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## CURRENT POSITION

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**Northeastern University**, Boston, MA  
**Economics Department and International Affairs Program**  
Assistant Professor

August 2014 – present

## EDUCATION

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<b>Cornell University</b> , Ithaca USA PhD, Applied Economics and Management	2009-2014
<b>Universidad de Los Andes</b> , Bogotá Colombia Master of Arts in Economics	2004-2006
Bachelor of Science in Economics (with Honors)	1999-2004

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Cornell University</b> , Ithaca, NY Research Assistant: Profs. David Sahn; Miguel Gomez and Chris Barret	2011 – 2014
<b>University of San Francisco –Heifer International</b> , Guatemala Field Coordinator Data Collection, Impact Evaluation	2011
<b>Inter-American Development Bank- IDB</b> , Washington, DC Office of Evaluation and Oversight, Research Fellow	2008- 2009
<b>The World Bank Group, Washington, DC</b> Junior Professional Associate	2006 –2008
<b>Ministry of National Planning Bogotá, Colombia</b> Evaluation of Public Policy Directorate, Advisor	2005 - 2006
<b>Fedesarrollo, Think Tank Bogotá, Colombia</b> Research Assistant	2004- 2005
<b>Central Bank of Colombia Bogotá, Colombia</b> International Reserves Department, Economist and Intern	2003- 2004

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Development Economics, Gender, Economic Demography, Health and Education Economics.

## WORKING PAPERS

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**Herrera, C.** and Sahn, D. (2015) “The Impact of Early Childbearing on Schooling and Cognitive Skills among Young Women in Madagascar” IZA Discussion Paper No 9369. *Submitted*

**Herrera, C.** and Sahn, D. (2014) “Childhood Determinants of Youth Internal Migration in Senegal”. Cornell Food and Nutrition Working Paper No 245, CERDI No 8. *Submitted*

**Herrera, C.** and Sahn, D. (2014) “The Role of Maternal Cognitive Skills on Children’s Health in Madagascar”.

**Herrera, C.**, Sahn, D, and Villa, K (2015) “Young Mothers are working but Are they Getting Paid? Evidence on Female Labor Outcomes in Madagascar?”

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

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“Intergenerational Effects of Family Planning Programs in Madagascar” (with Maria Fernanda Rosales)

“Early Childhood Development, Skills Formation and the Intergenerational Transmission of Violence” (with Jorge Agüero and Kira Villa)

“Resilience, Educational Attainment and Shocks during Adolescence” (with Ava Cas Gail)

### **EARLIER WORKING PAPERS**

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**Herrera, C.** Dudwick, N. and Murrugarra, E. (2008) “Remittances, Gender roles and Children’s Welfare Outcomes in Morocco”. The World Bank. Mimeo

Murrugarra, E. and **Herrera, C.** (2007) Migration, Opportunities and Poverty in Nicaragua: Recent Migration Flows and Poverty reduction. Background paper in the World Bank Nicaragua Poverty Assessment 2007.

**Herrera, C.** (2006). “Informality and relative wages in Colombia, 1992-2004: Supply and Demand Factors”. Archivos de Macroeconomía No. 303-Departamento Nacional de Planeación, Colombia

Junguito, R. y **Herrera, C.** (2006). “The Agricultural Sector and International Insertion in Latin America”. Archivos de Macroeconomía No. 309- Departamento Nacional de Planeación, Colombia.

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

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Murrugarra, E. and **Herrera, C.** (2011) “Migration Choices, Inequality of Opportunities and Poverty Reduction in Nicaragua” Chapter 4 in the book “Migration Poverty Toward better opportunities” edited by Murrugarra, E.; Larisson, J. and Sasin, M. The World Bank

Cardenas, M and **Herrera, C.** (2006) “Labor Markets in Colombia”. Chapter 8 in “Introduction to the Colombian Economy” Textbook. Edited by Alfaomega.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

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Western Economics Association, Portland, June 29<sup>th</sup> –Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> (Scheduled)

UNU-WIDER Human Capital and Economic Growth June 6-8<sup>th</sup>, Helsinki (Scheduled)

Population Association of America, Washington, DC, March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 2nd 2016

