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CURRENT POSITION	University of California, Berkeley , Center for Effective Global Action Post-Doctoral Fellow	Berkeley 2016–present
EDUCATION	Tulane University , Department of Economics Ph.D. (fields: Development Economics, Public Finance) B.S., <i>summa cum laude</i> and Phi Beta Kappa	New Orleans 2016 2011
VISITING POSITIONS	University of California, Berkeley , Haas School of Business Visiting Scholar El Colegio de México , Center for Economic Studies Visiting Researcher	Berkeley 2014–2015 Mexico City 2013–2014
GRANTS	Innovations for Poverty Action “Leveraging Digitized Government Transfers to Offer Low-Interest Microcredit and Reduce Risk for Poor Borrowers” (Co-PI) National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation “The Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty in Low-income Countries” (Co-PI) Fulbright Program Fulbright–García Robles Public Policy Initiative Grant to Mexico	2017–2019 \$345,000 2015–2016 \$16,481 2014–2016 \$581,162 2013–2014 \$13,384
PUBLICATIONS	Can a Poverty-Reducing and Progressive Tax and Transfer System Hurt the Poor? (with Nora Lustig). <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> 122, 63–75, 2016. Media coverage: <i>The Washington Post</i> Comparing the Incidence of Taxes and Social Spending in Brazil and the United States (with Nora Lustig, Whitney Ruble, and Timothy M. Smeeding). <i>Review of Income and Wealth</i> , forthcoming. The Effects of Brazil’s Taxation and Social Spending on the Distribution of Household Income (with Claudiney Pereira). <i>Public Finance Review</i> 42, 346–367, 2014. Media coverage: <i>Bloomberg Businessweek</i> ; <i>Folha de São Paulo</i> ; <i>Le Monde</i> The Impact of Bolsa Família on Poverty: Does Brazil’s Conditional Cash Transfer Program Have a Rural Bias? (undergraduate honors thesis). <i>Journal of Politics and Society</i> 23, 88–125, 2012.	

WORKING PAPERS	Banking on Trust: How Debit Cards Enable the Poor to Save More (with Pierre Bachas, Paul Gertler, and Enrique Seira).	
	Towards an Understanding of the Political Economy of Multidimensional Poverty Measurement (with Stefano Barbieri). Tulane Economics Working Paper 1604.	
BOOK CHAPTERS	Commitment to Equity: A Diagnostic Framework to Assess Governments' Fiscal Policy (with Nora Lustig). In <i>Inequality in Asia and the Pacific</i> , edited by Ravi Kanbur, Changyong Rhee, and Juzhong Zhuang. Routledge, 2014.	
HONORS AND AWARDS	School of Liberal Arts Summer Merit Fellowship (\$9570)	2014, 2015
	Schloss Prize for Excellence in Economics Research (\$2500)	2014
	School of Liberal Arts Graduate Fellowship	2011–2016
	William Wallace Peery Society (top percentile of graduating class)	2011
	Paul Tulane College Award in Economics	2011
	James H. Clark Fellowship	2010, 2011
	Phi Beta Kappa	inducted as a junior in 2010
	Liberal Arts Research Award (\$1000)	2010
	Stone Center Award for Best Paper on Latin America	2010
	David Cameron Taylor Summer Research Grant (\$1500)	2010
	Raytheon Scholarship (\$2000)	2009, 2010
	Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society	inducted in 2009
	Stone Center Summer Grant (\$500)	2009
	Dean's Honor Scholarship (full tuition merit-based scholarship)	2007–2011
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	UC Berkeley (Development Lunch, upcoming)	2016
	Universidad Iberoamericana (EQUIDE Seminar)	2016
	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (Economics Brownbag)	2016
	Mexico's Ministry of Social Development	2016
	Bansefi (Mexican government bank)	2016
	Arizona State University (Economics Seminar)	2016
	Tulane University (Economics Seminar)	2015
	University of San Francisco (Economics Seminar)	2015
	UC Berkeley (Development Economics Seminar)	2015
	Tulane University (Public Policy Working Group)	2015
	UC Berkeley (Development Lunch)	2015
	World Bank (Poverty Reduction and Equity)	2015
	Inter-American Development Bank (Gender and Diversity Unit)	2013
	Center for Inter-American Policy and Research	2013
	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Economics)	2013
	World Bank (Poverty Reduction and Equity)	2013
	UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago	2013
	African Development Bank, Tunis	2013
	Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	2012
	Inter-American Dialogue	2011

