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Education

University College London, UK, Ph.D. in Economics, 2006
University College London, UK, MSc. in Economics, 2001
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico. B.A. in Economics, 2000

Research and Professional Experience

USC, Sol Price School of Public Policy, Assistant Professor	January 2014-current
RAND, Senior Economist	June 2013-December 2013
RAND, Economist	May 2009-May 2013
RAND, Director Center for Latin American Social Policy	April 2008- December 2013
RAND, Associate Economist	October 2006-April 2009
University of Michigan, Affiliated Researcher, MRRC	September 2007-current

Teaching Experience

2014-present	Graduate Multivariate Statistical Analysis, Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC.
2016-present	Undergraduate Statistics for Policy, Planning, and Development, Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC.

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals

Aguila, Emma, Arie Kapteyn, and Caroline Tassot. 2017. "Designing Cash Transfer Programs for an Older Population: The Mexican Case." *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing* 9 (June): 111–21. doi:10.1016/j.jeoa.2016.09.001.

Aguila, Emma, and Alma Vega. 2017. "Social Security Contributions and Return Migration Among Older Male Mexican Immigrants." *The Gerontologist* 57 (3): 563–74. doi:10.1093/geront/gnw140.

Aguila, Emma, Arie Kapteyn, and Francisco Perez-Arce. 2017. "Consumption Smoothing and Frequency of Benefit Payments of Cash Transfer Programs". *American Economic Review*, 107(5): 430-435. DOI: 10.1257/aer.p20171147

Vega, Alma, and **Emma Aguila**. 2017. "Foreign Retirement Income among New Older Immigrants in the United States." *International Migration*, February. doi:10.1111/imig.12325.

Blanco, Luisa R., **Emma Aguila**, Arturo Gongora, and O. Kenrik Duru. 2016. "Retirement Planning Among Hispanics: In God's Hands?" *Journal of Aging & Social Policy*, December, 1–21. doi:10.1080/08959420.2016.1272161.

Aguila, Emma, Marco Angrisani, and Luisa R. Blanco. 2016. "Ownership of a Bank Account and Health of Older Hispanics." *Economics Letters* 144 (July): 41–44.

Aguila, Emma, Nelly Mejia, Francisco Perez-Arce, Edgar Ramirez, and Alfonso Rivera Illingworth. 2016. "Costs of Extending the Noncontributory Pension Program for Elderly: The Mexican Case." *Journal of Aging & Social Policy* 28 (4): 325–43.

Aguila, Emma, Beverly A. Weidmer, Alfonso Rivera Illingworth, and Homero Martinez. 2016. "Culturally Competent Informed-Consent Process to Evaluate a Social Policy for Older Persons With Low Literacy: The Mexican Case." *SAGE Open* 6 (3): 1-11.

Aguila, Emma, Erick G. Guerrero, and William A. Vega. 2016. "Sociodemographic Characteristics Associated with Alcohol Use among Low-Income Mexican Older Adults." *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy* 11 (1): 11-16.

Aguila, Emma, Arie Kapteyn, and James P. Smith. 2015. "Effects of Income Supplementation on Health of the Poor Elderly: The Case of Mexico." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 112 (1): 70–75.

Aguila, Emma. 2014. "Male Labor Force Participation and Social Security in Mexico." *Journal of Pension Economics and Finance* 13 (2): 145–71.

Aguila, Emma, Jose Escarce, Mei Leng, and Leo Morales. 2013. "Health Status and Behavioral Risk Factors in Older Adult Mexicans and Mexican Immigrants to the United States." *Journal of Aging and Health* 25 (1): 136–58.

Aguila, Emma. 2011. "Personal Retirement Accounts and Saving." *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 3 (4): 1–24.

Aguila, Emma, Orazio Attanasio, and Costas Meghir. 2011. "Changes in Consumption at Retirement: Evidence from Panel Data." *Review of Economics and Statistics* 93 (3): 1094–99.

Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals (non-indexed)

Aguila, Emma, Nelly Mejía, Francisco Pérez, Alfonso Rivera, and Edgar Ramírez. 2015. "Pobreza Y Vulnerabilidad En México: El Caso De Los Jóvenes Que No Estudian Ni Trabajan." *Estudios Económicos* 30 (1): 3–49.

Aguila, Emma, Michael D. Hurd, and Susann Rohwedder. 2014. "How Do Management Fees Affect Retirement Wealth under Mexico's Personal Retirement Accounts System?: Mexico's Personal Retirement Accounts System." *Latin American Policy* 5 (2): 331–50.

