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EMPLOYMENT

2018 May – Present Dina Axelrad Perry Professor in Economics, Queens College CUNY

2012 Sept. – 2018 May Dina Axelrad Perry Associate professor in Economics, Queens College CUNY

2010 Aug. – 2012 Aug. Assistant professor, Economics Department, Queens College CUNY

2010 Feb. – 2012 Aug. Associate professor, Department of Economics and Business,
University Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona GSE

2008 Sep. – 2009 Aug. Visiting researcher, Economics department
University of Michigan

2004 Sep. – 2010 Feb. Assistant professor, Department of Economics and Business,
University Pompeu Fabra and Barcelona GSE

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, New York University, September 2004

M.A., Economics, IDEA, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, 1998

B.A., Economics, Universitat de Barcelona, 1996

RESEARCH

PRIMARY FIELDS: Migration, Climate Change, Labor Economics, Development

GOOGLE CITATIONS: 505 in year 2022; 2,814 in the last 5 years

IDEAS REPEC: top 3% based on publications in the last 10 years

IDEAS REPEC ECONOMICS OF HUMAN MIGRATION: ranked 18th

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

[1] Ortega, F., 2005. “Immigration Policy and Skill Upgrading.” *Journal of Public Economics*, Vol. 89, pages 1841-1863.

[2] Ortega, F., 2010. “Immigration, Citizenship, and the Size of Government,” *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*: Vol. 10(1), Contributions, Art. 26.

[3] Armenter, R., Ortega, F., 2010. “Credible Redistribution Policies and Migration across US States.” *Review of Economic Dynamics*. Vol. 13(2), pages 403-423, April.

[4] Armenter, R., Ortega, F., 2010. “Credible Redistribution Policies and Skilled Migration.” *European Economic Review*, 55, pages 228–245.

[5] González, L., Ortega, F., 2010. “How do Very Open Economies Absorb Large Immigration Flows? Recent Evidence from Spanish Regions.” *Labour Economics*, 18 (2011) 57–70.

[6] Bertoli, S., Fernandez-Huertas, J., Ortega, F., 2011. “Immigration Policies and the Ecuadorian Exodus.” *World Bank Economic Review*; doi: 10.1093/wber/lhr004.

- [7] Farré, L., González, L. and Ortega, F., 2011. “Immigration, Family Responsibilities and the Labor Supply of Skilled Women.” *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*: Vol. 11: Iss. 1 (Contributions), Article 34.
- [8] Polavieja, J. G., and Ortega, F., 2012. “Labor-market Exposure as a Determinant of Attitudes toward Immigration.” *Labour Economics* 19 (2012), pages 298-311. DOI information: 10.1016/j.labeco.2012.02.004.
- [9] Ortega, F., Peri, G., 2013. “The Effect of Income and Immigration Policies on International Migration.” *Migration Studies*, Volume 1, pages 1-28; Oxford University Press. DOI: 10.1093/migration/mns004.
- [10] Gonzalez, L., Ortega, F., 2013. “Immigration and Housing Booms: Evidence from Spain.” *Journal of Regional Science*, vol. 53 (1), pages 37-59. DOI: 10.1111/jors.12010.
- [11] Bertoli, S., Fernandez-Huertas, J., Ortega, F., 2013. Crossing the Border: Self-selection, Earnings, and Individual Migration Decisions. *Journal of Development Economics* 101, pages 75-91.
- [12] Ortega, F., Peri, G., 2014. Migration, Trade and Income. *Journal of International Economics*, vol. 92(2), pages 231-251. Also NBER working paper number 18193.
- [13] Di Giovanni, J., Levchenko, A., Ortega, F., 2015. A Global View of Cross-border Migration. *Journal of the European Economic Association*, Issue 13-1, February 2015. DOI: 10.1111/jeea.12110.
- [14] Tanaka, R., Farré, L., Ortega, F., 2017. Immigration, Assimilation, and the Future of Public Education. *European Journal of Political Economy*. IN PRESS.
- [15] Ortega, F., Edwards, R., 2017. The Economic Contribution of Unauthorized Workers. *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, 67, pages 119-134.
- [16] Farré, L., Ortega, F., Tanaka, R., 2018. Immigration and the Public-Private School Choice. *Labor Economics*, 51, pages 184-201.
- [17] Hsin, A., Ortega, F., 2017. The Effects of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals on the Educational Outcomes of Undocumented Students: Evidence from a Large Public University, *Demography*, volume 55, issue 4, pages 1487-1506.
- [18] Ortega, F., Taspinar, S., 2018. Rising Sea Levels and Sinking Property Values: Hurricane Sandy and New York’s Housing Market. *Journal of Urban Economics*, 106, pages 81-100.
- [19] Mayda, A.M., Ortega, F., Peri, G., Shih, K., Sparber, C., 2018. The Effect of the H-1B Quota on Employment and Selection of Foreign-born Labor. *European Economic Review*, 108, pages 105-128.
- [20] Indaco, A., Ortega, F., Taspinar, S., 2019. The Effects of Flood Insurance on Housing Markets. *Cityscape*, Volume 21, Number 2, pages 129-156.
- [21] Ortega, F., Edwards, R., Hsin, A., 2019. The Economic Effects of Providing Legal Status to DREAMers. *IZA Journal of Labor Policy*, 9:2.
- [22] Indaco, A., Ortega, F., Taspinar, S., 2021. Hurricanes, flood risk and the economic adaptation of businesses. *Journal of Economic Geography*, Volume 21:4, pages 557-591, July 2021. doi: 10.1093/jeg/lbaa020