CONFERENCE	Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, Luxembourg	2015	
PRESENTATIONS	Congreso Sobre México, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City	2015	
	Southern Economic Association, Atlanta	2014	
	Congreso Sobre México, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City	2014	
	American Economic Association, Philadelphia	2014	
	Southern Economic Association, Tampa	2013	
	Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Mexico City	2013	
	International Association for Research on Income and Wealth, Rio de Janeiro	2013	
	Society for the Study of Economic Inequality, Bari	2013	
	Research Network on Inequality and Poverty, Washington, D.C.	2013	
	Southern Economic Association, New Orleans	2012	
	Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, Lima	2012	
	German Association of Latin American Research, Berlin	2012	
	University of Texas Institute of Latin American Studies, Austin	2012	
	Tulane University Latin American Graduate Organization, New Orleans	2012	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	World Bank	Washington, D.C.	
	Instructor, Stata Training Session on Fiscal Incidence	Feb 2015, Feb, Jul 2016	
	Government of Paraguay	Asunción	
	Instructor, Stata Training Session on Fiscal Incidence	Sep 2015	
	Tulane University	New Orleans	
	Teaching Assistant, Economics of Poverty (N. Lustig)	Sp 2012, F 2013, Sp 2013	
	Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics (J. Edwards)	Sp 2013	
	ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE	Yale University	New Haven
		Research Assistant, Economics and Political Science (J. Roemer)	2014
		World Bank	Washington, D.C.
Short Term Consultant, Poverty Reduction and Equity		2013–2016	
Short Term Consultant, Macroeconomics and Fiscal Management		2015–2016	
Short Term Consultant, Economic Policy Sector		2012	
Inter-American Development Bank		Washington, D.C.	
Consultant, Gender and Diversity Unit		2012–2015	
Tulane University		New Orleans	
Research Assistant, Economics (N. Lustig)		2010–2013	
Research Assistant, Portuguese (S. Beal)	2010–2011		
Instituto para la Participación y el Desarrollo	Buenos Aires		
Intern	2010		

REFeree SERVICE	Journal of Environmental Economics and Management Public Finance Review Research on Economic Inequality Review of Income and Wealth Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance World Development	
OTHER SERVICE	Editor and Maintainer, Tulane Economics Working Paper Series Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Association, Tulane Representative, Graduate Studies Student Association, Tulane	2015–2016 2012–2013 2012–2013
LANGUAGES	English, Spanish, and Portuguese (fluent); French (advanced proficiency)	
PROGRAMMING	<p>Stata</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programmed user-written Stata packages available in Stata through Statistical Software Components (<code>ceq</code>, <code>head</code>, <code>tail</code>, <code>exampleobs</code>, <code>randomselect</code>) • Taught Stata training workshops (Washington, D.C., and Asunción, Paraguay) • Taught Stata lab sessions for Economics of Poverty class (three semesters) <p>R</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spatial statistics and mapping with geospatial data <p>Python</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Processing large administrative data sets • Data scraping <p>L^AT_EX</p>	
REFERENCES	<p>Paul Gertler Li Ka Shing Professor of Economics Haas School of Business and School of Public Health University of California, Berkeley (510) 642-1418 gertler@berkeley.edu</p> <p>Alan Barreca Associate Professor Department of Economics Tulane University (504) 862-8346 abarreca@tulane.edu</p>	<p>Nora Lustig Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics Department of Economics Tulane University (504) 862-8347 nlustig@tulane.edu</p> <p>John Edwards Associate Professor Department of Economics Tulane University (504) 862-8357 edwards@tulane.edu</p>