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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2011

Dissertation Title: Three Essays on Households' Location Decisions: Analysis of the Processes of Gentrification and Rural-Urban Migration.

Advisors: Geoffrey J.D. Hewings (Principal), Daniel McMillen, Don Fullerton, Edward Feser, Kathy Baylis

M.Sc. in Policy Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 2007

B.A. in Finance, Universidad Externado de Colombia 2003

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Drug Policy and Economics of crime and violence (*primary field*), and Regional and Urban Economics (*secondary field*)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Drug Policy Program, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Aguascalientes, Mexico 2017-

Assistant Professor- CONACYT (SNI Level 1), Drug Policy Program, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Aguascalientes, Mexico 2014-

Visiting Assistant Professor, Drug Policy Program, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Aguascalientes, Mexico. 2013-214

Research Fellow, Inter-American Development Bank, OVE, Office of Evaluation and Oversight 2011- 2013

Winter Intern, Inter-American Development Bank, OVE, Office of Evaluation and Oversight Spring 2011

Research Assistant, University of Illinois at U-C, Regional Economics Applications Laboratory 2007-2011
Contract with the Illinois Association of Realtors (IAR).

Credit and Financial Analyst, Banco de Bogotá, Regional Business Sector 2003-2004

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, CIDE. Public Policy Evaluation (graduate) 2018
Public Policy Evaluation (undergraduate) 2015-2018
Thesis Seminar (undergraduate) 2016-2017
Economic Development (undergraduate) 2014
Program and Project Evaluation (graduate) 2014
Quantitative Methods II (undergraduate) 2013

Instructor, National Security Commission (CNS):
Short course on program evaluation for public security institutions 2018

Instructor, CLEAR for Latin America:

1. Short course in collaboration with CLAD, CAF and CLAD in Mexico City Aug 2017
2. Short course in collaboration with CAF, CLAD, MEF in Panama City 2016-2018
3. Course at the master's level in Guatemala City Feb 2017

4. Short course in collaboration with CEMAF in Asuncion, Paraguay	June 2016
Sole instructor, University of Illinois. Business Location Decisions (undergraduate)	Fall 2010
Graduate Counselor, University of Illinois, Office of Minority Student Affairs	2006-2007
Graduate Outreach Coordinator, University of Illinois, Latina/Latino Studies Program	2006-2007
Teaching Assistant, Universidad Externado de Colombia. Economic Theory and Macroeconomics	2001-2002

PUBLICATIONS

Atuesta, L., O.S. Siordia and A. Madrazo Lajous (forthcoming) The “War on Drugs” in Mexico: (Official) Database of Events between December 2006 and November 2011, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Atuesta, L. and G.J.D. Hewings (2018) Housing appreciation patterns in low-income neighborhoods: exploring gentrification in Chicago, *Journal of Housing Economics*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhe.2018.08.005>.

Flores Martínez, I and **L. Atuesta**. 2018. Mourning our Dead: The impact of Mexico’s war on drugs on citizens’ depressive symptoms, *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 60: 65-73 doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2018.07.004>.

Atuesta, L., J.E. Ibarra-Olivo, N. Lozano-Gracia and U. Deichman. 2018. Access to employment and property values in Mexico, *Regional and Urban Economics*, 70: 142-154, doi: doi.org/10.1016/j.regsciurbeco.2018.03.005.

Atuesta, L. and S. Pérez-Dávila. 2018. Fragmentation and Cooperation: The evolution of organized crime in Mexico, *Trends in Organized Crime*, 21: 235-261, doi: [10.1007/s12117-017-9301-z](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12117-017-9301-z).

Atuesta, L., and Y. Soares. 2018. Urban Upgrading in Rio de Janeiro: Evidence from the Favela-Bairro Program, *Urban Studies*, 55(1): 53-70, doi: [10.1177/0042098016669290](https://doi.org/10.1177/0042098016669290).

Atuesta, L. and A. Ponce. 2017. Meet the Narco: Increased competition among criminal organisations and the explosion of violence in Mexico, *Global Crime*, 18(4): 375-402, doi: [10.1080/17440572.2017.1354520](https://doi.org/10.1080/17440572.2017.1354520).

Atuesta, L. 2017. Narcomessages as a way to analyze the evolution of organized crime in Mexico, *Global Crime*, 18(2): 100-121, doi: [10.1080/17440572.2016.1248556](https://doi.org/10.1080/17440572.2016.1248556).

Atuesta, L., and D. Paredes. 2016. Do Mexicans flee from violence? The effects of drug-related violence on the migration decisions in Mexico, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, 42(3): 480-502.

Atuesta, L. and G.J.D. Hewings. 2013. Economic Welfare Analysis of the Legalization of Drugs: A CGE Microsimulation Model for Colombia, *Economic Systems Research*, 25(2), 190-211.

