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Academic employment

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, *University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*, 2015 –

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, *University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*, 2012–2015

Instructor, Department of Economics, *University of California Santa Barbara*, 2012

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, *University of California Santa Barbara*, 2007–2012

Affiliations

Research Affiliate, *IZA Institute for Labor Economics*, 2016 –

Education

Ph.D., Economics, *University of California Santa Barbara*, 2012

M.A., Economics, *University of California Santa Barbara*, 2007

B.A., Economics (with High Honors), *University of California Davis*, 2006

B.A., Political Science (with Honors), *University of California Davis*, 2006

Areas of specialization

Labor economics, economic s of migration, economics of education, applied econometrics

Academic publications

- Boffy-Ramirez, Ernest and Soojae Moon. 2018. “The Role of China’s Household Registration System in the Urban-Rural Income Differential”, *China Economic Journal*, 11:2
- Boffy-Ramirez, Ernest. 2017. “The Heterogeneous impacts of business cycles on educational attainment”, *Education Economics*, 25:6
- Bean, Hamilton, and Ernest Boffy-Ramirez. 2017. "Comparing Chinese undergraduate students’ level of intercultural communication competence: does studying in the USA make a difference?" *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*, 47:7
- Boffy-Ramirez, Ernest. 2013. “Minimum wages, earnings, and migration”, *IZA Institute of Labor Economics Journal of Migration*, 2:17

Non-academic work

- Argys, Laura, Ernest Boffy-Ramirez, and Hani Mansour. 2019. "Denver Municipal Minimum Wage Report" prepared for the City of Denver Economic and Development Opportunity office

Working papers

Boffy-Ramirez, Ernest. 2019. "The Short-Run Effects of the Minimum Wage on Employment and Labor Market Participation: Evidence from an Individual-Level Panel", IZA DP No. 12137

Abstract: Previous minimum wage literature has emphasized the importance of identifying a valid counterfactual control group for what would have happened if the minimum wage had not changed. This paper addresses the issue using an empirical strategy absent in the literature. Specifically, this paper takes advantage of individual-level longitudinal data from the CPS to control for unobserved individual-level heterogeneity and exposure to economic shocks that determine unemployment and labor force participation. Leveraging this empirical strategy provides evidence of a decrease in labor force participation immediately following a minimum wage increase, but no evidence of increases in unemployment or part-time work relative to full-time work. The labor force participation effects are larger in magnitude for individuals without a high school degree, blacks, and Latinos. Together, the empirical results suggest the excess supply of labor generated by a higher minimum wage is offset by individuals exiting the labor force.

Research in progress

“Air pollution and productivity at the extensive and intensive margins: Evidence from a natural experiment in South Korea”

“Measuring the return to education amongst the least educated immigrants in the U.S.”

Teaching

- Introduction to Econometrics (*University of Colorado Denver*)
- Statistics with Computer Applications (*University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*)
- Introduction to Mathematical Economics (*International College Beijing*)
- Labor Economics (*University of Colorado Denver & International College Beijing*)
- The Economics of Race & Gender (*International College Beijing*)
- Game Theory with Economic Applications (*University of California Santa Barbara, University of Colorado Denver, & International College Beijing*)
- Special Topics in Applied Economics seminar (*International College Beijing*)

Academic recognition

Association of College and University Educators and the American Council on Education (ACUE) Certificate in Effective College Instruction 2020

International College Beijing Professional Development grant, 2015, 2018, 2019

Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop award recipient, 2011
Doctoral Scholar’s Central Fellowship recipient, *University of California Santa Barbara*, 2006–2011

Recognition of High Honors for thesis titled “The industrialization of Mexico’s Northern border and laborer health”, *University of California Davis*, 2006

Conference participation

Western Economic Association International, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2019

Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession session at *Western Economic Association International*, 2016

Western Economic Association International Graduate Student Dissertation Workshop, 2011

All-UC Labor Conference, 2009, 2010

Southern California Conference for Applied Microeconomics, 2010

Journal referee service

Applied Economics, *Applied Economics Letters*, *Journal of Race and Policy*, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, *Journal of Sports Analytics*, *Southern Economic Journal*, *IZA World of Labor*, *International Migration Review*, *Business and Economics Letters*, *University of California Santa Barbara's Occasional Environmental Workshop*

Professional memberships

Western Economic Association, *American Economic Association*