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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, University of California at Berkeley, September 2004

Fields: Labor Economics and Industrial Organization (Completion September 2004)
Dissertation Committee: David Card (Chair), Ann Harrison, David Lee

B.A., Economics, Center for the Research and Teaching of Economics (CIDE,MEXICO) 1998

Graduated with Honors

EMPLOYMENT

March 2012 -

Lead Social Protection Specialist, Social Protection and Health Division, Interamerican Development Bank (IDB)

Tasks: Senior Staff responsible for design and implementation of Social Protection and Health projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. I am responsible of the research and evaluation agenda of major social programs in the region, including Social Protection projects in Peru, Honduras, Nicaragua, Argentina and Brazil. I also provide advice on program logic and evaluation to several projects in the division, both is social protection and health. I am also active in the production of economic and sector work in the division, and will focus on issues related to behavioral economics and incentives as instruments to improve development outcomes, as well as on policy challenges for social protection beyond conditional cash transfers.

January 2009-February 2012

Lead Evaluation Economist, Office of Strategic Planning and Development Effectiveness, Interamerican Development Bank (IDB)

Tasks: Senior Staff at the Knowledge Generation and Impact Evaluation program at SPD/SDV. I am responsible to advice team leaders from IDB operations on evaluation design, and to conduct research and evaluation on strategic areas of the IDB's involvement in the region. I have provided advice and taken responsibility for the design and implementation of impact evaluation in areas of labor markets, health, social protection, citizen security and education. Some key evaluations I work on are on maternal and neonatal health in Central America and One Laptop per Child in Peru. I am also responsible for training and dissemination efforts within the IDB in topics of evaluation and development effectiveness. I coordinate and lead evaluation courses with technical counterparts as well as government officials. I was a substantial author of the IDB's 2008-2009 Development Effectiveness Overview 2008-2009 and I lead the team of the 2010 Development Effectiveness Overview. I am advisor on Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation to the Mesoamerica Health Initiative, a public-private partnership between the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Carlos Slim Foundation, the Government of Spain and the IDB to improve the health status of the poorest quintile in Mesoamerica through innovative delivery based on Results Based Financing of interventions of proven efficacy.

May 2005 – December 2008

Evaluation Economist, Oversight and Evaluation Office (OVE), Interamerican Development Bank (IDB)

Tasks: Participate in Country Program Evaluations (team leader for Barbados and for Haiti, team member for Mexico), Strategies and Sector Evaluations, as well as other evaluation and oversight activities of the Office of Evaluation and Oversight. I was the team leader for the ex-post thematic evaluation of labor market interventions of the IDB, which involved eight individual evaluations in LAC countries and a thematic evaluation (2005/2006). I also led the team for the ex-post evaluation on Plant and Animal Health projects financed by the IDB (2007/2008). I was member of the ex-post evaluation team for Social Investment Funds responsible for the evaluations in Guatemala and Haiti (2006/2007), and coordinator of the ex-post evaluation program at OVE (2007-2008). I advised the operations department of the IDB for the evaluation of labor market programs in Mexico and Panama, and for the design of a labor market program in the Dominican Republic.

July 2004 – May 2005

Research Fellow, Oversight and Evaluation Office (OVE), Interamerican Development Bank (IDB)

Tasks: Participate in Country Program Evaluations, Strategies and Sector Evaluations, as well as other evaluation and oversight activities of the Office of Evaluation and Oversight. Collect data and conduct econometric analysis in support of evaluation efforts.

May - August 2003

McKinsey & Company, Inc. Summer Associate (Mexico City)

Tasks: Collaboration in projects related to pricing, the probabilistic modeling of an investment portfolio and in a proposal for the evaluation and redesign of public programs for rural development.

Fall 2001 – Spring 2004

Research Assistant for Prof. Kenneth Chay, Department of Economics and Institute of Business and Economic Research, UC Berkeley.

Tasks: I worked in a project to evaluate the environmental impact of the different regulatory schemes that have been used in the electricity industry in the U.S. in the past thirty years. I used plant level production and emissions data, combined with county information on pollution and regulatory status to analyze the effects of command and control versus market-oriented regulation. Review of the literature on the socio-demographic distributional effects of environmental policies, and on the research on environmental justice.