Atuesta, L. and D. Paredes. 2012. A Spatial Price Index for Colombia using a Microeconomic Approach, *Applied Economic Letters* 19 (18), 1799-1805.

BOOKS

Atuesta, L. y A. Madrazo (eds.) 2018. Las violencias: en busca de la política pública detrás de la guerra contra las drogas, editorial CIDE, Coyuntura y Ensayo, Mexico City, ISBN: 978-607-8508-25-9.

CHAPTERS AND REPORTS

“Militarización de la lucha contra el narcotráfico: los operativos militares como estrategia para el combate al crimen organizado,” en **Atuesta L.** y Madrazo Lajous, A. (2018). Las violencias: en busca de la política pública detrás de la guerra contra las drogas, Editorial CIDE Coyuntura y Ensayo, Mexico City, ISBN: 978-607-8508-25-9.

“¿Cuál es el impacto del consumo de drogas ilícitas en la probabilidad de ser sentenciado por un delito contra la salud?,” p. 109-140, in Pérez-Correa, C. (2015). De la detención a la prisión: la justicia penal a ensayo, Editorial CIDE Coyuntura y Ensayo, ISBN: 978-607-9367-52-7.

Editor (2014), *Drug Policy in Mexico 2006-2012: Analysis and Results of a Prohibitionist Policy*, report prepared for the Monitor of the Drug Policy Program at CIDE.

“Addressing the Costs of Prohibition: Internally Displaced Populations in Colombia and Mexico,” in *Ending the Drug Wars, Report of the LSE Expert Group on the Economics of Drug Policy*, London School of Economics, LSE Ideas, 2014, p. 49-54.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Member of the Scientific Committee of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, 2017-2019.

Best paper and presentation by a young scholar, International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, 9th Annual Conference, Ghent, Belgium, May 2015.

Honorable Mention, best paper and presentation by a young scholar, International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, 8th Annual Conference, Rome, Italy, 2014.

Honorable Mention, 25th Tiebout Prize Competition in Regional Science, Western Regional Science Conference, 2011.

Graduate College Travel Award by department nomination, University of Illinois, Spring, 2008.

Regional Economics Applications Laboratory, Phillip R. Israilevich Distinguished Research Fellow, University of Illinois, Fall 2008.

Colombian Governmental Agency Colfuturo, Fellowship to study abroad, 2006-2007.

Universidad Externado de Colombia, Scholarship for academic excellence, Spring 2003.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Center for Global Development (Washington, DC). Research in collaboration with Professor Peter Reuter.	November 2014
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RESEARCH PROJECTS

Human Rights National Commission (CNDH)	
Transitional Justice. A proposal for Mexico	2018
Public Policy Evaluation Institute of Durango (INEVAP)	
Project Evaluation of Autonomous Organisms in Durango	2018
The World Bank.	
Mexico Urbanization Review (introductory chapter and chapter 1)	2013
Case study. Urban expansion in the metropolitan area of Guadalajara.	2014
Academic article. Impact of public transport investments in property values in Mexico	2015
Academic article. Accessibility and property values in Mexico	2016
CAF. Banco de Desarrollo para América Latina.	
Qualitative study of informal settlements in Mexico City	2017

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Seminario por una Política de Drogas en América Latina SePoDra, 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Editions	2014-2018
4 th Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime, Bogota, Colombia	2017
North American Regional Science Council, Annual Conferences, 62 nd , 61 st , 60 th , 57 th , 56 th	2009-2015
International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, Annual Conferences, 10 th , 9 th , 8 th , 7 th	2013-2017
London School of Economics, LSE Expert Group on the Economics of Drug Policy, London, UK	2014
Western Regional Science Conference, 50 th Annual Meeting, Monterey, CA	2011
BBL Seminar, Office of Evaluation and Oversight, IDB, Washington, DC	2011

Regional, Population and Health Economics Student Summit, West Lafayette, IN

2008-2010

Midwest Economics Association, 73rd Annual meeting, Cleveland, OH

2009

OTHER INFORMATION

Languages Spanish (native), English (high written and oral proficiency)

Computer skills Computer applications: TEX (LaTEX, BibTEX), MS Office, Adobe.
Skills Programming: Stata, R, GAMS, GEODA, ArcGIS.

Academic Service President of the Colombian Student Association, University of Illinois, 2007-2008.
REAL “General”, Regional Economics Applications Laboratory, University of Illinois, August 2008- January 2011.

Referee service *Annals of Regional Science*
Applied Economics
Applied Economics Letters
Journal of Regional Science and Urban Economics
Journal of Conflict Resolution
Review of Economics and Finance
The World Bank Economic Review
International Journal of Drug Policy
Global Crime
Foro Internacional
Gestión y Política Pública
Frontera Norte