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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst, expected **June 2023**

Dissertation Title: “Essays on social reproduction, distribution, and the political economy of paid and unpaid work in selected Latin American countries”

Committee: Katherine Moos (Chair), Nancy Folbre, Ina Ganguli, Joya Misra

Graduate Certificate in Feminist Studies, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2022

M.A. in Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, 2019

M.A. in Development Economics, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Ecuador, 2015

B.A. (summa cum laude, honors) in Economics, University of Havana, Cuba, 2009

PRIMARY FIELDS

Feminist Economics

Labor Economics

Political Economy

Macroeconomics

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-refereed journals

“Cuba in the time of COVID-19: Untangling gendered consequences” (2022), in *Agenda Journal*, DOI: 10.1080/10130950.2021.2012061, co-authored with Ailynn Torres Santana.

“Feminismo y Economía Política Marxista en la Revolución Cubana” (2020) [Feminism and Marxist Political Economy in the Cuban Revolution], in Dossier “Debates Feministas y de Género en Cuba” [Feminist and on gender debates in Cuba], in *Cuban Studies Journal*, Number 49, pp. 32-51, Published by University of Pittsburgh Press.

Book chapters

“El sector no estatal desde la perspectiva institucional (Non-state owned sector from an institutional approach)”, in Bergara, Mario and Hidalgo, Vilma, coordinators, “Transformaciones económicas en Cuba: una perspectiva institucional (Economic transformations in Cuba: an institutional perspective)”, 2016.

“Potencialidades de la Inversión Extranjera Directa de Estados Unidos en Cuba (Potentialities of U.S. Foreign Direct Investment in Cuba)”, in C. Brundenius, F. Castellacci, R. Torres and O. Pérez, eds., *Las perspectivas de desarrollo económico de Cuba en un Nuevo escenario (Cuba’s economic development perspectives in a new scenario)*, 2016.

Book reviews

Maqueira Linares, Anamary (2022) Review of the book “*Desde la Cuba revolucionaria Feminismo y Marxismo en la obra de Isabel Largaia y John Dumoulin*”, by M. Bellucci & E. Theumer. *International Journal of Cuban Studies*, 14(1), 185–187.
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/48675907>

Media Publications

2022: Author in “Cuba: New Economic Measures (IV),” Series of interviews with economists about the new package announced on July 21 by the Cuban government, OnCuba News, available at <https://oncubanews.com/en/cuba/economy/cuban-economy/cuba-new-economic-measures-iv/>

2020: Author in Dossier "Analysis on the economic-social strategy approved by the Cuban government (I) and (II) in OnCuba News, available at <https://oncubanews.com/en/cuba/analysis-on-the-economic-social-strategy-approved-by-the-cuban-government-i/> and <https://oncubanews.com/en/cuba/analysis-on-the-economic-social-strategy-approved-by-the-cuban-government-ii/>

2020: Author in Dossier "Economic Debate in Cuba: first and second planes (I) and (II) in OnCuba News, available at <https://oncubanews.com/en/opinion/columns/no-filter/economic-debate-in-cuba-first-and-second-planes-i/> and <https://oncubanews.com/en/opinion/columns/no-filter/economic-debate-in-cuba-first-and-second-planes-ii/>

2020: Interview video for OnCuba's column "Economic analysis" about the gender gaps in the private sector in Cuba, available at <https://oncubanews.com/canaldigital/analisis-economico-la-politica-economica-debe-revisar-las-brechas-de-genero-que-existen-actualmente-en-el-sector-privado-en-cuba/>

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Professor Katherine Moos, University of Massachusetts Amherst, September 2018 – May 2020, February 2022 – December 2022:

Produced empirical estimates for the U.S. net social wage using data from the U.S. National Income and Product Accounts Tables.

Produced empirical estimates for the U.S. cost of social reproduction combining data from the U.S. National Income and Product Accounts Tables with other sources.

Assisted in organizing and cleaning data in R from the American Time Use Survey for the construction of a feminist input-output table project.

Assisted in organizing and cleaning data in R from the U.S. National Income and Product Accounts Tables and the Congressional Budget Office for a project on the U.S. fiscal response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Assisted in literature review on care and household work.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Main Instructor

Intermediate Microeconomics (Econ 203), University Without Walls (Winter 2021-2022)

Introduction to Macroeconomics (Econ 104), University Without Walls (Summer 2021).

Introduction to Microeconomics (Econ103), University Without Walls. (Winter 2020-2021).

Teaching Assistant

Intermediate Macroeconomics. Teaching Assistant for Professor Peter Skott (Fall 2021) and Professor Deepankar Basu (Spring 2021), Department of Economics.

Introduction to Microeconomics. Teaching Assistant for professor Gerald Friedman, Department of Economics (Fall 2020, Spring 2018, Spring 2017, and Fall 2017).