Fall 2002

Research Assistant for Prof. Harley Shaiken, Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), UC Berkeley

Tasks: Collaboration in a project on the impact of NAFTA in Mexico. Particularly, I participated in the collection of data and analysis regarding productivity and wages in the manufacturing industries and in the maquiladora sector. I also worked on an overview of the evolution of poverty and inequality in the 1990s.

Fall 2001

Consultant, Interamerican Development Bank (IT/INT)

Tasks: Wrote a report of NAFTA and wages. The report reviews the existing literature on the impact of trade on wages for developing and developed countries, as well as studies on the first wave of trade liberalization in Mexico. I did some original empirical analysis and identified areas and strategies in which further empirical work was required.

Summer 2001

Research Assistant for Prof. David Card, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley

Tasks: Evaluation of the July 1991 Medicaid Expansion that increased the coverage to all children under 18 born after September 30, 1983 that live in poor households. Worked using the Health Insurance Supplement of the National Health Interview Survey in order to analyze the impact of the expansion on Medicaid, private and total coverage using the regression discontinuity design.

Spring 2001, Summer 2000

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UC Berkeley. Economics 1.

January 1998 – July 1999

Advisor for the Undersecretary of Budget Planning, Ministry of Finance.

Tasks: Worked in projects for the evaluation and design of public policies. Specifically, worked on the design of the highway system for the south east, population dispersion and provision of public goods, the health system in Mexico and the nature of poverty in Mexico. Also, I was in charge of a detailed analysis of urban labor markets between 1987 and 1998, a project which involve heavy use of databases. I worked with the core databases available to analyze the Mexican Labor Market, such as the Encuesta Nacional de Empleo (ENE, National Employment Survey) and the Encuesta Nacional de Empleo Urbano (ENEU, National Urban Employment Survey).

RESEARCH and PAPERS:

1. Bet, German, Cristia, Julián P. & Ibararán, Pablo, 2014. "**Effects of Shared School Technology Access on Students Digital Skills in Peru**," [IZA Discussion Papers](#) 7954, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).
2. Ibararán, Pablo & Ripani, Laura & Taboada, Bibiana & Villa, Juan Miguel & García, Brígida, 2012. "**Life Skills, Employability and Training for Disadvantaged Youth: Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation Design**," [IZA Discussion Papers](#) 6617, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).
3. Cristia, Julián P. & Ibararán, Pablo & Cueto, Santiago & Santiago, Ana & Severín, Eugenio, 2012. "**Technology and Child Development: Evidence from the One Laptop per Child Program**," [IZA Discussion Papers](#) 6401, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).

4. Card, David & Ibararán, Pablo & Villa, Juan Miguel, 2011. "[Building in an Evaluation Component for Active Labor Market Programs: A Practitioner's Guide](#)," [IZA Discussion Papers](#) 6085, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).
5. Emma Näslund-Hadley & Marcelo Cabrol & Pablo Ibararán, 2009. "[Beyond Chalk and Talk: Experimental Math and Science Education in Argentina](#)," [IDB Publications](#) 8333, Inter-American Development Bank.
6. Emma Näslund-Hadley & Scott Kipp & Jessica Cruz & Pablo Ibararán & Gita Steiner-Khamsi, 2009. "[OLPC Pre-Pilot Evaluation Report \(Haiti\)](#)," [IDB Publications](#) 23758, Inter-American Development Bank.
7. Veronica González & Pablo Ibararán & Alessandro Maffioli & Sandra Rozo, 2009. "[The Impact of Technology Adoption on Agricultural Productivity: The Case of the Dominican Republic](#)," [OVE Working Papers](#) 0509, Inter-American Development Bank, Office of Evaluation and Oversight (OVE).
8. Fuentes, Miguel & Ibararán, Pablo, 2009. "[Firm Dynamics and Real Exchange Rate Fluctuations: Does Trade Openness Matter? Evidence from Mexico's Manufacturing Sector](#)," [IZA Discussion Papers](#) 4494, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).
9. Ibararán, Pablo & Maffioli, Alessandro & Stucchi, Rodolfo, 2009. "[SME Policy and Firms' Productivity in Latin America](#)," [IZA Discussion Papers](#) 4486, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).
10. Pablo Ibararán & Miguel Sarzosa & Yuri Suarez Dillon Soares, 2008. "[The Welfare Impacts of Local Investment Projects: Evidence from the Guatemala FIS](#)," [OVE Working Papers](#) 0208, Inter-American Development Bank, Office of Evaluation and Oversight (OVE).
11. David Card & Pablo Ibararán & Ferdinando Regalia & David Rosas & Yuri Soares, 2007. "[The Labor Market Impacts of Youth Training in the Dominican Republic: Evidence from a Randomized Evaluation](#)," [NBER Working Papers](#) 12883, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
12. Pablo Ibararán & Darren Lubotsky, 2005. "[Mexican Immigration and Self-Selection: New Evidence from the 2000 Mexican Census](#)," [NBER Working Papers](#) 11456, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.