[23] Olivieri, S., Ortega, F., Rivadeneira, A., Carranza, E., 2021. Shoring up economic refugees: Venezuelan migrants in the Ecuadoran labor market. *Migration Studies*, Volume 9, Issue 4, December 2021, Pages 1590-1625. DOI 10.1093/migration/mnab037. Also IZA DP 13502.

[24] Farré, L., Ortega, F., 2023. Selecting Talent: Gender Differences in Participation and Success in Competitive Selection Processes. *Journal of Human Resources*, Vol. 58, Issue 6. Also IZA Discussion Paper 12530.

[25] Olivieri, S., Ortega, F., Rivadeneira, A., Carranza, E., 2021. The labor market effects of Venezuelan migration in Ecuador. *Journal of Development Studies*, DOI: 10.1080/00220388.2021.1988077.

[26] Ortega, F., Hsin, A., 2022. Occupational Barriers and the Labor Market Penalty from Lack of Legal Status. *Labour Economics*, 76, 102181, DOI information: 10.1016/j.labeco.2022.102181. An earlier version was posted as CReAM DP 18/21.

[27] Mayda, A., Ortega, F., Peri, G., Sparber, C., Shih, K., 2023. Coping with H-1B Shortages: Firm Performance and Mitigation Strategies. *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*, Forthcoming.

[28] Furtado, D., Ortega, F., 2023. [Do Immigrant Inflows Improve Quality of Care in Nursing Homes?](#). *Journal of Human Resources*, Forthcoming.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND POLICY PAPERS

[1] De la Rica, S., Ortega, F., 2012. "Economic and cultural gaps among foreign-born minorities in Spain". In "Cultural integration of Immigrants in Europe", Studies of Policy Reform, *Oxford Economic Press*, 2012. Edited by Yann Algan, Alberto Bisin, Alan Manning, and Thierry Verdier. ISBN 978-0-19-966009-4.

[2] Ortega, F., Peri, G., 2014. "The Aggregate Effects of Trade and Migration: Evidence from OECD Countries." In "The Socio-Economic Impact of Migration Flows." Springer International Publishing Switzerland, 2014. Edited by Klaus F. Zimmermann, Alessandro Cigno, Erdal Tekin and Junsen Zhang.

[3] Gonzalez, L., Ortega, F., 2014. "How do Open Economies Adjust to Large Immigration Flows? Sectoral Specialization, Household Services, and Other Mechanisms." CESifo DICE Report, Volume 12, Number 2, Summer 2014.

[4] De la Rica, S., Gritz, A., Ortega, F., 2015. Immigration in Europe: Trends, Policies, and Empirical Evidence. Barry R. Chiswick and Paul W. Miller, editors, "Handbook on the Economics of International Migration", Elsevier, pages 1303-1362. Also IZA Discussion Paper 7778.

[5] Tanaka, R., Ortega, F., 2016. Immigration and the Political Economy of Public Education: Recent Perspectives. Gary Freeman and Nikola Mirilovic, editors, "Handbook of Migration and Social Policy." Elgar. ISBN 9781783476282. Also IZA Discussion Paper 8778.

[6] Edwards, R., Ortega, F., 2016. "The Economic Impacts of Removing Unauthorized Immigrant Workers. An Industry and State-level Analysis." Center for American Progress, September 2016.

[7] Ortega, F., Sparber, C., 2016. "Skilled Immigrants: Economic Contribution and Policy Implications." In *Refugees and Economic Migrants: Facts, Policies and Challenges*. VoxEU, CEPR Press.

[8] Edwards, R., Ortega, F., 2017. “The Economic Benefits of Passing the Dream Act.” Center for American Progress, September 2017.

