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SUMMARY

Applied economist specializing in development, health, and public policy. Ph.D. in Economics from UCLA, with expertise in experimental and quasi-experimental methods, longitudinal data analysis, and causal inference. Research experience spans academic institutions, policy organizations, and economic consulting.

Research Interests: Applied microeconomics; development economics; health economics; social protection; child development; impact evaluation.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics 10/2018 – 06/2024
University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Los Angeles, CA

M.A. in Economics 08/2014 – 07/2016
Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE) Mexico City, Mexico

B.A. in Economics 08/2008 – 01/2013
Universidad Autónoma de Aguascalientes (UAA) Aguascalientes, Mexico
Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Professor 11/2026 – Present
CIDE, Department of Public Administration Mexico City, Mexico
• Conduct research related to *Evaluation of Monetary Transfer Policies: Family Dynamics, Health, and Child Development*.
• Contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching in public policy and related fields, as required by the appointment.
• Support institutional internationalization through collaborative research, academic partnerships, and research-funding initiatives.

Consulting Economist 07/2026 – Present
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• Design empirical research strategies and conduct applied economic analyses of firm behavior, market dynamics, and industry trends to address business and policy questions.
• Develop and analyze large-scale datasets using econometric models, forecasting techniques, and statistical methods, building reproducible workflows with rigorous validation and robustness checks.
• Translate complex quantitative findings into actionable insights through research reports, presentations, and data visualizations, supporting evidence-based decision-making.

Postdoctoral Associate 09/2024 – 03/2026
Duke University, Center for Child & Family Policy (CCFP) Durham, NC
• Led causal and longitudinal analyses for Baby's First Years, a randomized controlled trial evaluating the effects of unconditional cash transfers on family well-being, household expenditures, and parenting behaviors.
• Constructed longitudinal panel datasets across six survey waves and developed measures of cumulative cash transfer exposure to estimate treatment effects and heterogeneity.
• Collaborated with the National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families, including designing a survey for social service practitioners on TANF and child care subsidy implementation.

Consultant 01/2025 – 07/2025
National Academies, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education Durham, NC
• Developed comparative charts and data visualizations to illustrate the distributional implications of alternative tax policy scenarios, supporting policy analysis and evidence-based discussions.

Graduate Student Researcher 01/2020 – 05/2021
UCLA, Department of Economics Los Angeles, CA
• Conducted empirical research using administrative and survey data on education, poverty, and social policy.
• Contributed to statistical analyses, literature reviews, and research publications.

Research Associate 06/2016 – 08/2018
Universidad Iberoamericana, EQUIDE Mexico City, Mexico
• Conducted applied research on poverty, nutrition, maternal and child health, and social protection.
• Performed benefit-cost analyses and contributed to evaluations of social and health interventions.
• Coauthored peer-reviewed publications and technical reports on public health and social policy.

Short-Term Consultant 10/2016 – 03/2017
World Bank, Poverty & Equity Global Practice (GPVDR) Mexico City, Mexico
• Analyzed poverty and welfare data and contributed to policy research and technical reports.

Short-Term Consultant 07/2016 – 09/2016
National Laboratory for Public Policies (LNPP) Mexico City, Mexico
• Conducted literature reviews and contributed to analytical frameworks on social mobility and social protection.

Research Assistant 08/2012 – 05/2016
CIDE, Department of Economics Aguascalientes & Mexico City, Mexico
• Managed and validated administrative datasets using Stata and Excel macros, enabling accurate econometric analysis that informed policy recommendations.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

"The impact of unconditional cash on parenting behaviors among 4-year-old children from families with low income in the U.S.", *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Flores-Peregrina, *et al*. 2026.

"Colonial agricultural estates and rural development in twentieth-century Mexico", *Economic History of Developing Regions*. Arias & Flores-Peregrina, 2024

"Urban poverty and nutrition challenges associated with accessibility to a healthy diet: a global systematic literature review", *International Journal for Equity in Health*. Vilar-Compte, *et al*., 2021.

"A longitudinal study of height gaps among Mexican children: Disparities and social inequity", *Social Science & Medicine*. Vilar-Compte, *et al*., 2020.

"How much can Mexican healthcare providers learn about breastfeeding through a semi-virtual training? A propensity score matching analysis.", *International Breastfeeding Journal*. Vilar-Compte, *et al*., 2020.

"Costs of Maternity Leave to Support Breastfeeding; Brazil, Ghana, and Mexico", *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*. Vilar-Compte, *et al*., 2020.

"How do context variables affect food insecurity in Mexico? Implications for policy and governance", *Public Health Nutrition*. Vilar-Compte, *et al*., 2019.

"Costing a Maternity Leave Cash Transfer to Support Breastfeeding Among Informally Employed Mexican Women", *Food and Nutrition Bulletin*. Vilar-Compte, *et al*., 2019.

"Competitividad y especialización en el Bajío mexicano: ¿acaso una región homogénea?", *Paradigma Económico*. Unger, Flores & Perez, 2019

"Productividad Y Capital Humano: Fuentes complementarias de la competitividad en los estados en México", *El Trimestre Económico*. Unger, Flores & Ibarra, 2014.

Book Chapters (Forthcoming)

"The Cumulative Effects of Unconditional Cash Transfers from Birth: Evidence from Baby's First Years", Flores-Peregrina, *et al*. *Oxford Handbook on Guaranteed Minimum Income Policies*, forthcoming.

Working Papers

"Growing Taller, Growing Heavier: The Effects of Progresa on Adolescent Health in Urban Mexico", Flores-Peregrina. Working paper, 2026.

SKILLS

Econometrics & Causal Inference: Difference-in-differences; panel data; regression analysis; statistical modeling; experimental and quasi-experimental methods; matching; robustness and sensitivity analysis

Programming & Data Analysis: Stata; Python; R; large-scale administrative and survey data analysis (100k+ observations); data cleaning; data management; data visualization

Policy Evaluation & Research: Program evaluation; policy analysis; cost-effectiveness analysis; impact evaluation; research design; monitoring and evaluation (M&E); systematic literature reviews

Tools: LaTeX; ArcGIS; Excel (advanced)

Languages: English (fluent); Spanish (native); French (intermediate)

TEACHING

Instructor

- **UCLA:** Principles of Economics (Econ 11), Summer 2022.
- **CIDE:** *Curso Avanzado en Materia de Evaluación de Políticas Públicas*, Co-instructor, 2026.

Teaching Assistant

- **UCLA:** Principles of Economics (Econ 11); Public Policy (PA 40), 2020–2024.
- **CIDE:** Applied Econometrics (Graduate); Intermediate Microeconomics, 2013, 2017.
- **Universidad Iberoamericana:** Biostatistics (Graduate), 2016–2017.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Biennial Best Article Prize, Economic History of Developing Regions	2026
Poster Winner, Population Association of America	2025
UC MEXUS-CONACYT Doctoral Fellowship	2018-2023
Doctoral Summer Fellowship, WORLD Policy Analysis Center, UCLA	2020
Best Empirical Master's Thesis, CIDE, Department of Economics	2016