International Family Planning Conference, Bali, Indonesia Jan 25- 28, 2016

International Association for Feminist Economics Association-IAFFE, Berlin, July 16-18, 2015

3rd DIAL conference "Barriers to Development", Paris, July, 2nd-3rd 2015

Population Association of America, San Diego CA, April 29 2015

Harvard Population Seminar, Cambridge, MA, April 10, 2015

UN Commission of the Status of Women, New York, March 9, 2015

Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford March 24, 2015

Northeastern Economics Department, Boston, MA, Nov 2014

Population Association of America, Boston MA, May 2014

Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development, Nairobi, Kenya January 2014

Northeast Development Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge MA, November 2013

Development Economics Seminar, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, October 2013

Health and Economic Behavior Policy Analysis and Management, Seminar Cornell University, July 2013

Population Association of America, New Orleans LA, April 2013

ENCORE Conference Cornell Population Center, Ithaca NY, November 2012

North American Regional Social Science Council Meetings, Ottawa, Canada, November 2012

ENCORE Conference Cornell Population Center, Ithaca NY, October 2011

Youth and Nutrition Series Seminar, Einaudi Center, Cornell University, Ithaca NY, November 2011

Cornell Council Sustainability Committee Seminar- Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 2011

World Bank Youth Innovation Fund (YIF) seminar, Washington DC, 2009

World Bank Seminar in the Middle East and North Africa region. Washington DC, 2008

World Bank Economists Forum, Washington DC, 2008

National Department of Planning, Bogota, Colombia, 2006

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Northeastern University</b>	<b>Boston, MA</b>
Instructor, Principles of Microeconomics (ECON 1116)	Spring and Fall 2015
Instructor, Topics in Gender and Development (ECON 4916/7200)	Spring 2015, 2016
Instructor, Development Economics (ECON 1291)	Spring 2016
<b>Cornell University</b>	<b>Ithaca, NY</b>
Teaching Assistant, Economics of Consumer Law (PAM 3410)	Spring 2013
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Statistics (PAM 2100)	Fall 2012
Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics (PAM 3300)	Spring 2012
Teaching Assistant, Spanish in the Disciplines: Introductory Macroeconomics (AEM1120)	Fall 2011
<b>Universidad de Los Andes</b>	<b>Bogotá, Colombia</b>
Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, and Fiscal Policy	2004-2006

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Alumni Hewlett and Population Reference Bureau Research Grant-PI (\$45,000)	2015
Northeastern University Tier I-Grant (\$45,000)-Co PI (With V. Moghadam and B. Erten)	2015
Northeastern U. Humanities Center (\$5000) (with V. Moghadam and B. Erten and B. Dickens)	2015
Northeastern U. ADVANCE Mentor Program (With B. Erten) (\$3000)	2014
Hewlett Foundation/IIE PhD Dissertation fellowship (\$40,000)	2012-2014
Cornell Population Center Conference Grant	2013/2014
Cornell Graduate School Conference	2013/2012
Einaudi Center- Cornell University International Travel Grant Awards	2012
Latin America Tinker Summer Grant, Einaudi Center, Cornell University	2011
Colombian Central Bank Scholarship “Lauchlin Currie” for Doctoral Studies in Economics	2009
Harvard M.P.A International Development leadership fellowship. Declined	2009
Colfuturo Award, Colombia. Declined	2009
World Bank Staff Spot Award, Washington, DC	2007, 2008
World Bank Youth Innovation Fund (YIF) grants (US\$18,000), Washington, DC	2008
Scholarship- Executive Training Social Program Evaluation-Poverty Action Lab/MIT	2006

## SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

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### Northeastern University

#### *Committee Member*

Undergraduate Curriculum, Department of Economics (2014, 2015)

Committee Member: Seminar Series, Department of Economics (2014, 2015)

Gender and Development Initiative, Department of Economics and International Affairs (2014, 2015)

*PhD Thesis Committee Member:* Abdullah Tirgil (2015)

*Conference Organizer:* Gender and Development Lecture Series and Conference (2015, 2016)

## REFeree SERVICE

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Population Research and Policy Review, Feminist Economics, 2015 International Conference Family Planning.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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American Economic Association, Population Association of America, Population and Poverty Research Network

## LANGUAGES

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English: fluent; Spanish: native; French: working knowledge