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**EMPLOYMENT**      Assistant Professor of Economics, University of South Carolina      Fall 2016-present

**EDUCATION**      Ph.D. in Economics, UNC-Chapel Hill      Spring 2016  
M.S. in Economics, UNC-Chapel Hill      Spring 2013  
B.S. in Economics, Florida International University      Spring 2010

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**      Primary: Development Economics, Public Economics  
Secondary: Urban Economics, Labor Economics, Economic Demography

**WORKING PAPERS**      “Social Monitoring and Electoral Fraud: Evidence from a Spatial Regression Discontinuity Design in Afghanistan”  
Featured in “*What’s the latest in development economics research? A round-up of 150+ papers from NEUDC 2015*” (World Bank, 2015)

“Loss in the Time of Cholera: Long-run Impact of a Disease Epidemic on the Urban Landscape” with Attila Ambrus and Erica Field (*Under review*)

“Infant Mortality Rate as a Measure of a Country’s Health: A Robust Method to Improve Reliability and Comparability” with Donna Gilleskie (*Under review*)

“The Wage-Bribery Tradeoff: The case of Russia” with Klara S. Peter

**WORKS IN PROGRESS**      “Long-run Persistence of Economic Shocks: Evidence from the 1940 London Blitz” with Erica Field

“Is the Phone Mightier than the Virus? Cell Phone Access and Epidemic Containment Efforts” with Erica Field and Elisa Maffioli

“A Digit-Based Test for Infant Mortality Rate Misreporting” with Charles M. Becker

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**      International Development Economics (U. South Carolina)      Fall 2016  
Economic Statistics (UNC-Chapel Hill)      Summer 2012, 2013  
Participant, Teacher Training Program (UNC-Chapel Hill)      Spring 2012

**FIELD EXPERIENCE**      Research Assistant for Prof. Erica Field      Summer 2014  
Madhya Pradesh, India

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**      Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop, selected participant (WEAI)      2015  
Dissertation Completion Fellowship (UNC-CH)      2015  
Initiative for Minority Excellence Doctoral Candidacy Award (UNC-CH)      2015  
Odum Institute Graduate Student Fellowship (UNC-CH)      2014  
Initiative for Minority Excellence travel award (UNC-CH)      2014  
UNC-Chapel Hill University Library research grant      2014

Kampf Travel Award (UNC-CH) 2014  
Graduate and Student Professional Federation Travel Grant 2014  
Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Fellowship 2010-2011

**JOURNALS  
REFEREED**

*Journal of Comparative Economics*  
*Review of Income and Wealth*  
*Economics of Transition*  
*American Journal of Health Economics*  
*Journal of Urban Economics*

**PROFESSIONAL  
PRESENTATIONS**

International Growth Center (IGC) Week, London School of Economics, London, UK  
(June 1, 2016)

North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC), Brown University, Providence, RI (November 7, 2015)

Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE), Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (August 18, 2015)

AEA Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM (July 25-26, 2015)

90th Annual Conference of the Western Economic Association, Honolulu, HI (June 27-30, 2015)

International Population, Health, and Development (IPHD) seminar, Duke University, Durham, NC (April 17, 2015)

84th Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association (SEA), Atlanta, GA (November 2014, 2015)

23rd and 24th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (ASCE), Miami, FL (August 2013, 2014)

83rd Annual Conference of the Southern Economic Association (SEA), Tampa, FL (November 23-25, 2013)

2nd Annual Graduate Student Research Conference, George Mason University, Arlington, VA (March 22, 2013)

**COMPUTER  
SKILLS**

Stata, ArcGIS, ArcPy, QGIS

**LANGUAGES**

English (Fluent), Spanish (Native)

**PERSONAL  
INFORMATION**

Date of Birth: July 14, 1986  
Place of Birth: Havana, Cuba  
Citizenship: United States, Cuba