[9] Mayda, A.M., Ortega, F., Peri, G., Shih, K., Sparber, C., 2020. New Data and Facts on H1-B Workers across Firms. In *The Roles of Immigrants and Foreign Students in U.S. Science, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship*, edited by Ina Ganguli, Shulamit Kahn, and Megan MacGarvie, University of Chicago Press.

TEACHING

GRADUATE

- “Political Economy: Political choice in Macroeconomics”, UPF/ Barcelona GSE, 2005
- “Immigration Economics”, UPF/Barcelona GSE, 2006-2010
- “Topics in Applied Economics,” UPF/Barcelona GSE, 2008
- “International Trade and Policy,” CUNY Graduate Center, 2011-2014.

UNDERGRADUATE MACROECONOMICS

- *New York University* 2004
- *University Pompeu Fabra* 2004-2010
- *Queens College CUNY* 2010-2023

ECONOMICS HONORS SEMINAR

- *Queens College (number of thesis co-supervised):* 2015 (7), 2016 (8), 2019 (6), 2020 (9), 2021 (3), 2022 (7)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Executive Committee CUNY Graduate Center, 2022-present
- P&B Economics department and recruiting committee QC, 2013-present.
- Recruiting committee UPF 2007-2009.
- Admissions committee UPF-Barcelona GSE, 2005-2009.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2009-2010 *Jean Monnet* 3-month Post-doctoral Fellowship at the University of Michigan
- 2008-2009 *José Castillejo* fellowship, Spanish Ministry of Science and Innovation
- 2004-2007 *Juan de la Cierva* fellow, Spanish Ministry of Education
- 2003-2004 Graduate Fellowship, New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Science
- 2002-2003 The June Frier Esserman Fellowship, New York University, GSAS
- 2000-2002 Graduate Fellowship, New York University, Graduate School of Arts and Science
- 1998-2000 La Caixa Fellowship, Spain

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2022 National Science Foundation, Co-PI \$50,000
- 2018 La Caixa Foundation
- 2017 Center for American Progress, PI \$35,000
- 2017 MacArthur Foundation X-grant, PI \$24,000
- 2016 Center for American Progress, PI \$64,000
- 2015-2017 National Science Foundation, PI \$189,000
- 2010 European Union – Jean Monnet Fellowship, PI, \$7,000
- 2008-2011 Spanish Ministry for Science and Innovation, ECO2008-02779, Co-PI, 42,955 Euros
- 2005-2008 Spanish Ministry for Science and Technology, SEJ 2005-08110, Co-PI, 31,059 Euros

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

EDITORIAL WORK

2022-Present: Associate Editor of *SERIEs-Journal of the Spanish Economic Association*

REFEREEING

American Economic Review, American Journal of Political Science, Economic Journal, International Economic Review, Journal for Economic Dynamics and Control, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Monetary Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Review of Economic Dynamics, Regional Science and Urban Economics, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Spanish Economic Review, Quarterly Journal of Economics, etc.

Refereeing jobs in recent years (#): 2022 (14), 2021 (19), 2020 (19), 2019 (20), 2018 (22), 2017 (28), 2016 (26), 2015 (23), 2014 (25), 2013 (19), 2012 (18), 2011 (18), 2010 (19), 2009 (15), 2008 (11), 2007 (7), 2006 (7).

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

2011, 2012 European Association of Labor Economists
2006, 2009, 2010, 2011 European Economic Association
2007, 2009, 2010, 2011 Spanish Economic Association

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

2024: Stony Brook (scheduled), Saint Louis Fed (scheduled)
2023: Catalan Economics Association (Barcelona)
2022: CUNY Graduate Center
2021: World Bank, Poverty Group
2019: Invited Participant at Columbia Economics Panel Discussion on "Leveraging Big Data to Manage Extreme Weather Risks?"
2018: Philadelphia Fed
2017: Saint Louis Fed, University of Tokyo, University of Maryland at Baltimore, London School of Economics (UK), Warwick (UK), University College London (UK), Pomona College, San Diego State
2016: Rutgers New Brunswick, Queen Mary (UK), Warwick (UK), New York Fed, Fordham
2015: IZA (Bonn), University of Connecticut
2014: University of Hamburg (Germany), UT Austin (Texas)
2013: GRIPS (Tokyo)
2012: Rutgers Newark, SUNY Stony Brook, GRIPS (Tokyo)
2011: GRIPS (Tokyo, Japan), UC Davis, CUNY Grad. Center
2010: University of Barcelona, ECARES ULB Brussels, Queens College CUNY
2009: University of Michigan, Bank of Spain, UPF
2008: UPF, FEDEA, University of Michigan, Georgetown, Queens College CUNY
2007: UPF, Tenerife, Vigo, Zaragoza
2006: University of Barcelona, UPF, University of Dortmund, FEDEA
2005: Université de Toulouse 1, UCLA
2004: UAB, UC3M, Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Universitat d'Alacant, Banco de España, IESE, UPF, Universitat de Girona

