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Current position

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Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Postdoctoral Fellowship
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Education

PhD **Sociology** 2009- 2014
McGill University
Centre on Population Dynamics
Area Examinations: Population Dynamics; Race and Ethnic Relations
Dissertation title: The intersection of immigration and family in Canada
Supervisors: Céline Le Bourdais; Zoua Vang

MSc **Statistics** 2007-2009
The University of Texas at Austin
Population Research Center
Supervisor: Daniel Powers

BSc **Applied Mathematics** 1999-2004
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México
Graduated with honors
Supervisor: José Luis Farah

Research and Teaching Interests

Demography and population dynamics; Migration and immigrant integration; Return migration; Social policy; Race and ethnicity; Family and fertility changes; Quantitative methods; Mexico, the United States and Canada

Publications in Peer Reviewed Journals

- 2015 Masferrer, Claudia and Carla Pederzini. Migración entre Estados Unidos y México: La importancia de las fuentes de información. *Coyuntura demográfica*, 7: 73-78
- 2012 *Masferrer, Claudia*. Cuando el origen no es destino: ciclo de vida y el retorno como posibles vínculos entre la migración interna e internacional (When origin is not destination: Life cycle and return as possible links between internal and international migration). *Coyuntura Demográfica*, 2:45-50
- 2012 *Masferrer, Claudia* and Bryan R. Roberts. Going Back Home? Changing Demography and Geography of Mexican Return Migration. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 31(4): 465-496.

- 2010 *Masferrer, Claudia* and Évelyne Lapierre-Adamcyk. Encadré – Les principaux traits de la politique familiale au Québec (The principal characteristics of family policy in Québec). **Santé, Société et Solidarité**. 9(2): 28-29.
- 2005 *Masferrer, Claudia* and Sebastián von Wuthenau. A new take on the conundrum, how to ride smoothly on non-circular wheels, **The Mathematical Intelligencer** 27(4): 7-13.
- 2005 *Masferrer, Claudia*. Seda, una tragedia blanca. **Opción**, 25(131): 68-75
- 2003 *Masferrer, Claudia*. Enseñar la comprensión (translation from French to Spanish of the text by Edgar Morin), **Opción**, 23(123): 71-79.
- 2003 *Masferrer, Claudia*. Antropofagia: Mito colonial y justificación de la violencia, **Opción**, 23(122): 85-96

Book Chapters

- In Press *Masferrer, Claudia*, Carla Pederzini, Jeffrey Passel and Gretchen Livingston. “Population dynamics of Mexican migration on both sides of the border”. In Escobar, Agustín, Lindsay Lowell and Susan Martin (eds). *Binational dialogue on Mexican migrants in the United States and Mexico*. MacArthur Foundation – CIESAS - INM. [Edited in English and Spanish]
- In Press *Masferrer, Claudia* and Bryan R. Roberts. “The Changing Patterns of Return Migration from U.S. to Mexico and their Policy Implications”. In Leal, David L. and Nestor Rodriguez (eds.). *Migration in an era of restriction and recession*. Springer Press.
- 2014 *Masferrer, Claudia*. “De regreso a otro lugar. La relación entre la migración interna y la migración de retorno en 2005” (Returning somewhere else. The relationship of Mexican internal and return migration in 2005). In Lozano, Fernando and Marcos Valdivia (eds.). *Análisis espacial de las remesas, migración de retorno y crecimiento regional en México*. CRIM-UNAM - Plaza y Valdés Editores. p. 175-238

Policy briefs

- 2015 Pederzini, Carla, Fernando Riosmena, *Claudia Masferrer*, and Noemy Molina. “Three decades of migration from the Northern Triangle of Central America: A historic and demographic outlook”. Central America – North America Migration Dialogue. Policy brief PB01. [Edited in English and Spanish]

Collaboration in policy reports

- 2013 Escobar Latapí, Agustín, Lindsay Lowell and Susan Martin. “Binational Dialogue on Mexican Migrants in the U.S. and in Mexico”. Final Report. MacArthur Foundation
- 2009 Consejo Nacional de Evaluación de la Política de Desarrollo Social. “Metodología para la medición multidimensional de la pobreza en México” (Methodology for Multidimensional Poverty Measurement in Mexico), Mexico City. Available at: http://www.coneval.gob.mx/rw/resource/coneval/med_pobreza/MPMMPingles100903.pdf
- 2007 Consejo Nacional de Evaluación de la Política de Desarrollo Social. “Los mapas de pobreza en México, 2005. Anexo técnico metodológico” (Poverty maps in Mexico, 2005. Methodological document), Mexico City. Available at: http://www.coneval.gob.mx/rw/resource/coneval/med_pobreza/1209.pdf

Other Publications

- 2009 *Masferrer, Claudia*. *L’Embarras du choix*: Modeling Mexican return migration decisions. **Masters Report**. The University of Texas at Austin

- 2005-06 Bi-monthly column in the newspaper Cambio, Puebla, Mexico. Wrote editorials about cultural, social and urban issues every two weeks.
- 2004 *Masferrer, Claudia*. Caracterización de límites topológicos como conjuntos compactos [*The compact set characterization of topological limits*]. Undergraduate Thesis. Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México.