Aguila, Emma, and Julie Zissimopoulos. 2013. "Retirement and Health Benefits for Mexican Migrant Workers Returning from the United States: Retirement and Health Benefits for Mexican Migrant Workers Returning from the United States." *International Social Security Review* 66 (2): 101–25.

Book Chapters

Aguila Emma, Raquel Fonseca, and Alma Vega. 2015. "Self-employment, Health Insurance, and Return Migration of Middle-Aged and Elderly Mexican Males." In W. A. Vega, K. S. Markides, J. L. Angel, and F. M. Torres-Gil (Eds.), *Challenges of Latino Aging in the Americas* (pp. 103-120). New York, NY: Springer Science.

Aguila, Emma, Claudia Diaz, Mary Manqing Fu, Arie Kapteyn and Ashley Pierson. 2012. "Envejecer en México: Condiciones de Vida y Salud." In Luis Miguel Gutiérrez Robledo and David Kershenobich Stalnikowitz, eds., *Envejecimiento y Salud: Una Propuesta para un Plan de Acción*. Toluca, Mexico: *National Academy of Medicine of Mexico*, pp. 303-319.

RAND Monographs and Technical Reports (Peer reviewed)

Aguila, Emma, Maria Dolores Cervera, Homero Martinez, and Beverly Weidmer. 2015. *Developing and Testing Informed-Consent Methods in a Study of the Elderly in Mexico*. RAND Corporation, Technical Report, TR-1288-8.

Aguila, Emma, Arie Kapteyn, Nelly Mejia, Rosalba Robles, Oscar Vargas, and Beverly Weidmer. 2014. *Geographic Targeting in Urban Areas: A Social Welfare Program for Older Persons in Mexico*. RAND Corporation, Technical Report, TR-1288-5.

Aguila, Emma, Abril Borges, Ashley Pierson, Rosalba Robles, Jose Eduardo del Torno, and Beverly Weidmer. 2014. *Distributing Non-contributory Pension Benefits by Debit Card in Mexico: A Pilot Test*. RAND Corporation, Technical Report, TR-1288-7.

Aguila, Emma, Abril Borges, Cielo Margot Castillejos, Ashley Pierson and Beverly Weidmer. 2014. *Mortality Expectations of Older Mexicans: Development and Testing of Survey Measures*. RAND Corporation, Technical Report, TR-1288-6.

Aguila, Emma, Arie Kapteyn, Rosalba Robles, Oscar Vargas and Beverly Weidmer. 2014. *A Non-contributory Pension Program for Older Persons in Yucatan, Mexico: Implementing and Designing the Evaluation the Program in Valladolid*. RAND Corporation, Technical Report, English version TR-1288-1 and Spanish version TR-1288-3.

Aguila, Emma, Abril Borges, Arie Kapteyn, Rosalba Robles and Beverly Weidmer, 2014. A Non-contributory Pension Program for Older Persons in Yucatan, Mexico: Implementing and Designing the Evaluation the Program in Mérida. RAND Corporation, Technical Report, English version TR-1288-2 and Spanish version TR-1288-4.

Aguila, Emma, Alisher Akhmedjonov, Ricardo Basurto-Davila, Krishna B. Kumar, Sarah Kups and Howard J. Shatz. 2012. United States and Mexico: Ties that Bind, Issues that Divide. Santa Monica, California: RAND Corporation, MG-985-1.

Aguila, Emma, Claudia Diaz, Mary Manqing Fu, Arie Kapteyn and Ashley Pierson. 2011. Living Longer in Mexico: Income Security and Health. Santa Monica, California: RAND Corporation. English version MG-1179 and Spanish version MG-1179-z3.

Policy Articles

Aguila, Emma. April 2014. "Support of the Elderly Population in Mexico." *Boao Review*.

Aguila, Emma and John Godges. 2014. "Heavy Lift." *Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs*.

Aguila, Emma and John Godges. Fall 2013. "Heavy Lift: Truly Comprehensive Immigration Reform Would Span the Migrant Labor Lifecycle." *RAND Review* 37 (2).

Aguila, Emma, Claudia Diaz, Mary Manqing Fu, Arie Kapteyn and Ashley Pierson. 2012. Living Longer in Mexico: Income Security and Health. *RAND Health Quarterly*, 1 (4), 1.

Aguila, Emma and Arie Kapteyn. Spring 2012. A Chance of a Generation: In an Aging Mexico, a Moment of Opportunity to Boost Social Security. *RAND Review* 36 (1).

