

Kassandra Hernández

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Labor Economics, Public Finance, (Im)migration, Inequality, Public Policy	
EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley Ph.D. Candidate in Economics	2021-Present
	UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs Master of Public Policy (MPP)	2018-2020
	Michigan State University AEA Summer Training Program	Summer 2020
	University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) B.A. in Philosophy (Labor Studies minor) Summa Cum Laude · College Honors · Departmental Honors	2013-2017
ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE (GRADUATE LEVEL)	Graduate Student Researcher , UC Berkeley Labor Center <i>Advisor: Enrique Lopezlira</i>	2023-Present
	Graduate Research Fellow , California Policy Lab (UCB) <i>Advisor: Jesse Rothstein</i>	2022-2023
	Graduate Student Researcher , UCLA <i>Advisor: R. Jisung Park</i>	2019
POLICY RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Research Analyst , UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute <i>Advisor: Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas</i>	2021
	Research Fellow , UCLA LPPI <i>Advisor: Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas</i>	2020
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS (GRADUATE LEVEL)	<i>UCB, Outstanding Graduate Organization Leadership Award</i>	2024
	<i>California Policy Lab, Graduate Fellowship</i>	2024
	<i>The Ford Foundation, Honorable Mention</i>	2023
	<i>UC Berkeley, Cota Robles Fellowship</i>	2021-2023
	<i>UC Berkeley Economics, Departmental Award</i>	2021-2023
	<i>AEA Summer Training Program, Best Paper</i>	2020
	<i>UCLA Luskin, MPP Commencement Speaker</i>	2020
	<i>UCLA Luskin, Outstanding Academic Achievement</i>	2020
	<i>UCLA Luskin, Teaching Assistant Award</i>	2020
	<i>UCLA Luskin, Leadership & Service Award</i>	2020
	<i>UCLA Luskin, Graduate Fellowship</i>	2019
	<i>UCLA Luskin, Calvin and Marilyn Gross Fellowship</i>	2019
	<i>UCLA, UC Regents Graduate Award</i>	2019
	<i>UCLA, Graduate Opportunity Fellowship</i>	2018
RESEARCH GRANTS	<i>Washington Center for Equitable Growth, Early Career Grant</i>	2024
	<i>HUB Family Policy, Graduate Student Research Award</i>	2024
	<i>IRLE, Graduate Student Research Award</i>	2024-2025
	<i>California Policy Lab, Seed Grant (with Teresita Cruz Vital)</i>	2023
	<i>UC Berkeley Economics, Award for Gender-Related Research (with Teresita Cruz Vital)</i>	2021

POLICY
PUBLICATIONS

Latinas Exiting the Workforce: How the Pandemic Revealed Historic Disadvantages and Heightened Economic Hardship (2021). (with Diana Garcia, Paula Nazario, Michael Rios, & Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas)

A Path to Prosperity: The Macroeconomic Benefits of Four Immigrant Regularization Scenarios (2021). (with Raúl Hinojosa-Ojeda, Sherman Robinson, Marcelo Pleitez, Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas, & Abel Valenzuela, Jr.)

Disparities in the Distribution of Paycheck Protection Program Funds in California’s Congressional Districts (2021). (with Paul M. Ong, Silvia R. Gonzalez, Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas, Jonathan Ong, & Chhandara Pech)

Vote Choice of Latino Voters in the 2020 Presidential Election (2021). (with Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas, Nick Gonzalez, Angela Gutierrez, Michael Herndon, Ana Oaxaca, Michael Rios, Marcel Roman, Tye Rush, & Daisy Vera)

Disparities in the Distribution of Paycheck Protection Program Funds Between Majority-White Neighborhoods and Neighborhoods of Color in California (2020). (with Silvia R. Gonzalez, Paul M. Ong, Chhandara Pech, & Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas)

ACADEMIC WORK
IN PROGRESS

“Worker-led Lawsuits: The Effects of California’s Private Attorneys General Act on Business Behavior Across the State” (with Enrique Lopezlira)

“CADAA Estudiante Cuenta: The Effects of the CA Dream Act Application on Undocumented Students Success” (with Teresita Cruz Vital)

“Medi-Cal Expansion for Undocumented Immigrants” (with Teresita Cruz Vital and Alessandro Marchetti Bowick)

SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS

Worker-led Lawsuits: The Effects of California’s Private Attorneys General Act on Business Behavior Across the State. Paper presentation at the American Economic Association Summer Mentoring Pipeline Conference, Washington, D.C.(2024) — and the Freedom & Justice Conference, Atlanta, GA (2024).

