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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics , <i>University of New Mexico, USA</i>	<i>Expected May, 2025</i>
M.A. Economics , <i>University of New Mexico, USA</i>	<i>2021</i>
M.A. Economics, Minor in Applied Statistics , <i>New Mexico State University, USA</i>	<i>2019</i>
B.A. (Honors) Economics , <i>University of Cape Coast, Ghana</i>	<i>2016</i>

DISSERTATION

Essays on Educational Outcomes, Language, and the Reproductive Impacts of Education Policies
Committee: Kira Villa (Chair), Matías Fontenla (Member), Xiaoxue Li (Member), Paul Glewwe (Member)

FIELD OF INTEREST

Research Interests

Applied Microeconomics, Development Economics, Economics of Education, Public Policy, Health Economics

Teaching Interests

Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Development Economics, Economics of Education, Health Economics, Econometrics, Mathematical Economics, Public Policy

WORK IN PROGRESS

Evaluating Education Policy: A Four-Year High School System in Ghana (with *Kira Villa*) [**Job market paper**]
Free School, Official Language, and Mother Tongue: Pilot to National Coverage of Capitation Grant in Ghana (with *Kira Villa*)
Education Interventions and Reproductive Behaviors (with *Kira Villa*)
Valuing women's safety in India: Effect of the 2015 Smart Cities Program on crimes against women (with *Abhradeep Karmakar*)

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Research Assistant *2024 – continuing*
Project title - *Administration for Children and Families Congressionally Directed Community Project 2023* (funded by Administration for Children and Families (ACF)). Funding Amount: \$2million. Evaluation Director - Jennifer Crawford (University of New Mexico)

Research Assistant *2022 – continuing*
Project title - *New Mexico FOCUS Medication-Assisted Treatment - Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction Expansion*. (funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)). Funding Amount: \$2.6million. Principal Investigator - Jennifer Crawford (University of New Mexico)

Research Assistant *2021 – 2022*
Project title - *Adolescent Substance Use Reduction Effort Treatment Implementation*. (funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)). Funding Amount: \$200,000. Evaluation Director - Jennifer Crawford (University of New Mexico)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Instructor (<i>Instructor of Records</i>), University of New Mexico Macroeconomics Principles (In person)	<i>Fall 2023, Spring 2023</i>
Teaching Assistant, University of New Mexico Problem Based Learning Data Analysis	<i>Fall 2020</i>
Health Economics	<i>Fall 2020</i>
Introductory Statistics & Econometrics	<i>Spring 2020</i>
Introductory Microeconomics	<i>Spring 2020</i>
Economic Tools	<i>Fall 2019</i>
Introductory Macroeconomics	<i>Fall 2019</i>
Teaching Assistant, New Mexico State University Intermediate Macroeconomics	<i>Spring 2019, Spring 2018</i>
Principles of Microeconomics	<i>Fall 2018</i>
Intermediate Microeconomics	<i>Fall 2018, Fall 2017</i>
Principles of Macroeconomics	<i>Spring 2018</i>
Teaching Assistant, University of Cape Coast Managerial Economics	<i>Summer 2017</i>
Principles of Macroeconomics	<i>Spring 2017</i>
Labor Economics	<i>Spring 2017</i>
Elements of Microeconomics	<i>Fall 2016</i>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIP

Research and Travel Grants Student Conference Award Program (S-CAP), <i>UNM</i>	<i>2024</i>
Southern Economic Association Travel Award	<i>2024</i>
Conference Travel Grants - <i>Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Tech</i>	<i>2024</i>
Professional Development Grant - <i>Graduate and Professional Student Association, UNM</i>	<i>2024</i>
Fellowship Graduate Summer Research Fellowship - <i>Department of Economics, UNM</i>	<i>2024</i>

SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Scholarships Southern Economic Association Graduate Student Award	<i>2024</i>
Economics Graduate Students Organization (EGSO) Research Enrichment Scholarship, <i>UNM</i>	<i>2024</i>
Center for Public Utilities Endowed Graduate Scholarship, <i>NMSU</i>	<i>2018</i>
Dr. Dan Berry Regulatory Economist Memorial Fund, <i>NMSU</i>	<i>2018</i>
El Paso Electric Graduate Scholarship for Master of Economics Majors, <i>NMSU</i>	<i>2018</i>
Pruett Family Economic Development Endowed Scholarship, <i>NMSU</i>	<i>2018</i>
Ghana COCOBOD Scholarship	<i>2007-2011</i>
Honors Southern Economic Association Conference Nomination - Department of Economics, <i>UNM</i>	<i>2024</i>
Phi Kappa Phi, <i>NMSU</i>	<i>2019, 2018</i>
Dean's List for Good Academic Standing, <i>UCC</i>	<i>2016, 2015</i>

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Conference Presentations

Southern Economic Association (SEA) 94 th Annual Meeting	2024 Upcoming
The Southeast Exchange of Development Studies (SEEDS) 4 th Annual Conference	2024
18th Annual Himalayan Policy Research Conference (HPRC) -Zoom	2023,2024

Seminar Presentations

Collaborative for Econometrics and Integrated Development Studies (CEIDS) Informal Mentorship - Zoom	2024
Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP) Education Development Community - Zoom	2024
Collaborative for Econometrics and Integrated Development Studies (CEIDS) - Zoom	Spring 2024, Fall 2024
University of New Mexico, Department of Economics Student Seminar Series	Spring 2024, Fall 2024

Poster Presentations

The 3 rd Annual New Mexico Economics Research Day	2024
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Workshops

Collaborative for Econometrics and Integrated Development Studies (CEIDS)	2024
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ACADEMIC SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

<i>Treasurer</i> , Economics Graduate Students Organization, UNM	2021 - 2022
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

Association for Education Finance and Policy (AEFP), Collaborative for Econometrics and Integrated Development Studies (CEIDS), Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), The Association of Christian Economists (ACE), Southern Economic Association (SEA)

SOFTWARE SKILLS

STATA, SAS, R, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics, REDCap

REFERENCES

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