

# OLIVER AZUARA

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Ph. D. in Public Policy</b>	<b>The University of Chicago</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fields: Microeconometrics, program evaluation and labor economics</li><li>Dissertation: “<i>Effects of Social Protection Programs on Labor Mobility</i>”</li></ul>	June, 2011
<b>Master in Public Policy</b> (Honors)	<b>The University of Chicago</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thesis: “<i>Analysis of Mexican Immigration to the US: an Economic Approach</i>”</li></ul>	June, 2002
<b>Diploma</b>	<b>Harvard Institute For International Development (HIID)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reform of social security systems in the world: Demographic, economic and financial perspectives</li></ul>	July, 1998
<b>B.Sc. Economics</b> (Honors)	<b>Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Thesis: “<i>Reform to the Mexican federal workers' pension system and its impact on public finance</i>”</li></ul>	December, 1998

## PUBLICATIONS

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<b>Published Works</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Azuara, Oliver and Ioana Marinescu. (2013) "Informality and the Expansion of Social Protection Programs: The Case of Mexico", <i>Journal of Health Economics</i>, 32, pp. 938-950.</li><li>Heckman, James, James, J. Arias, O. Azuara, P. Bernal, and C. Villarreal. (2011). "Policies to Promote Growth and Economic Efficiency in Mexico", <i>Journal of comparative Studies</i>, No. 52 (Previous versions IZA 47410, NBER Working Paper No. 16554).</li><li>Rubio, Luis, Oliver Azuara, E. Jaime and C. Hernandez. (2006). “<i>Mexico 2025: We Construct Our Future Today</i>”. CIDAC.</li><li>Azuara, Oliver. (2005). “<i>Universal Pension in Mexico. From Populism to Fiscal Viability</i>”. Naumann Foundation-CIDAC.</li><li>Azuara, Oliver. (2003). “<i>The Mexican Defined Contribution Pension System: Perspective for Low Income Workers</i>”, Office Of The Chief Economist, Latin America And Caribbean Region, The World Bank.</li></ul>	
<b>Working Papers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Azuara, Oliver. (2013). “<i>Does Poverty Alleviation Increase Migration? Evidence from Mexico</i>” (under review)</li><li>Azuara, Oliver. (2013). “<i>Effects of Universal Health Coverage on Marriage and Labor Force Participation</i>”</li><li>Azuara, Oliver. (2012). “<i>Free Trade and Obesity: Consequences of Lowering the Cost of Calories</i>”</li><li>Azuara, Oliver (2011). “<i>Mexico and Brazil: Two Paths for Development</i>”</li></ul>	

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Economist</b>	<b>Inter-American Development Bank (Office of Evaluation and Oversight –OVE–)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluate the IDB Strategy of Social Policy for Equity and Productivity</li><li>Evaluate the IDB-Japanese Trust Fund</li><li>Country Program Evaluations: Mexico, Paraguay, Colombia and Honduras</li></ul>	Since June 2012
<b>Post Doctoral Scholar</b>	<b>Yale University. MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Design and implementation of impact evaluation on financial literacy of Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)</li><li>Lecture on Program Evaluation. The Jackson Institute for Global Affairs</li></ul>	Sep. 2011 – May 2012
<b>Research Associate</b> (Part time)	<b>University of Chicago / Mexican Commission for Social Protection in Health</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coordinate research on the effects of universal health coverage on labor markets and health expenditures</li><li>Analyze the effect of universal health coverage on labor markets and health literacy of population</li></ul>	Jun. 2010 – Jul. 2011
<b>Senior Analyst</b>	<b>NERA Economic Consulting (Boston, MA)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Build financial models to estimate price caps in different countries</li></ul>	Apr. 2005 – May 2006
<b>Research Associate</b>	<b>Center of Research for Development (CIDAC-Mexico)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyze the economic effects of NAFTA and CAFTA on R&amp;D</li><li>Analyze Mexican economic perspectives for the next 20 years (Project Mexico 2025)</li></ul>	Mar. 2004 – May 2005
<b>Director of Analysis</b>	<b>Federal Mexican Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluate the effects of conditional cash transfers (<i>Progres-a-Oportunidades</i>)</li><li>Build financial models low-income housing projects</li></ul>	Jul. 2002 – Mar. 2004
<b>Consultant</b>	<b>The World Bank</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Preparation of a background paper on the social security reform in Mexico</li></ul>	May 2003 – Jul. 2003
<b>Deputy Manager</b>	<b>Mexican Pension Funds Regulator (CONSAR)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Construct models to simulate the financial performance of the Mexican privatized pension system</li></ul>	Feb. 1997 – Sep. 2000

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Yale University</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Masters course: Program Evaluation</li></ul>	Spring, 2012
<b>Teacher Assistant</b>	<b>The University of Chicago</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>PhD Courses: Introductory Statistics (Prof. LaLonde); Advanced Statistics and Advanced microeconomics (Prof. Black)</li><li>MPP courses: Introductory microeconomics (Profs. Phillipson and Charles); Intermediate microeconomics (Prof. Grogger)</li></ul>	Sept. 2007 - May 2010
<b>Part-time lecturer</b>	<b>Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>College Courses: Microeconomics, History of Economic Analysis, Financial and Program Evaluation</li><li>MBA Courses: Introductory Microeconomics</li></ul>	2001, 2004 - 2006

## REFEREE AND PRESENTATIONS

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

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 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 Fellowship 2001-2002
- Japan-Inter American Development Bank Scholarship 2000-2002

## AFFILIATIONS

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- Research Affiliate** · IZA. Institute for the Study of Labor Since 2011
- Research Affiliate** · Mexico Evalua Since 2010
- Affiliate** · Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) Since 2011

## SKILLS AND OTHER

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- *Languages*: English (fluent), Spanish (native)
- *Computing*: LaTeX, Stata, ArcView, SAS

## REFERENCES

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- Dan Black danblack@uchicago.edu (773) 702-0623
- Kerwin Charles kcharles@uchicago.edu (773) 834-8922
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