CADAA Estudiante Cuenta: The Effects of the CA Dream Act Application on Undocumented Students Success. Paper presentation at the Freedom & Justice Conference, Atlanta, GA (2024).

Latinas in the Economy: Recovery & Opportunity across the United States. Invited Keynote Speaker at the Hispanic Heritage Month Brown Bag, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics & U.S. Department of Labor (2023).

Student Supports: The Role of Social Safety Net Programs in College Student Success with Jennifer Hogg & Jamila Henderson. Paper presentation at the California Policy Lab Seminar, UCLA & UCB (2022).

Latinas Exiting the Workforce: How the Pandemic Revealed Historic Disadvantages and Heightened Economic Hardship with Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas. Report briefing at the U.S. Department of State (2022).

Remittances in the Time of Trump: How an anti-immigrant political climate influences remittance behavior of Mexican immigrants in the United States from 1982-2018. with Jose Lawani. Paper presentation at the Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference (2021) and Oral presentation at the 2020 American Economic Association Summer Training Program (AEASP) Research Festival (2020).

MEDIA COVERAGE
& INTERVIEWS

English:

Associated Press (AP) News; Forbes; The Hill; KPCC–NPR News; Washington Post; USA Today; ABC News; Milwaukee PBS; Voice of America

	Spanish: Telemundo; Univision–Los Angeles; Milwaukee PBS	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Instructor , PPIA Summer Institute <i>Quantitative Methods</i> (undergraduate)	2024 2019-2020
	Teaching Associate , UCLA <i>Using Data Science to Learn about Society</i> (undergraduate) <i>Information, Evidence, and Persuasion</i> (undergraduate) <i>Statistical Methods for Policy Analysis II</i> (graduate) <i>MPP Summer Math Camp</i> (graduate, x2)	2019
	Teaching Assistant , UCLA <i>Statistical Methods for Policy Analysis I</i> (graduate) <i>Research & Internships in Food Studies</i> (undergraduate, x2)	
AFFILIATIONS	American Society for Hispanic Economists (ASHE) American Economic Association, Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economics Profession (CSMGEP) Association for Economic Research of Indigenous Peoples (AERIP) AEA Summer Program Alumni (Advanced Track)	
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Economics of Migration Summer Institute Stone Center Summer Institute on Inequality, UC Berkeley Path to the Professoriate Program, Office of Graduate Diversity	2023 2023 2021-2022
SERVICE	Leader, DEI Faculty Recruitment, BEE Graduate Mentor, Social Sciences Research Pathways Co-President, Economists for Equity at Berkeley (BEE) BEE Graduate Student Admission Review Committee Graduate Mentor, Getting Into Graduate School (GIGS) Invited Speaker: MPP & Beyond, PPIA Junior Summer Institute, Committee Member/Doctoral Mentor, BEE Mentoring Program Student Liason, Emerging Scholars Reading Group Co-Leader, DEI Faculty Recruitment, BEE	2024-2025 2024-2025 2023-2024 2023-2024 2023-2024 2023 2022-2023 2022-2023 2022-2023
LANGUAGES	English (fluent); Spanish (native)	
SKILLS	Programming: R, Stata, L ^A T _E X Policy: Production of research reports, memos, & briefs Research: Quantitative: data collection, cleaning, management, analysis, version control (Git) Qualitative: ethnographic fieldwork, archival research, surveying, interviewing Resource development: grant-writing, collection & management of monetary and in-kind donations Teaching: Content creation, instruction, management, grading, & 1-on-1 research guidance of graduate and undergraduate students	

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