Smith College

Lab Instructor

Statistics and Econometrics. Teaching Assistant for Professor Vis Taraz, Department of Economics (Fall 2021, Spring 2019 and Spring 2020).

Michigan State University, American Economic Association Summer Program

Teaching Assistant

Mathematical Methods (foundations). Teaching Assistant for Professor Leonidas Murembya (Michigan State University) (Summer 2020)

Mathematical Methods (foundations). Teaching Assistant for Professor Donald J Meyer (Western Michigan University) (Summer 2017 and Summer 2018).

University of Havana

Main Instructor

Signal extraction methods for economic policy analysis (2012). Elective course for senior students of the Economics major.

National Economic Planning II (2010, 2011, and 2012).

Guest lecturer in "Statistical and Econometrics Methods" Diploma (3rd. edition), 2011, in topics related to Asymptotic Theory and Time Series (Intervention analysis and outliers).

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020: Chair's Summer Research fellowship for the project "Dynamics of Social Reproduction in Cuba: Distributional and Gender Consequences of the Post-1990s Economic and Social Reform Period" co-authored with Professor Katherine Moos (\$4000).

2019-2020: Barnard Family Fund – PERI fellowship award (\$2000).

2018: Pre-dissertation summer grant award from the Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Project: "Untangling post-90s Cuban economic model. Reforms periods from a social reproduction lens" (\$750).

2020, 2018, and 2017: Teaching fellowship to participate in the American Economic Association Summer School at Michigan State University.

2017: Cuban Academy of Sciences Award for the best book published in Economics in 2016. Participation as a co-author in paper: "El sector no estatal desde la perspectiva institucional (*Non-state owned sector from an institutional approach*)," in Bergara, Mario and Hidalgo, Vilma, coordinators, "Transformaciones económicas en Cuba: una perspectiva institucional (*Economic transformations in Cuba: an institutional perspective*)."

2015: Winner of the XII Edition of the scholarships competition to finance master's degree dissertation, FLACSO, Ecuador. Project "Formas de organización de la producción en la reforma económica en Cuba. El papel de los sistemas de incentivos generados y su rol en el sistema social cubano" (*Forms of organization of production in Cuban reform. The role of generated incentives in the Cuban social system*) (\$2000).

2013-2015: Scholarship for master's degree Studies in Development Economics, FLACSO, Ecuador.

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

2022: Speaker in the round table "Cuba: between multiple crises and patchy reforms," organized by the Cuban Research Working Group at UMass, Amherst, and sponsored by the

Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (CLACLS).

2022: Presenter in Webinar “A compounding crisis: Domestic shortcomings, U.S. policies & the impact on everyday Cubans,” sponsored by the Center for Democracy in the Americas and the Washington Office on Latin American (WOLA), recordings available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aj3qjRqy7AE>

2020: Presenter in Diversifying and Decolonizing Economics (D-Econ) Webinar "Recentring the Global South in the response to the pandemic. Lessons from Viet Nam, Kerala (India), Argentina, and Cuba."

2020: Paper presentation "Untangling post-90s Cuban economic and social model from a social reproduction lens: preliminary considerations" in panel Social Reproduction Theory I: The Social Reproduction of Institutions, held at the Eastern Economic Association Conference, Boston, MA, February 29th.

2019: Paper presentation "Untangling post-90s Cuban economic and social model from a social reproduction lens: preliminary considerations", in predissertation awardees panel at the Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (CLACLS), University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA.

2018: Paper presentation “Feminismo y Economía Política en la Revolución Cubana: ¿necesidad de un debate ausente? (*Feminism and Political Economy in the Cuban Revolution. A need for an absent debate?*)” in Panel “Mujeres, Revolución Cubana y Agencias (*Women, Cuban Revolution and Agencies*)”, Latin American Studies Association Conference, Barcelona, Spain.

2018: Discussant in Panel "Contributions to Feminist Radical Political Economy: Intersectional Approach" at the Eastern Economic Association Conference, Boston, MA.

2017: Speaker at the round table "A debate on the Cuban reform: transformations, contradictions, and challenges," the first activity of the Cuban Research Working Group at UMass, Amherst.

2015: Paper presentation "Forms of organization of production and incentives system. An approach to the Cuban Economic Reform since the experience of private workers", in the III Latin American and Caribbean Congress of Social Sciences, August, FLACSO, Ecuador.

2015: Paper presentation "Incentives and forms of organization of production: an approach to the Cuban economic reform," in the panel "Actors, power, and incentives in Cuban economic reform," LASA (Latin American Studies Association), San Juan, Puerto Rico, EEUU.

2015: Presentation "Potentialities of foreign direct investment between Cuba and the United States," in International Conference: Cuba and the international economy: challenges, opportunities, and policy implications, celebrated by CEEC and NUPI University in Havana, Cuba.