Fellowships and Awards

Faculty High Impact Research Award, Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC	2016
Diversity Initiative for Tenure in Economics (DITE), NSF	2016
Gold Merit Award, RAND	2008
First Prize of the Inter-American Award for Research on Social Security 2007	2008
First Prize of the Award on Pensions 2005, CONSAR, AMAFORE, Mexico.	2005

Funded Research

5P30AG017265-17 **Aguila (PI)** 08/01/16-06/30/17
Pilot Project, Center for Biodemography and Population Health, USC and UCLA
In this study, we evaluate the impact of a noncontributory pension program on the biomarkers glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA1c) and inflammation (CRP).

USC_11/19/15 **Aguila (PI)** 01/01/16-12/31/16
Bedrosian Center, Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC
In this study, we test implementation designs of a non-contributory social security program for the older population and provide best practices to create equity of access of social security benefits for marginalized elderly in developing countries.

R01 R01AG035008 Kapteyn, **Aguila** (Co-PIs) 08/01/10-07/31/17
National Institute on Aging
Experimental Design of a Social Security System
The project will design, implement, and evaluate a Social Security program in the state of Yucatan, Mexico with a randomized controlled trial methodology.

Grants and Contracts Completed

USC_5/22/15 **Aguila (PI)** 5/15/15-6/30/16
Lusk Center for Real State, Marshall School of Business and Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC
The Effect of Income Programs on Housing Choices and Living Arrangements in Old Age
In this study, we analyzed the effects of additional income on living arrangements and housing choices of the older low-income population, using data of a randomized controlled trial (RCT) conducted in Yucatan, Mexico.

P01 P01AG022481 Kapteyn, **Aguila** (Co-PIs) 07/1/10-2/01/16
National Institute on Aging
International Comparisons of Well-Being, Health, and Retirement: Experimental Design of a Social Security System
This research project analyzed the effects on health, health care utilization, financial and in-kind transfers, and consumption smoothing of a randomized controlled trial for an income supplement implemented in Yucatan, Mexico.

IADB_8/22/13 **Aguila (PI)** 8/22/13-11/17/15
Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the Government of Paraguay
Encuesta Longitudinal de Protección Social (ELPS) in Paraguay
This project advised the government of Paraguay and the IADB on the design and implementation of the Longitudinal Social Protection Survey (EPS) to be representative at the national level.

IADB_8/21/13 **Aguila (PI)** 5/10/13-04/21/15
Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)
Encuesta Longitudinal de Protección Social (ELPS) in Ecuador
This project designed and implemented the Social Protection Longitudinal Survey (Encuesta Longitudinal de Protección Social, or ELPS) in Ecuador.

UAH_8-01-12 **Aguila (PI)** 08/01/12-12/31/13
Chilean Ministry of Labor/Social Observatory (OSUAH) of the University Alberto Hurtado

Data Collection of the Fifth wave of the Chilean Social Protection Survey

This project provided advice to the Social Protection Survey (EPS) in Chile on imputation methods for income and assets, weighting data, and the quality of data collected.

C230_8/15/12 **Aguila (PI)** 8/15/12-12/31/12

Mexican Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL)

Youth Poverty and Sustainability of a Supplemental Income Program in Mexico

This project analyzed: 1. Poverty and work in the informal sector and 2. Financial sustainability of a non-contributory supplemental income program for older population.

P30 YR 16 OF 20 **Aguila (PI)** 02/1/10-2/01/11

Seed Grant RAND Center for the Study of Aging, National Institute on Aging

Assessing and Designing an Anemia Intervention for the Elderly

We analyzed the effects of a non-contributory social security program on the prevalence of anemia of older population.

R21AG033312 **Kapteyn, Aguila (Co-PIs)** 10/29/08-01/31/11

National Institute of Aging

Design and Evaluation of a Social Security Program for the Oldest Old

This project provided advice on the optimal design of the new social security program and evaluated its effects on the health and well-being of the elderly recipients.

State of Yucatan 5-20-2008 **Aguila (PI)** 5/20/08-6/30/12

Government of the State of Yucatan, Mexico

Design of Non-contributory Pension Program in the State of Yucatan, Mexico

This project designed and built the government programs required to operate a non-contributory pension program in the State of Yucatan, Mexico for the older population.

R24HD050906 **Aguila (PI)** 7/27/05 - 5/31/10

Seed Grant RAND Population Center, National Institute of Child Health & Development

Evolution of the Composition of Return Migrants US-Mexico

This study analyzed the change in the composition and selection of the flow of return migrants US-Mexico from 1993 to 2004 using EMIF, a cross-border survey that provides detailed labor characteristics.