Manuscripts Under Review

Masferrer, Claudia. “Does Family Matter for Recent Immigrants' Life Satisfaction?” [Revise and resubmit at *Advances in Life Course Research*]

Masferrer, Claudia, Céline Le Bourdais, and Zoua Vang. Marrying Out and Beyond: Explaining National and Immigrant Boundaries among Latin American Immigrants in Canada. [Under review]

Participation in Research Projects

2014- Central American – North American Migration Dialogue. Coordinator for the thematic area on Population and academic reviewer. Project funded by the MacArthur Foundation; coordinated by Pablo Mateos, Agustín Escobar Latapí and Lindsay Lowell.

2011-2013 Binational Dialogue on Mexican Migrants in the U.S. and in Mexico. Member of the Population group. Project funded by the MacArthur Foundation; coordinated by Agustín Escobar Latapí, Susan Martin, and Lindsay Lowell.

Fellowships and Grants

- 2014 Fonds de recherche Société et culture (FQRSC) Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$60,000). [Declined; cannot be accumulated with SSHRC's fellowship]
- 2014 H. Anthony Hampson Award (\$2,500). McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (MISC)
- 2014 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$81,000). (Score = 5.35/6; where 5-6 = very good/excellent)
- 2014 Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster Travel Award (\$1,000)
- 2013 Oswald Hall Dissertation Fellowship in Sociology (\$4,000). Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, McGill University
- 2013 Charles Bronfman and Alex Paterson Top-Up Award (\$5,000). McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (MISC)
- 2013 Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster Travel Award (\$1,000)
- 2013 Population Change and Lifecourse Strategic Knowledge Cluster Special Competition Award for attending the Cluster event in Ottawa, March 27-28, 2013
- 2012 Research Grant (\$7,000). Binational Dialogue on Mexican Migrants in the U.S. and in Mexico
- 2011 Travel Award (\$1,000). Quebec Metropolis Center –Immigration and Metropolis (QMC-IM)
- 2009-13 Merit Scholarship Program for Foreign Students (\$87,000). Fonds Québécois de la recherche sur la société et la culture (FQRSC)
- 2009 Admission recruitment award (\$7,500). Provost's Graduate Fellowship and McCall MacBein Fellowship, McGill University.

- 2008 E.D. Farmer Fellowship (\$6,000). Mexican Center, Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- 2008 Sustainability in the Americas Fellowship (\$3,500): North American Sustainability, Housing and Community Consortium. Granted for conducting independent research at the Centre for Development Area Studies (CDAS, now ISID) at McGill University
- 2007-09 Complementary Scholarship for Graduate Studies (\$35,000 approx.). Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT). Provided funding for tuition, health and personal expenses.
- 1999-04 Scholarship for Academic Excellence (75% of tuition expenses). Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM).
- 1999 31st International Summer Science Institute Fellowship (\$10,000 approx.). Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel

Honors and Awards

- 2015 Canadian Sociological Association: Outstanding Graduating Student Award. Nominated by McGill University.
- 2011 Pierre Elliot Trudeau Foundation: Finalist for the Trudeau Foundation Scholarship Competition. Nominated by McGill University and finalist at the interview level.
- 2010 Quebec Inter-University Centre of Social Statistics (QICSS): Prize for the Best Presentation, New Researchers Conference, Montreal
- 2007 Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM): Valedictorian of Class 2006.
- 2006 International Congress of Mathematicians: First Prize awarded for “Reinventing the wheel: Non-circular wheels”, Section of Mathematics Education and Popularization of Mathematics.
- 2004 Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM): Academic Excellence Award for Applied Mathematics
- 1999 12th National Mathematics Olympiad: Third Prize. Mexican Mathematical Society.
- 1998 Mexico City Contest of the Mathematics Olympiad: First Prize. Mexican Mathematical Society.
- 1998 National Science Fair Contest: First Prize awarded for “Rodando con Reuleaux”. Mexican Science Academy.
- 1997 Mexico City Contest of the Mathematics Olympiad: First Prize. Mexican Mathematical Society.