2015: Presentation "Tourism, trade and foreign direct investment" in Workshop "Cuba-USA: Mapping scenarios for a post-embargo future. A Reading since the Revolution generation", in FLACSO, Ecuador, January 20th.

2014: “Mapping economic and social Cuba’s situation in the Latin American context in the last 20 years”, in panel “La economía cubana que se avecina: Nuevas reglas del juego”,

(Presenter), LASA (Latin American Studies Association) conference, Chicago, United States.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Co-Chair of the Cuban Research Working Group at UMass, Amherst.

Member of the Allocation Committee of the Economic Graduate Students Association (2017-2018)

Undergraduate program coordinator, University of Havana, Planning Department (2010-2012).

LANGUAGES AND SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY:

Spanish (native), English (fluent)

STATA, SPSS, Eviews, R

REFERENCES

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DISSERTATION SUMMARY

Essays on social reproduction, distribution, and the political economy of paid and unpaid work in selected Latin American countries

My dissertation consists of three essays that use the theoretical insights of Social Reproduction Theory (SRT) to analyze the Cuban economic reform periods after the 90s -emphasizing distributional aspects- and the relationship between childcare provision and maternal time allocation in Ecuador. It contributes to the SRT literature by using it as a framework to analyze Global South and “in transition” contexts while inquiring about the role of the state in shaping and directly contributing to social reproduction processes. Each essay interrogates questions at different levels, from theoretical to methodological to empirical, and applies a variety of qualitative and quantitative tools to explore both the processes behind labor power re-production and the labor embodied in them.

Essay 1, “*Childcare provision on maternal time use in Ecuador*,” investigates households as one of the primary sites of social reproduction. Using time-use data, I explore the relationship between institutional and non-parental childcare provision on maternal unpaid time use, using a seemingly unrelated regression approach (SUR) and taking Ecuador as a case study. While most of the literature on this topic focuses on maternal employment effects, I ask how out-of-home childcare affects the amounts – and types- of time that mothers devote to active childcare, supervisory childcare, and housework and how these effects compare to those resulting from the co-residence of household members likely to assist with childcare. The paper also details the actual utilization of different types of institutional childcare in the Ecuadorian context in 2012, showing the relevance of the type and design of public and private institutional childcare. Results suggest that institutional and kinship childcare presents a complementary relationship for mothers’ active unpaid care time, while female kinship is associated with significant reductions in maternal time regarding supervisory childcare and housework. The size of the effects suggests kinship care is associated with greater reduction in maternal unpaid work time overall, while out-of-home childcare is associated with greater reductions for mothers with no co-resident adult female kin. My results point toward a need for more holistic approaches when considering the social organization of care and maternal time allocation in global south contexts.

Essay 2 (co-authored with Katherine Moos), “*The Distribution of the Cost of Cuban Social Reproduction in 2016: the relative contributions of domestic and diasporic households*,” outlines a conceptual and methodological proposal that identifies the main components of Cuba’s total cost of social reproduction in 2016. The distributional arrangement behind the social reproductive work occurs in different but interconnected sites (the household, the market, the state-owned paid sector, abroad) and is the result of historical and institutional processes where the ‘social reproduction bargain’ is disputed and when the state has, due to the characteristics of historical processes, a major responsibility. Hence, we critically analyze the role of the state and emphasize that the Cuban costs of social reproduction are financed by people’s work, from within and outside the Island, including unpaid domestic and care household work. Results suggest an increasing and substantial role of Cuban diasporic and domestic households in sustaining social reproduction, more important than remuneration and government transfers. We also argue that the

transformations in the distribution of the costs of social reproduction in Cuba have consequences on the legitimacy and support of the government and the revolution, whose meaning is also increasingly contested.

Essay 3, “*Dynamics of social reproduction in Cuba: distributional and gender consequences of the post 1990s economic and social reform periods*”, focuses on how the crises and reform processes in a post-1990s Cuba have re-shaped the roles of the state, the market and the family. Using a historical – institutional approach, this essay inquires the ways in which the social reproduction responsibilities have been re-distributed among these agents, with an emphasis in the caring of dependents and its gendered consequences. I argue that the re-configuration of the costs and responsibilities of the social reproduction and its analysis over time is linked to the “definition” of the social contract, or social reproduction bargain, which has also changed both explicitly and implicitly, with unequal consequences for different groups. The paper supports the hypothesis that, as economic activity contracted and the social reproduction bargain explicitly changed, the Cuban state shifted more responsibility for social reproduction onto the household sector, leaving women to bear the greatest burden. However, although results might mirror the consequences of the ‘re-privatisation of the social reproduction thesis’ the conditions, circumstances, and processes under which those results are visible require a more nuanced approach to understanding the varying forms of state involvement and their implications for social reproduction in specific contexts.