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Curriculum Vitae
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Personal:

Born: November 3, 1971 in New York City, USA
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Current and Past Positions:

Private Sector Development Specialist at the Enterprise Analysis Unit of the World Bank, 2007-present

Assistant Professor of Economics, Departamento de Economía and Centro de Investigación Económica, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), 2000-2007

Research Economist at the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, 1998-2000

Education:

Cornell University (Ph.D. in Economics in 1998 and M.A. in Economics in 1996)

Binghamton University (B.S. in Economics in 1993)

Fields of Interest:

Labor economics, law and economics, firm creation, worker and job flows, empirical studies of labor tribunals

Current World Bank Work (non-research):

Evaluation of performance civil commercial courts in Bogota

Evaluation of Cape Verde's labor market

Published Articles:

“Executive Compensation: Six Questions That Need Answering” with John Abowd, *Journal of Economic Perspectives*, 13, no. 4 (1999) 145-168. Also NBER Working Paper No. w7124.

“Nominal Wage Rigidities in Mexico: Evidence from Social Security Records” with Sara Castellanos and Rodrigo García-Verdú, *Journal of Development Economics*, 75, no. 2 (2004) 507-533. Also NBER Working Paper No. w10383.

“Firmwide Versus Establishment-Specific Labor Market Practices” with Brooks Pierce, *Review of Economics & Statistics*, 87, no. 3 (2005) 569-578.

“What Happens to Wages After Displacement?” with Gabriel Martínez and Raymond Robertson, *Economía*, 5, no. 2 (2005) 197-242.

“El Efecto de los Salarios Mínimos en los Ingresos Laborales de México” with Francisco Pérez Arce Novaro, *El Trimestre Económico*, 73, no. 1 (2006) 139-173.

“Inflation and Establishment Turnover” with Gaetano Antinolfi, *Eastern Economic Journal*, 33, no. 3 (2007) 317-341.

“Litigation and Settlement: New Evidence from Labor Courts in Mexico” with Joyce Sadka and Jorge Luis Silva. *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 5, no. 2 (2008) 309–350.

“Job Creation and Labor Reform in Latin America”, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, 37, no. 1 (2009) 91–105.

Book Chapter:

“The Effects of Exaggeration in Labor Lawsuits in Mexico” with Alexander Gotthard and Joyce Sadka in *Teoría de Juegos y Derecho Contemporáneo*, David Enríquez editor, México D.F.: Editorial Porrúa, 2009. 315-337.

Working Papers:

“Entry Regulation and Business Start-ups: Evidence from Mexico” with Eduardo Piedra and Enrique Seira (2009). World Bank Policy Research working paper No. 4322. Second revision from the *Journal of Public Economics*.

“Enforceability of Labor Law: Evidence from a Labor Court in Mexico” with Joyce Sadka (2008). World Bank Policy Research working paper No. 4483. Latest version (March 2008). Revise and resubmit from the *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*.

“What Influences Firms’ Perceptions?” with Vikram Pathania.(2009). Revise and resubmit from the *Journal of Comparative Economics*.

“Exporting and Individual Wage Premia: Evidence from Mexican Employer-Employee Data” with Judith Frías and Eric Verhoogen (2009).

“The Plaintiff’s Role in Enforcing a Court Ruling: Evidence from a Labor Court in Mexico” with Joyce Sadka (2009).

Working Papers (cont.):

“Mexican Employment Dynamics: Evidence from Matched Firm-Worker Data” with Gabriel Martínez and Raymond Robertson (2007). World Bank Policy Research working paper No. 4433. Previously circulated under the title “Worker and Job Flows in Mexico.”

Popular Press:

2008 (December 10): Comment on Latin American labor markets in “Latin America Advisor.”

2004 (September 23): Quoted on front page of Reforma (a Mexican newspaper) discussing labor market problems.

Funded Research:

2005-2006: Co-director (with Joyce Sadka) on a project funded by the Inter-American Conference on Social Security to gather data on individual-labor disputes in Mexico

2005-2006: Researcher for the IADB project titled “China: Impact and Policy Implications for the Mexican Economy.” My paper focuses on labor-market effects.

2002: Project director of Mexican portion of IADB project titled “Market Institutions, Labor Market Dynamics, Growth and Productivity”

Consulting:

2005-2007: Consultant for the Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social (IMSS) to incorporate worker flows into the official statistics of the agency. Honorable mention in the World Bank’s Regional Award for Innovation in Statistics for the Latin American and Caribbean region.

2004: Consultant for a World Bank project on labor markets in Mexico.

2003: Consultant for a World Bank project on firm survival rates across countries.

Professional Activities and Awards:

Co-winner (with Joyce Sadka) of the 2008 Premio de Economía Víctor L. Urquidí for our paper titled “Enforceability of Labor Law: Evidence from a Labor Court in Mexico.”

Co-winner (with Joyce Sadka) of the 2008 Microsoft Research Award for Scholarship on Law and Economics for our paper titled “Enforceability of Labor Law: Evidence from a Labor Court in Mexico.”

Referee for American Economic Review; American Economic Journal; Applied Economics; Journal of Comparative Economics; Journal of Development Economics; Economic Journal; Economics of Transition; Industrial and Labor Relations Review; Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control; Journal of Economics and Finance; Journal of Labor Economics; Southern Economic Journal; Well-being and Social Policy; World Bank Economic Review; CONACyT; Estudios Económicos; Economía Mexicana; y Economía, Teoría y Práctica; and El Trimestre Económico.

Professional Activities and Awards (cont.):

Editorial Board of Estudios Económicos (El Colegio de México) since 2007.

Research Fellow of Sistema Nacional de Investigadores (SNI): Level 1, 2005-2008.

Member of Program Committee for the annual conference of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Mexico City, October 2006.

Recent and Scheduled Presentations (since 2007):

“The Plaintiff’s Role in Enforcing a Court Ruling: Evidence from a Labor Court in Mexico”

Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 2009

“What Influences Firm Perceptions?”

Thirteenth Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, University of Toronto, June 2009

“Job Creation and Labor Reform in Latin America”

Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 2008

“Enforceability of Labor Law: Evidence from a Labor Court in Mexico”

Baylor University, April 2009.

Twelfth Annual Conference of the International Society for New Institutional Economics, University of Toronto, June 2008

Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the American Law and Economics Association, Columbia University Law School, May 2008

George Mason Law School, February 2008

The World Bank, February 2008

Macalester College, November 2007

“Entry Regulation and Business Start-ups: Evidence from Mexico”

Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA), Bogota, Colombia, October 2007

Latin America's Total Factor Productivity Puzzle, University of California, Santa Barbara, September 2007