

# FERNANDA C. ROJAS AMPUERO

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison *Spring 2024 –*  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard Academy, Harvard University *2022 – 2023, Fall 2025*

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Faculty Research Fellow, NBER (Children and Families) *2026 –*  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Demography and Ecology, UW-Madison *2024 –*  
Invited Researcher, J-PAL LAC *2024 –*

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. in Economics, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) *2016 – 2022*  
M.A. in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC) *2012 – 2014*  
B.A. in Business and Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC) *2008 – 2012*

## FIELDS

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*Primary:* Public and Labor Economics  
*Secondary:* Development Economics, Urban Economics, Economic History

## PUBLICATIONS

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Who Benefits from a Maternity Leave Extension? Evidence from Chile. *Journal of Development Economics* (2026)

## WORKING PAPERS

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Sent Away: Displacement, Neighborhoods, and Children's Outcomes under Slum Clearance Policies (with Felipe Carrera). **2nd R&R** *American Economic Review*

The Effect of Decentralization on Child Mortality: Evidence from a Public Health Reform (with Dominique Araya-Vergara)

Displacement and Death: Evidence from a Slum Clearance Program

My Mother Was a Suffragist: The Intergenerational Effects of Women’s Right to Vote (with Gabriel Cruz-Fernández)

In-Situ versus Relocation: The Welfare Consequences of Slum Clearances on Urban Development (with Pablo Valenzuela-Casasempere)

Informality and Earnings Reporting: The Role of Parental Leave Benefit Duration (with Mariana Zerpa)

#### BOOK CHAPTER

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Public Housing Policies during the Pinochet Dictatorship. In *“The Pinochet Shock: Radical Change and Life Under Dictatorship,”* edited by Felipe González and Mounu Prem

#### FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

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UW Fall Research Competition grant for “My Mother Was a Suffragist: The Intergenerational Effects of Women’s Right to Vote” 2025

PAA Dorothy S. Thomas Award for “Sent Away: The Long-Term Effects of Slum Clearance on Children” 2024

Stone Research Grant, Harvard Kennedy School for “Segregation and Death: The Consequences of Slum Clearance on Mortality” 2023

REStat NBER SI Fellowship 2022

Robert Mare Student Lecture 2022

Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA 2021 – 2022

Best Paper Award, Albert Family Proseminar in Applied Microeconomics, UCLA 2021

Best Paper Award, Proseminar in Economic History, UCLA 2020

Remote Learning Teaching Assistance Award, Spring Quarter, UCLA 2020

Center for Economic History Research Grant, UCLA 2020

Lewis L. Clarke Graduate Fellowship Fund, Department of Economics, UCLA 2020

Ziman Center Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Program, UCLA 2019 – 2020

Donald J. Treiman Research Fellowship, UCLA 2019

LAI-Tinker Field Research Grant, UCLA 2019

Fellowship, Department of Economics, UCLA 2016 – 2020

Academic Excellence Award, M.A., PUC 2014

Academic Excellence Scholarship for Master’s Studies, CONICYT Chile 2013 – 2014

#### PRESENTATIONS (INCLUDING SCHEDULED\*)

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MIT LATAM group (Political Science); Escuela de Gobierno PUC-Chile; Wake Forest; UMass-Amherst; U Wisconsin-Milwaukee; SOLE; IEB 8th Workshop on Urban Economics\* 2025 – 2026

UEA North America; Cities and Development Workshop (Harvard); Toronto; DePaul 2024 – 2025

CIREQ-Montreal; Latin American Housing Network; JAM; 8th Urbanization and Poverty Reduction Conference World Bank; SOLE; Wharton; UNLP; FENUChile; BSE Summer Forum; U Talca; PUC-Chile; NBER SI (Children & Families)

Opportunity Insights Conference; Renmin University of China; NEUDC; LACEA; Berkeley Haas; Economics of Urban Inclusion workshop WB-GWU; CAF 2022 – 2023

EHA Annual Meeting (poster); All-UC+ Econ History Workshop; LACEA-RIDGE (JM showcase); UEA North American Meeting; RIDGE Forum Workshop on Public Economics; All-California Labor Economics Conference (poster); SECHI; U of Toronto – Munk School; Notre Dame; FEN; PUC Chile; IESE; CEMFI; Duke University; George Washington University; OECD; Federal Reserve Board; U of Arkansas; U of Wisconsin-Madison; Development Rookifest – Northwestern; CCPR-UCLA 2021 – 2022

Young Economists Symposium – Development Economics; NBER SI – Development of the American Economy (poster); WEAI Graduate Student Workshop; Virtual CLIO Conference (Egg-timer session) 2020 – 2021

II Economics Alumni Workshop PUC; Southern California Graduate Conference in Applied Economics; Urban Economics Association PhD Student Workshop; Graduate Student Retreat UC Davis Center for Poverty Research 2019 – 2020

## TEACHING

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### *University of Wisconsin-Madison*

Econ 626 Population Economics	<i>Spring 2024, Fall 2024</i>
Econ 705 Econometrics II	<i>Fall 2024</i>
Econ 707 Causal Estimation in Economics	<i>Spring 2026</i>
Econ 899 Topics in Development Economics	<i>Spring 2025, Spring 2026</i>

### *University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)*

Econ 97 Economic Toolkit	<i>Fall 2020</i>
Econ 103 Introduction to Econometrics	<i>Summer 2020</i>

### *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC)*

EAE 105A Principles of Economics	<i>Fall 2015</i>
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## REFEREE SERVICE

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Review of Economics and Statistics; Economic Journal; Journal of Development Economics; Economics of Education Review; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Labor Economics; American Economic Review; Quarterly Journal of Economics; Review of Economic Studies; Journal of the European Economic Association; American Economic Review: Insights

## DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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UW-Madison PhD Admissions	<i>2025 – 2026</i>
Faculty Senator	<i>2024 – 2025</i>
UW-Madison Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	<i>2024 – 2025</i>
UW-Madison PhD Admissions	<i>Spring 2024</i>

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ORGANIZATION

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OSUS 2022–2024; UEA 2023 (Europe) committee member; LAUrban 2023 committee member; V Alumni Workshop PUC 2023; UEA 2024 (US) committee member; VI Alumni Workshop PUC 2024; UEA 2025 (Europe) committee member; VII Alumni Workshop PUC 2025; UEA 2026 (Europe) committee member; MIEDC 2026 committee member; UEA 2026 (US) committee member

## OTHER

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*Citizenship:* Chile; US permanent resident  
*Languages:* Spanish (native), English (fluent)  
*Software:* Stata, MATLAB, R,  $\text{\LaTeX}$   
Co-founder of Women in Economics at UCLA

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