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EMPLOYMENT

2021- current Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, University of Toronto Department of Economics

EDUCATION

2022 PhD Economics, McMaster University
Committee: Jeffrey S. Racine (supervisor), Arthur Sweetman, Michael Veall

2016 MA Economics, McMaster University

2015 BComm Economics and Finance, University of Guelph

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Econometrics, Health Economics, Economic Development, Policy/Program Evaluation

RESEARCH PAPERS

Ugarte Bravo, K., “Predicting Rare Events: The Case of Prescription Opioid (Ab)Use,”
Working Paper

Ugarte Bravo, K., “The Impact of Mandatory Universal Pharmaceutical Insurance on Prescription Opioid Use: Evidence from Canada,” *Working Paper*

Ugarte Bravo, K., “The Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Labour Supply Outcomes of Canadian Immigrants,” *Working Paper*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016 - *Present* Principal Researcher, Statistics Canada Research Data Centre, McMaster University

2018 - 2021 Research Assistant, McMaster University

- Advisor: Jeffrey S. Racine (2019 - 2021)
- Advisor: Alisa Tazhitdinova (2018 - 2019)

- 2019 Research Intern, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C
- Advisors: Cesar Bouillon and Roland Michelitsch

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 - 2023 Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, University of Toronto
- ECO220Y1Y Introduction to Data Analysis and Applied Econometrics
 - ECO369H1S Health Economics
- 2019 - 2020 Tutor for Spanish Speaking Exchange Students, McMaster University
- ECON 768 Advanced Econometrics
 - ECON 2B03 Analysis of Economic Data
- 2015 - 2020 Teaching Assistant, McMaster University
- ECON 3Z03 Health Economics
 - ECON 3C03 Public Sector Economics: Taxation
 - ECON 3HH3 Economics of International Trade
 - ECON 2J03 Environmental Economics
 - ECON 2P02 Economics of Professional Sport
 - ECON 2ZZ3 Intermediate Microeconomics II
 - ECON 2G03 Intermediate Microeconomics I
 - ECON 1B03 Introduction to Microeconomics
 - ECON 1BB3 Introduction to Macroeconomics

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

- 2022 Presentation, Canadian Women Economist Committee (CWEC) Brownbag Lunch Seminar Series, Hosted Virtually by CWEC
- 2021 Presentation, Virtual Seminar on the Economics of Risky Health Behaviors (VERB), Hosted virtually by Cornell University
- 2019 Presentation, Canadian Research Data Centre Network (CRDCN) National Conference, Halifax, NS
- 2019 Presentation, CRDCN National Policy Challenge Finalists Conference, Ottawa, ON
- 2019 Poster Presentation, New York Camp Econometrics XIV, Clayton, NY
- 2019 Presentation, Inter-American Development Bank Office of Evaluation and Oversight, Washington, D.C
- 2018 Presentation, CRDCN National Conference, Hamilton, ON
- 2018 Guest Lecture, Health Economics (ECON3Z03), McMaster University Hamilton, ON
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 SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

2020	McMaster University Research Scholarship
2016 – 2020	McMaster University Economics Department Doctoral Scholarship
2019	CRDCN National Policy Challenge 1 st Place Prize Winner
2019	CRDCN Emerging Scholars Grant
2019	CRDCN Travel Grant
2019	Productivity Partnership Research Opportunity Grant
2019	Productivity Partnership Travel Grant
2015	McMaster University Economics Department Masters Scholarship
2014	University of Guelph Dave Mathews Award for Outstanding Performance in Theory of Strategic Management

 PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2023	Teaching Stream Community of Practice Workshop Series Department of Economics, University of Toronto
2022	Teaching Stream Community of Practice Workshop Series Department of Economics, University of Toronto
2021	Teaching Stream Community of Practice Workshop Series Department of Economics, University of Toronto
2017	Course Design Workshop Series Paul R. MacPherson Institute for Leadership, Innovation, and Excellence in Teaching, McMaster University

 SERVICE

2023	Faculty Mentor University of Toronto, Second Year Learning Communities (SLC)
2023	Faculty Mentor University of Toronto, First Year Learning Communities (FLC)

 LANGUAGES

Communication: Fluent English and Spanish, Intermediate French
 Programming: R, STATA, SAS, Markdown, LaTeX, GitHub

 OTHER

Citizenship: Canada and Mexico

REFERENCES

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