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Articles

1. Pablo Ibararán & David Rosas Shady, 2009. "[Evaluating the impact of job training programmes in Latin America: evidence from IDB funded operations](#)," [Journal of Development Effectiveness](#), Taylor & Francis Journals, vol. 1(2), pages 195-216.
2. David Card, Pablo Ibararán, Ferdinando Regalia, David Rosas-Shady, and Yuri Soares, 2011, "The Labor Market Impacts of Youth Training in the Dominican Republic" *Journal of Labor Economics* Vol. 29, No. 2 (April 2011), pp. 267-300
3. Miguel Fuentes & Pablo Ibararán, "Firm Dynamics And Real Exchange Rate Fluctuations: Does Trade Openness Matter? Evidence From Mexico's Manufacturing Sector", *The Journal of International Trade and Economic Development*, April 2012, 21(3), pp. 409-469.

Chapters

1. Pablo Ibarra & Darren Lubotsky, 2007. "[Mexican Immigration and Self-Selection: New Evidence from the 2000 Mexican Census](#)," [NBER Chapters](#), in: Mexican Immigration to the United States, pages 159-192 National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.
 - o Pablo Ibarra & Darren Lubotsky, 2005. "[Mexican Immigration and Self-Selection: New Evidence from the 2000 Mexican Census](#)," [NBER Working Papers](#) 11456, National Bureau of Economic Research, Inc.

SEMINAR AND COFERENCES

RELAC (Latin American Evaluation Network) meeting in Colombia in 2007, LACEA 2006 (Mexico) and 2009 (Argentina), IZA/WB Conference on Labor and Development 2008, 2009, 2010. UC Berkeley Labor Lunch (2003, 2004), Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (2003, 2005), NBER Mexican Immigration Conference (2004), ILE Graduate Student Conference (2002, 2003),

REFEREE AND PEER REVIEW

American Economic Review (2003), *El Trimestre Económico* (2004), *Journal of Development Economics* (2007), *3ie* (2009, 2010, 2011), Impact Evaluation Network (2010), *Economics Bulletin* (2012),

HONORS AND AWARDS

2003: Graduate Student Dissertation Grant, UC MEXUS, University of California,
2002: Doctoral Dissertation Grant, Institute of Labor and Employment, University of California.
2002: Mini-Grant for Dissertation Research, Institute for Business and Economic Research, University of California at Berkeley.
2001: Pre-Dissertation Grant, Institute of Labor and Employment, University of California.
1999-2002 **Fulbright Scholar** and Chiles Foundation Scholar
1999-2004 CONACYT, Scholarship for the Ph. D. in Economics at UC Berkeley.
1999-2000 **Ford-MacArthur Foundation Scholarship** for graduate studies in the US
1999-2001 Grant from the Ministry of Education and the Central Bank for graduate studies
1998: Grant from the Ministry of Labor for the BA thesis.
1998: First Place in the Health Economics Contest, undergraduate level, organized by CIDE,
1993-1997 Full Scholarship at CIDE for academic performance.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Native language Spanish, proficient in English.
- Research Associate at IZA since September 2009
- Affiliations: American Economic Association, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association
- Nationality: Mexican (currently with G-4 visa sponsored by the IDB)
- Date of Birth: August 30, 1974.