

# CATALINA HERRERA ALMANZA

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## CURRENT POSITION

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

July 2015 – Present  
August 2014 – June 2015

## EDUCATION

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| <b>Cornell University, Ithaca USA</b><br>Ph.D., Applied Economics and Management | 2009-2014 |
| <b>Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá Colombia</b><br>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, Ithaca, NY</b><br>Research Assistant: Profs. David Sahn; Miguel Gomez and Chris Barret               | 2011 – 2014 |
| <b>University of San Francisco –Heifer International, Guatemala</b><br>Field Coordinator Data Collection, Impact Evaluation | 2011        |
| <b>Inter-American Development Bank- IDB, Washington, DC</b><br>Office of Evaluation and Oversight, Research Fellow          | 2008- 2009  |
| <b>The World Bank Group, Washington, DC</b><br>Junior Professional Associate  | 2006 –2008  |
| <b>Ministry of National Planning Bogotá, Colombia</b><br>Evaluation of Public Policy Directorate, Advisor                   | 2005 - 2006 |
| <b>Fedesarrollo, Think Tank Bogotá, Colombia</b><br>Research Assistant  | 2004- 2005  |
| <b>Central Bank of Colombia Bogotá, Colombia</b><br>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. *Revise and re-submit.*

**Herrera, C.,** Sahn, D, and Villa, K. (2016) “Early Fertility and Labor Market Segmentation Evidence from Madagascar? *In preparation for submission.*

**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 Height and Cognitive Skills on Children’s Health in Madagascar”.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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- “Intergenerational Effects of Family Planning Programs in Madagascar” (with Maria Fernanda Rosales)
- “Human Capital, Skills and the Intergenerational Transmission of Domestic Violence in a Low Income Setting” (with Jorge Agüero and Kira Villa)
- “Resilience to Shocks during Adolescence and Later Human Capital Outcomes: Evidence from Natural Disasters in the Philippines”(with Ava Cas Gail)
- “Examining the impact of social networks on young women’s reproductive health, fertility, and well-being: Evidence from a field experiment in rural India” (with M. Karra, P. Pathack and S. Anukriti)

## **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 AND SEMINARS**

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- University of New Hampshire, Economics Department, Durham, NH, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016
- Fordham Development Economics Conference, New York, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Population, Reproductive Health, and Economic Development, IFPRI-DC, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Oxford University’s Young Lives Conference, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 *\*\*presented by K. Villa*
- American Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, Boston, July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016
- UNU-WIDER Human Capital and Economic Growth, Helsinki, June 6-8<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Midwest Development Conference, University of Minnesota, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 *\*\* presented by K.Villa*
- Population Association of America, Washington, DC, March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 2015
- Population Association of America, San Diego CA, April 29 2015
- Harvard Population Seminar, Cambridge, MA, April 10, 2015
- United Nations 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               |

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| <b>External</b>   |                |
| Weiss Family Program Fund, application in preparation (\$35,000)                      | October 2016   |
| Gates Foundation, Grand Challenges Explorations, proposal rejected (\$900,000)        | September 2016 |
| Packard Foundation, 2 <sup>nd</sup> round, proposal rejected (\$25,000)               | May 2016       |
| Hewlett and Population Reference Bureau Research Grant-PI, awarded (\$45,000)         | April 2015     |
| USAID, Purdue U. Consortium “Appropriate Scale Mechanization”, rejected (\$1,200,000) | June 2015      |
| Invited as a Gender Specialist  |                |
| <b>Internal-Northeastern University</b>   |                |
| Tier I-Grant awarded (\$45,000), Co-PI (With V. Moghadam and B. Erten)                | 2015           |
| Humanities Center awarded, (\$5000) (with V. Moghadam and B. Erten and B. Dickens)    | 2015           |
| ADVANCE Mentor Program awarded (With B. Erten) (\$3000)                               | 2014           |

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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| Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession, CeMENT Fellow            | 2015- 2016 |
| 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       |

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| 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       |

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## **SERVICE APPOINTMENTS**

### **Northeastern University**

#### *Committee Member*

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| Undergraduate Curriculum, Department of Economics     | Fall 2014- Spring 2016 |
| Seminar Series, Department of Economics               | Fall 2014- Present     |
| Junior Faculty Writing Group, Department of Economics | Spring 2015-Present    |
| Undergraduate Academic Advisors-Sophomores            | Fall 2015-Present      |

#### *PhD Thesis Committee Member:*

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| Abdullah Tirgil | Fall 2015- Present  |
| Monica Ortiz    | Summer 2016-Present |

#### *Gender and Development Initiative, Committee Member*

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| Economics Department and International Affairs Program  | Fall 2014-Present |
| Organizer, Gender and Development Lecture Series  | Fall 2015-Present |
| Conference Organizer, "Women's Empowerment and International Organizations: Opportunities, Achievements, Constraints" | April 2016        |

#### *Internal Presentations*

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| Northeastern University Scholars Seminar Speaker Series,    | February 2016 |
| College and Social Sciences and Humanities Work-in-Progress | October 2015  |

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## **REFeree SERVICE**

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

Session Organizer: "Improving Child and Adolescent Health: Global Maternal and Child Health Interventions" in the 2017 Population Association of America conference.

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Economic Association, Population Association of America, Population and Poverty Research Network-PopPOV, American Agricultural and Applied Economics Association.

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## **LANGUAGES**

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