Professional Experience

- 2010-2014 *Graduate Research Assistant*. McGill University. Supervisor: Céline Le Bourdais
- 2007-2009 *Graduate Research Assistant*. T. L. L. Institute of Latin American Studies, Population Research Center and Department of Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin. Supervisor: Bryan R. Roberts
- 2006-2007 *Deputy Director of Methodologies for Poverty Measurement*. Office of Poverty Analysis, Mexican Social Policy Evaluation Council (CONEVAL). Generated Mexico’s official poverty estimates; participated in the generation of poverty maps with municipal and state estimates; participated in the questionnaire design of the Module of Socioeconomic Conditions Survey, and in the definition of Mexico’s new multidimensional poverty measure.

- 2005-2006 *Research Analyst*. Bureau of Geostatistics and Rosters of Beneficiaries, Mexican Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL). Executed statistical analyses used for geographical targeting of social programs; participated in a project about poverty measurements, its changes through time, and its relationship with migration; and participated in the calculation of the official national estimations of poverty in Mexico for 2004.
- 2004 *Executive Editor*. *Opción*. Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. Responsible of coordinating the student ran editorial board, the external designer, publisher and distributors. We published six numbers (150 pages, 4,000 copies each) in the year.

Teaching Experience

- Winter 2015 *Course Lecturer*. SOCI 305 Socialization. Department of Sociology, McGill University.
- October 2014 *Workshop Instructor*. Data management and preparation using macros in Stata. Quebec Inter-University Center for Social Statistics, Montreal.
- October 2013 *Workshop Instructor*. Longitudinal data management and preparation using Stata. Quebec Inter-University Center for Social Statistics, Montreal.
- May 2013 *Workshop Instructor*. Creating NPHS functional databases for longitudinal analysis using Stata. Western Summer School in Longitudinal Data Analysis, Western University
- Winter 2012 *Teaching Assistant*. SOCI 247 Family and Modern Society. Department of Sociology, McGill University. Coordinated review sessions, lead discussion sessions and graded exams.
- Summer 2008 *Teaching Assistant*. Ms394C Computational Statistics. Department of Mathematics, University of Texas at Austin. Generated computing code for assignments and prepared a manual on how to use R which included syntax for examples and exercises.
- Spring 2008 *Mentor*: Pre-Graduate Internship Program. Intellectual Entrepreneurship program, University of Texas at Austin. Mentor to an underrepresented, first generation undergraduate student interested in attending graduate school.
- Fall 1999 *Diploma in the "Teaching of English as a Foreign Language"*. Lancaster School, Mexico City. Responsible for a classroom of twenty five middle-school students.
- 1998-2000 *Private lessons of Mathematics*. Prepared students for the Mexican Children's Mathematics Olympiad and provided lessons of regularization

Conference Presentations

a. Peer-Reviewed Presentations

- 2015 "Marrying Out and Beyond: Explaining National and Immigrant Boundaries among Latin American Immigrants in Canada."
November: International conference "New research challenges on intermarriage and mixedness in Europe and beyond", Maison de la Recherche, University Paris Sorbonne, Paris, France
August: Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Chicago, Illinois.
June: Annual meeting of the Canadian Population Society in Ottawa, Ontario.

- 2015 “Central America - North America Migration Dialogue (CANAMID): an overview of findings”. [Workshop organizer and presenter] International Metropolis Conference, organized by Metropolis International held at Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2015 “Does Family Matter for Recent Immigrants' Life Satisfaction?” To be presented in August at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Chicago, Illinois.
- 2015 “Does the propensity to ‘double-up’ vary by immigrant class of entry over the first four years after arrival? Evidence from the Longitudinal Survey of Immigrants to Canada”. To be presented in April at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America in San Diego, California.
- 2015 “Is Love Independent of the Irrelevant Alternatives? Using a Multinomial Logit Model to Study Immigrant Interpartnering in Canada.” Presented at the New Researchers Conference of the Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics in Montreal, Quebec.
- 2014 “Does family matter? The influence of family type and living arrangements on recent immigrants’ satisfaction with life in Canada”. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2013 “Selection in Times of Crisis: Exploring Selectivity of Mexican Return Migration in 2005-2010.” Paper presented at the International Seminar on Return Migration organized by CISAN and Metropolis International, in Mexico City.
- 2013 “Back home. Household composition and economic resources of returnees from the U.S. in Mexico.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America in New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2012 “Selección en tiempos de crisis: explorando la selectividad de los migrantes de retorno en México durante 2005-2010.” Paper presented at the XI Mexican National Meeting of Demographic Research, Sociedad Mexicana de Demografía, in Aguascalientes, Mexico.
- 2012 “Selection in Times of Crisis: Exploring Selectivity of Mexican Return Migration in 2005-2010.” Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America in San Francisco, California.
- 2011 “Changes in subjective perception: Immigrants’ self-rated satisfaction of their experience in Canada during the first four years upon arrival.” Poster presented at the 2011 National Metropolis Conference, Metropolis Canada, in Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 2010 “Modeling self-rated satisfaction or dissatisfying challenges defining a dependent variable.” Paper presented at the 2010 New Researchers Conference of the Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics in Montreal, Canada.
- 2010 “Embarrassing variety of choice: Modeling Mexican return migration decisions.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America in Dallas, Texas.
- 2009 “Individual and household characteristics of Mexican return migration by community of return in 2005.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America in Detroit, Michigan.
- 2008 “Studying Mexican return migration at the locality level in 2005.” Poster presented at the Joint Statistical Meetings in Denver, Colorado.
- 2006 “Reinventing the wheel: Non-circular wheels.” Paper presented at the International Congress of Mathematicians, International Mathematical Union, in Madrid, Spain.