AARP-Fox Center **Aguila (PI)** 11/1/08-12/08/10

Aging and Well Being in Mexico and Latin America

This study provided an understanding of what affects material well-being for persons 50 years old or over in Mexico and suggested actions in terms of social security coverage, supply of health insurance, and savings and pension products, among others.

UM08-16 **Aguila, Hurd and Rohwedder (CoPIs)** 9/30/07-9/29/08

Michigan Retirement Center (MMRC), Social Security Administration

The Effect of Personal Retirement Accounts on Preparation for Retirement

We studied the effect of the Mexican pension reform, which introduced personal retirement accounts (PRAs) in 1997. We used social security administrative records and survey data to

understand how recipients fared overall, studied the distributional impact of the reform, and conducted sensitivity analyses with respect to rates of return and fund fees.

UM08-14 **Aguila, Zissimopoulos (Co-PIs)** 9/29/07-9/29/08
Michigan Retirement Center (MRRC), Social Security Administration
Labor Market Dynamics of Middle-aged and Elderly Mexicans
This project examined labor market transitions of middle-aged and elderly Mexicans using a unique source of information, the Mexican Health and Aging Study (MHAS).

5-34425 **Aguila(PI)** 1/01/07 – 8/31/07
National Institute on Aging (Subcontract University of Pennsylvania)
Merging the Mexican Health and Aging Study with Social Security Administrative Records
This project defined an algorithm to merge the Mexican Health and Aging Study (MHAS) and the social security administrative records to provide high-quality data. We finished negotiations with Mexican officials to implement the merge of both data sets.

5 P30 AG012815 -13 **Aguila (PI)** 8/01/06 –6/30/08
Seed Grant RAND Center for the Study of Aging, National Institute on Aging
Wealth and Sources of Income during Retirement in Mexico: Evidence of the MHAS and Social Security Administrative Records
The major goals of this project were to link the Mexican Health and Aging Study (MHAS) with the Mexican social security administrative records and exploit the richness of the data set to analyze wealth and sources of income during retirement.

1557GJC242 **Aguila (PI)** 9/29/07-6/30/07
RCMAR Center CHIME UCLA, National Institute on Aging
Immigrant Selection on Health Behaviors and Chronic Diseases as an Explanation for the Hispanic Health Advantage: Evidence from Older Mexicans in the United States and Mexico
The aim of this study was to examine selective migration in and out of the U.S. as potential explanations for the Hispanic health paradox. It used data collected from older Mexicans living in the U.S. and in Mexico.

Conference Presentations and Invited Seminars

Conference Presentations

2017 American Economic Association Annual Meeting 2017, Chicago, Illinois, January 2017. Emma Aguila, Arie Kapteyn, and Francisco Pere-Arce; Carlos Riumallo-Herl and Emma Aguila; Luisa Blanco, Marco Angrisani, and Emma Aguila.

2016 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference, Washington, DC, March 2016. Emma Aguila, Arie Kapteyn, Francisco Perez Arce; Emma Aguila and Mariana Lopez-Ortega; Sean Angst, Emma Aguila, and Mariana Lopez-Ortega; Alma Vega and Emma Aguila; Emma Aguila and Alma Vega; Nelly Mejia and Emma Aguila.

Gerontological Society of America (GSA) Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, November, 2016. Emma Aguila, Mariana Lopez-Ortega, and Luis Miguel

