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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Louisiana State University, 2023-

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Arizona State University (2023)

M.S. Economics, Arizona State University (2021)

M.A. Economic Theory, ITAM (2017)

B.A. Economics, Universidad de Costa Rica (2013)

RESEARCH FIELDS

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, Economics of Education, Gender Economics

RESEARCH

Published Papers

“The Impact of COVID-19 on Student Experiences and Expectations: Evidence from a Survey” with Esteban Aucejo, Jacob French, and Basit Zafar *Journal of Public Economics*, 2020

Working Papers

“Low Performance in Math and English: Do Women React Differently than Men?”

“A (Dynamic) Investigation of Stereotypes, Belief-Updating, and Behavior” with Katherine Coffman and Basit Zafar

“Gender Differences in Preferences for Grades and Major Choice”

Research in Progress

“Understanding Gaps in College Achievement” with Esteban Aucejo, Jacob French, and Basit Zafar

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

2023: Louisiana State University, Rochester Institute of Technology, Tecnológico de Monterrey

2022: Ph.D. Reunion Conference, Arizona State University

2020: Workshop on Subjective Expectations

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Microeconomics Principles (ECN 212), ASU: Summer 2020 and 2021

Principles of Economics (XE0156), UCR: Spring/Fall 2014, Spring 2015

AWARDS

2020-2021: Graduate Research and Support Program Grant

2020: Best Written Comprehensive Exam (Third-year paper)

2014: Graduation with Honors, B.A. Economics

2013, 2010: Best Student, Economics Department

March 2010 - December 2013: Academic Excellence Scholarship, B.A. Economics

REFEREE

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Higher Education, Empirical Economics, International Review of Economics

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Gender: Female

Citizenship: Costa Rica

Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native)