2001 “Ruedas de ancho constant [Wheels of constant width].” Paper presented at the Annual Congress of the Mexican Mathematical Society in Saltillo, Mexico.

1998 “Las mujeres en las matemáticas [Women in Mathematics].” Paper presented at the III Social Sciences and Humanities Symposium, Mexican Science Academy, in Mexico City.

b. By invitation

2015 “L’exogamie au-delà de l’origine nationale - les cas des immigrants latino-américaines au Canada”. Laboratoire d’études de la population (Lab/EP), Institut national de la recherche scientifique, Centre Urbanisation Culture Societe, Montreal, Canada. [Presented in French]

2015 “Are we comparing oranges to apples? Understanding similarities and differences between the Canadian- and US-born populations in Mexico”. Canada in the Americas / Le Canada dans les Amériques An interdisciplinary conference, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada in Montreal, Canada.

2013 “A Love Affair: Interpartnering and Mexico-Canada Exchanges”. Canada in the Americas Initiative, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada in Montreal, Canada.

2011 “El problema de elegir. Modelando las decisiones del migrante de retorno mexicano [Embarrassing variety of choice: Modeling Mexican return migration decisions].” Seminar of the Department of Statistics, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México.

2009 “Características y alcances de la migración Mexicana de retorno, 2005 [Characteristics and effects of Mexican Return Migration, 2005].” Seminario Permanente de Estudios Migratorios del Occidente de México (SEPEMIO). Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, Unidad Occidente in Guadalajara, México.

2009 “Return migration and community impacts in Mexico”. Paper presented at the conference Migration during an Era of Restriction at the University of Texas at Austin.

2008 “Trends in return migration to Mexico: Rural vs. urban.” Paper presented at the conference Mexico-U.S. Migration: Rural Transformation and Development at the University of Texas at Austin

Discussant for scholar presentations

2015 Session “Women and Divorce” at the “International Seminar on Separation, Divorce, Repartnering and Remarriage around the World” organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on Nuptiality at the Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS-UCS) at Montreal, Canada

2015 “Intergenerational Transmission of religion in migrant families: Evidence from France”. Paper presented by Thomas Soehl at the *Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity Workshop* at McGill University at Montreal, Canada

Certifications

2005-06 **Certificate on Dynamic Econometric Models**, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

2005 **Certificate on Human and Social Development**, Mexican Polytechnic Institute and Ministry of Social Development

1999 **Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) with merit**, The University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Professional Service

- 2015 Reviewer for *Revista Mexicana de Sociología*
- 2014 Reviewer for *International Migration Review*
- 2013 *Participant*. Consultation group organized by the Microdata Access Division at Statistics Canada for the project *Extending the Relevance of Longitudinal Files*
- 2013 Reviewer for *Demographic Research*
- 2012-13 *Student Representative*. Faculty, Department of Sociology, McGill University
- 2011-12 *President*. McGill Graduate Sociology Students' Association
- 2010-12 *McGill Student Representative*. Management committee of the Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics
- 2010-11 *Sociology Representative*. Anthropology and Sociology Film Initiative
- 2009-11 *Coordinator*. McGill Sociology Graduate Student Speaker Series
- 2006 *Editorial Board Member*. National Section of the Mexican newspaper *Reforma* (provided recommendations at bi-monthly meetings with leaders of opinion and national experts, one year)
- 2004 *Coordinator*. Cultural Commission, Student Council, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

Professional Memberships

Current

- 2013- American Sociological Association (ASA).
Sections: International Migration; Family; Sociology of Population; Racial and Ethnic Minorities.
- 2013- International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)
- 2012- Sociedad Mexicana de Demografía (SOMEDE)
- 2012- Centre of Population Dynamics, McGill University
- 2011- Population Change and Life Course Strategic Knowledge Cluster (PCLC)
- 2007- Population Association of America (PAA)

Past

- 2010-11 Statistical Society of Canada (SSC)
- 2007-09 American Statistical Association (ASA)
- 2007-09 Graduate Trainee. Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

Languages

Spanish, English, and French

References

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