- Gutierrez Robledo.
- 2015 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Conference, Miami, Florida, November 2015 Emma Aguila, Arie Kapteyn, Francisco Perez Arce; Soledad De Gregorio, Emma Aguila, and Alfonso Rivera; Nelly Mejia and Emma Aguila.
- Retirement Research Consortium (RRC), Washington, DC, August 2015. Emma Aguila and Alma Vega
- Conference Strengthening the Scientific Foundation for Policymaking to Meet the Challenges of Aging in Latin America and the Caribbean, Mexico City, U.S. National Academy of Sciences, NIA, National Academy of Medicine of Mexico, Institute of Geriatrics, University of Texas, University of Michigan, and IADB, May 2015. Emma Aguila, Arie Kapteyn, and James P. Smith.
- 2013 Conference Challenges of the Pension System and Matching Contributions, Colombian Ministry of Labor and IADB, Bogota, Colombia, December 2013. Emma Aguila.
- Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Annual Meeting 2013, LACEA LAMES-2013, Mexico City, Mexico, November 2013. Emma Aguila.
- Conference on Aging in the Americas, University of Texas, Austin, Texas, September 2013. Emma Aguila.
- Inaugural Spring Symposium UCLA Blum Center on Poverty and Health in Latin America, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, May 2013. Emma Aguila.
- Annual Conference on Social Protection, World Bank, Washington DC, April 2013. Emma Aguila.
- 2012 Conference to present "Envejecer en México: Condiciones de Vida y Salud", Leon Guanajuato, México, February 2012. Emma Aguila, Claudia Diaz, Mary Manqing Fu, Arie Kapteyn, and Ashley Pierson.
- 2011 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association Annual Meeting 2011, LACEA LAMES-2011, Santiago, Chile, November 2011. Emma Aguila.
- Conference Healthcare and Socio-Economic Development in Latin America, Santiago, Chile, November 2011. Emma Aguila.
- Presentation: "Living Longer in Mexico: Income Security and Health", Washington, D.C., October 2011. Claudia Diaz, Mary Manqing Fu, Arie Kapteyn, and Ashley Pierson.
- Mind the Gap: From Evidence to Policy Impact, Cuernavaca, Mexico, June 2011. Emma Aguila Arie Kapteyn, and Rosalba Robles.
- Royal Economic Society Annual Conference 2011, London, UK, April 2011. Emma Aguila, Arie Kapteyn, Rosalba Robles, and Beverly Weidmer.
- American Economic Association Annual Meeting 2011, Denver, Colorado, January 2011. Emma Aguila and Arie Kapteyn.
- 2010 Econometric Society World Congress 2010, Shanghai, China, August 2010. Emma

- Aguila, Orazio Attanasio, and Costas Meghir.
American Economic Association Annual Meeting 2010, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2010. Emma Aguila, Orazio Attanasio, and Costas Meghir.
- 2007 Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists, Chicago, Illinois, May 2007. Emma Aguila.
- 2006 III Fórum Nacional de Seguro de Vida e Previdência e Previdencia Privada, São Paulo, Brazil, August 2006. Emma Aguila.
- 2005 XXX Annual Meeting of the Spanish Economic Association, Murcia, Spain, December 2005.
7th RTN Workshop on Economics of Ageing, Venice International University, Venice, Italy, October 2005. Emma Aguila.
The Final Conference of the RTN Project on Financing Retirement in Europe: Public Sector Reform and Financial Market Development, London School of Economics, London, UK, September 2005. Emma Aguila.
The 2nd Leicester PhD Conference in Economics, University of Leicester, Leicester, UK, May 2005. Emma Aguila.
Royal Economic Society Annual Conference 2005, The University of Nottingham, Nottingham, UK, March 2005. Emma Aguila.
ENTER Jamboree 2005, ECARES, Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Brussels, Belgium, January 2005. Emma Aguila.
- 2004 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) Annual Meeting 2004, San José, Costa Rica, November 2004. Emma Aguila.
ENTER Jamboree 2004, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain, January 2004. Emma Aguila.

Invited Seminars

- 2017 Multidisciplinary Research Colloquium Series Spring 2017, School of Gerontology, USC, Los Angeles, California, January 2017. DITE Winter Meeting, Department of Economics, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, February 2017. Adult Mortality Determinants in Low and Middle-Income Countries Workshop, Center on the Economics and Demography of Aging (CEDA), University of Berkeley, Berkeley, California, February 2017.
- 2016 Development Seminar, Economics Department, USC, Los Angeles, California, February 2016. DITE Summer Workshop, East Lansing, Michigan, July 2016. Research Seminar, Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC, Los Angeles, California, October 2016. USC Lusk Center for Real State Research Seminar Series, Los Angeles, California, November, 2016. Universite du Quebec a Montreal (UQAM) Research Seminar, Economics Department, Montreal, Canada, December, 2016.
- 2015 Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop, Ann Arbor, Michigan, April 2015; Seminar USC-CESR, June 2015; RAND, Santa Monica, California, July 2015; NBER Summer Institute, Boston, Massachusetts, July 2015; Research Seminar, Sol

