E&F Graduate Curriculum Committee: August 2021 - Current

E&F Faculty Development Committee: August 2021 - Current

E&F Promotion and Tenure Committee: August 2021 - Current

Faculty Co-Advisor for Omicron Delta Epsilon Honors Society: 2019 - August 2021

Department Chair Search Committee: 2019

## Past Service

Shadow Teaching Mentor: Camila Morales Leon (GSU), Carycruz Bueno (GSU), Seiyoun Kim (GSU)

Graduate Program Committee (GSU): 2018 - 2019

Macro Policy Committee (GSU): 2013 - 2019

Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Economics Club: Fall 2014 - 2019

Andrew Young School Scholarship Committee (GSU): Fall 2015 - 2019

Faculty Judge RE2P Research Competition (GSU): Fall 2013, Fall 2015

## Professional Activities

**Associate Editor:** Journal of Economics and Finance (Dec. 2022 - Present)

**Referee:** American Journal of Economics and Sociology; Contemporary Economic Policy; Computational Economics; Economics Bulletin; Economic Inquiry; Economic Modeling; Environmental and Resource Economics; International Economic Review; International Social Science Journal, Journal of Economics and Finance; Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Journal of Economic Insights; Journal of Transport Economics; Journal of Macroeconomics; Macroeconomic Dynamics; Public Finance Review; Social Science Quarterly.

**Program Committee:** Southeastern International and Development Economics Workshop, 2019 - present; Latin American Meetings of the Econometric Society, 2016.

**Session Chair:** American Economic Association Annual Meetings, 2019; Midwest Macroeconomic Meetings, 2012 and 2016; Southern Economic Association Meetings, 2014-2018, 2021.

**Discussant:** Southern Economic Association Meetings, 2014-2017, 2021; 10th Southeastern International and Development Economics Workshop, 2017 and 2019.

## Professional Associations

American Economic Association, Econometric Society, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Southern Economic Association

# Computer Skill

Matlab, R, and Stata

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