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022: Columbia University, Sandy+10 Conference, Urban Economics Association Meetings (D.C.)
2020: SOLE-EALE (Berlin, online)

2019: APPAM (Barcelona), Urban Economics Association Meetings (Philadelphia), Catalan Economic Society (Barcelona)
 2018: NBER Immigration and Innovation; Columbia Shaping the Future of DACA
 2016: ZEW (Mannheim, Germany) Workshop on Immigration and Assimilation, plenary speaker; Urban Economics Association (Minneapolis)
 2015: CEPR-ERWIT (Paris, France)
 2014: BGSE Summer Forum, ESPE (Braga, Portugal)
 2013: Alpine Population Conference (Italy), NORFACE (London, UK - April), ERWIT (Rotterdam, Netherlands), NYU Alumni conference
 2012: ESSIM (Tarragona, Spain), ESPE (Bern, Switzerland).
 2011: American Economic Association (Denver CO), IER Topics Labor Economics (Kyoto, Japan), NORFACE Migration (London, UK), Society of Labor Economics (Vancouver, Canada).
 2010: Spanish Economic Association (Madrid, Spain). Presentation by co-author J. Polavieja.
 2009: Spanish Economic Association (Valencia, Spain), University of Michigan Quantitative Analysis of Newly Evolving Patterns of Japanese and U.S. International Trade (Discussant), Population Association of America (Detroit, US)
 2008: Egon Sohmen Symposium (CREI-UPF), Outsourcing and Migration (Centro Studi Luca d'Agliano, Milano), Workshop on Economic Geography (IAE, Barcelona), Immigration Workshop (Sevilla)
 2007: ESSIM (Izmir, Turkey), Spanish Economic Association (Granada, Spain).
 2006: EEA (Vienna, Austria), SED (Vancouver, Canada); Dynamic General Equilibrium Macroeconomics Workshop (Vigo, Spain); Immigration: Impacts, Integration, and Intergenerational Issues, CREAM at UCL (London, UK)
 2005: Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory (Baiona, Spain), SED (Budapest, Hungary)
 2004: Second Annual Conference of the Euro-Latin Study Network on Integration and Trade (Italy)
 2002: Society for Economic Design (New York, US)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, since March 2008.
- Research Fellow, Center for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM), since April 2007.

MEDIA

- "[“Are Americans Moving to Locations with Higher Climate Risk”](#) **ECONOFACT**, March 2023.
- "[“Flood Insurance in a World with Rising Seas”](#) **ECONOFACT**, October 2018.
- "[“Learning from Hurricane Sandy? Rising Seas and Housing Values”](#) **ECONOFACT**, May 2018.
- "[“How the DREAM Act can actually lower the deficit”](#) by **The Hill**, February 2018.
- "[“If Dreamers are protected, would the economy benefit?”](#) by **PBS NewsHour**, February 2018.
- "[“The Economic Impact of New York City’s Dreamers”](#) by **NYC Comptroller**, January 2018.
- "[“The Economic Gains of Legalizing DREAMers”](#) **ECONOFACT**, January 2018.
- "[“DREAMers could give the US economy - and even American workers - a boost”](#) by Amy Hsin, **The Conversation**, January 2018.
- "[“The Immigration Effect”](#) by Lena Groeger, **ProPublica**, July 2017.
- "[“Why deporting undocumented immigrants could slow US economy”](#) by Paul Wiseman, **The Associated Press**, March 2017.
- "[“Immigration Crackdown Could Drag Down GDP by 3%”](#) **Bloomberg TV**, February 2017.
- "[“The Economic Costs of an Immigration Crackdown”](#) **CNBC**, February 2017.
- "[“The Potentially Severe Consequences of Trump’s Deportation Plans”](#) by Max Ehrenfreund, **The Washington Post**, November 2016.
- "[“Study Says Illegal-Immigrant Crackdown Could Hit U.S. Economic Growth,”](#) **The Wall Street Journal**, November 2016.
- "[“Will deporting undocumented workers take us back to the Great Recession?”](#) by Rounak Maiti, **NPR Marketplace**, September 2016.

In the past my research has also been featured on the BBC, MundoFox, and Univision.