- Price School of Public Policy, USC, Los Angeles, California, October 2015;
- 2014 Research Seminar, Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC, Los Angeles, California, February 2014. Seminar, Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC, Los Angeles, California, November 2014.
- 2013 Seminar at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, Los Angeles, California, March 2013. Seminar at the USC School of Social Work, Los Angeles, California, January 2013.
- 2012 Binational Seminar at the School of Social Work, University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, California, April 2012. Seminar, RAND, International Comparisons of Well-Being, Health and Retirement Meeting, Los Angeles, July 2012.
- 2011 Seminar at the Population Studies Center (PSC) at the Institute for Social Research (ISR), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Mexican Health and Aging Study, MHAS-II Workshop, Mexico City, Mexico. RAND Annual Board Meeting 2011, Santa Monica, California, November 2011. Seminar at The Pensions Supervisor (Superintendencia de Pensiones), Government of Chile, Santiago, Chile.
- 2010 RAND Labor and Population, Santa Monica, California; NBER Summer Institute, Boston, Massachusetts; USC Development Seminar, Los Angeles, California.
- 2009 MRRC Research Workshop, Institute for Social Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan; World Bank Social Protection Seminar, Washington DC; Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)
- 2009 Annual Investigators Meeting, University of Alabama, Birmingham, Alabama. CARSO Health Institute Seminar, Mexico City, Mexico. Seminar Government of the State of Yucatan, Merida, Mexico. RAND Seminar Labor and Population, Santa Monica, California. Mexican Census Bureau Seminar, INEGI, Aguascalientes, Mexico.
- 2008 UCLA-CHIME Workshop, Los Angeles; MRRC Research Workshop, Institute for Social Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2007 MRRC Research Workshop, Institute for Social Research, Ann Arbor, Michigan; UCLA-CHIME Workshop, Los Angeles.
- 2006 Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington DC; School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona; Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco, California; RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California; Department of Economics, Queen Mary University of London, London, UK; Department of Economics, Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm, Sweden; UFAE, Universitat Aut3noma de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain; Nuffield College, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK; Abt Associates, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2005 Mexican Central Bank Seminar, Mexico City, Mexico; Department of Economics, University College London, London, UK.
- 2003 Private Pensions Seminar, Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), London, UK; PhD Transfer Seminar, University College London, London, UK.
- 2002 Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS), Mexico City, Mexico.

Conference Organizer

Workshop on Linking Administrative Records to Survey Data of the Longitudinal Social Protection Survey (ELPS), Mexico City, May 2013, sponsor: Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). Emma Aguila, Orla Hayden, David Kaplan, Rodger Madison, Alfonso Rivera and Beverly Weidmer.

Conference Age and Ageing: Just the Concern of the Old? December 2005, London, UK, sponsors: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), Age Concern and Goodenough College.

Conference States Pension Systems in Mexico, June 1998, Mexico City, Mexico, sponsor: The World Bank.

Conference Nine Challenges of the Pension Reforms, December 1997, Oaxaca, Mexico, sponsors: Mexican Ministry of Finance and The World Bank.

Student Committee Service

Dissertation Chair, Ph.D. in Public Policy and Management, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy, Zeewan Lee (current) and Hankyung Jun (current); Ph.D. in Policy Analysis, RAND Graduate School, Nelly Mejia (2016) and Gabriela Armenta (current).

Dissertation Committee Member, Ph.D. in Economics, Economics Department, USC, Ashish Sachdeva; Ph.D. in Policy Analysis, RAND Graduate School, Sarah Kups (2014), Jeffery C. Tanner (2012), Claudia Diaz (2012), and Ricardo Basurto (2009).

Referee Service

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics
American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics
Journal of Development Economics
Journal of Public Economics
Journal of Policy Analysis and Management
Economic Letters
Economic Development and Cultural Change
Review of Income and Wealth
Contemporary Economic Policy
Journal of Economic Inequality
Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics
Fiscal Studies
National Tax Journal
3ie International Initiative for Impact Evaluation

Journal of the Economics of Ageing
Journal of Population Economics
The Journals of Gerontology: Series b
Journal Aging and Health
Journal Ageing and Society
Latin American Research Review
Journal of Economic Surveys
Salud Pública de México
Estudios Económicos, Colmex
Well-being and Social Policy
El Trimestre Económico
Economía Mexicana
Inter-American Award for Research
on Social Security

University and External Service

Member PhD, MHA, MPP, and Research Committees, Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC.

Advisor of the Mexican Health and Aging Study (MHAS), and the Latin American Social Protection Survey (ELPS)

Professional Affiliations

American Economic Association (AEA), The Econometric Society, The Royal Economic Society (RES), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Population Association of America (PAA), The American Society of Hispanic Economists (ASHE), National Economic Association (NEA), American Society of Health Economists (ASHEcon), Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA).