

Santiago Pérez

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EMPLOYMENT	University of California, Davis Associate Professor of Economics, 2023- Assistant Professor of Economics, 2017-2023	
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Research Associate, 2023- Faculty Research Fellow, 2019-2023	
	Global Migration Center, UC Davis Associate Faculty, 2017-	
PREVIOUS AFFILIATIONS	National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) Post-doctoral Fellow on “The Economics of Mobility”, 2020-2021	
	Brown University Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, 2021-2022	
EDUCATION	Stanford University Ph.D., Economics, 2011-2017	
	Universidad de San Andrés Master, Economics, 2008-2009	
	Universidad de Buenos Aires Licenciatura, Economics, 2003-2008	
PUBLICATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Law-Abiding Immigrants: The Incarceration Gap Between Immigrants and the US-born, 1870–2020</i> [joint with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, Elisa Jacome and Juan David Torres] [AER: Insights, 2024] <i>lead article</i>• <i>Civil Service Exams and Organizational Performance: Evidence from the Pendleton Act</i> [joint with Diana Moreira] [AEJ: Applied Economics, 2024]• <i>Southern (American) Hospitality: Italians in Argentina and the US during the Age of Mass Migration</i> [Economic Journal, 2021]• <i>The Long-Term Spillover Effects of Changes in the Return to Schooling</i> [joint with Ran Abramitzky and Victor Lavy] [Journal of Public Economics, 2021]	

- *Intergenerational Mobility of Immigrants in the U.S. over the Last Two Centuries* [joint with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, and Elisa Jácome] [American Economic Review, 2021]
- *Automated Linking of Historical Data* [joint with Ran Abramitzky, Leah Boustan, Katherine Eriksson and James Feigenbaum] [Journal of Economic Literature, 2021]
- *Intergenerational Occupational Mobility Across Three Continents* [The Journal of Economic History, 2019]
- *Linking Individuals Across Historical Sources: A Fully Automated Approach* [joint with Ran Abramitzky and Roy Mill] [Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History, 2019]
- *The (South) American Dream: Mobility and Economic Outcomes of First- and Second-Generation Immigrants in 19th-Century Argentina*, [The Journal of Economic History, 2017, (lead article)]
Best Article by a Researcher under 35 (National Academy of Economic Sciences of Argentina)

WORKING PAPERS

- *Intergenerational Mobility of Immigrants in 15 Destination Countries* [planning team: Leah Boustan, Mathias Fjællegaard Jensen, Ran Abramitzky, Elisa Jácome, Alan Manning, Santiago Pérez, Analysia Watley] R&R at **American Economic Review**
- *The G.I. Bill, Standardized Testing, and the Socioeconomic Origins of the US Educational Elite* [joint with Ran Abramitzky, Jennifer Kowalski, and Joseph Price] R&R at **Review of Economic Studies**
- *Climbing the Ivory Tower: How Socio-Economic Background Shapes Academia* [joint with Ran Abramitzky, Lena Greska, Joseph Price, Carlo Schwarz, and Fabian Waldinger]
- *Daughters as Safety Net? Family Responses to Parental Employment Shocks: Evidence from Alcohol Prohibition* [joint with Anna Aizer and Gabrielle Grafton] R&R at **Journal of Human Resources**
- *Finding John Smith: Using Extra Information for Historical Record Linkage* [joint with (with Ran Abramitzky, Harriet Brookes Gray, Leah Boustan, Katherine Eriksson, and Myera Rashid) R&R at **Explorations in Economic History**
- *Who Benefits from Meritocracy?* [joint with Diana Moreira]
- *Railroads and the Rural to Urban Transition: Evidence from 19th-Century Argentina*

SELECTED WORK
IN PROGRESS

- *College Dynasties* [joint with Ran Abramitzky, Jennifer Kowalski, and Joseph Price]
- *Migration and Immigrant Outcomes at the Destination*, in “Research Handbook of Historical Sociology.” Edited Volume. Edward Elgar Publishing
- *Argentina in the Age of Mass Migration*, in “Roots of Underdevelopment: A New Economic (and Political) History of Latin America and the Caribbean.” Edited Volume. Palgrave, Macmillan, 2022 [joint with Federico Droller and Martín Fiszbein]

BOOK REVIEWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Snakes and Ladders: The Great British Social Mobility Myth.” by Selina Todd. <i>Economic History Review</i> (2021) “Migrant Marketplaces: Food and Italians in North and South America.” by Elizabeth Zanoni. <i>Business History Review</i> 93.3 (2019): 645-647.
RESEARCH GRANTS	<p>National Science Foundation (\$500,000) [with Ran Abramitzky and Joe Price] 2022 Russell Sage Foundation (\$166,553) [with Ran Abramitzky and Joe Price] 2022 UC Davis, Small Grant In Aid of Research 2018-2020, 2023-2024 Economic History Association, Arthur H. Cole Grant in Aid 2018</p>
FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	<p>Economic History Association Engerman-Goldin Prize [with Abramitzky, Boustan, Eriksson, and Rashid for the <i>Census Linking Project</i>] 2024 UC Davis Dept. of Economics, Thomas Meyer Distinguished Teaching Award 2023 UC Davis, Hellman Fellowship [with Diana Moreira] 2021 <i>Journal of Economic Geography</i>, Best Referee Award 2020 NBER Postdoctoral Fellowship on the Economics of Mobility 2020 <i>National Academy of Economic Sciences of Argentina</i>, Best Article by a Researcher under the Age of 35 2019 <i>Explorations in Economic History</i>, Excellence in Refereeing Award 2019 Leonard W. Ely and Shirley R. Ely Graduate Student Fund Fellowship 2016-2017 Economic History Association, Dissertation Fellowship 2016 Stanford University, Outstanding TA Award Fall, 2015 SCID Exploratory Award 2015 Economic History Association, Exploratory Data and Travel Grant 2015 Stanford University, Economics Department. Research Grant 2014 Stanford University, Graduate Fellowship 2011/12-2012/13 Universidad de San Andrés. Master Program Scholarship 2009</p>
INVITED SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (*CONFERENCE PRESENTATION BY COAUTHORS)	<p>2026: (including scheduled) Society of Labor Economists 2025: UC Davis Department of Economics Undergraduate Seminar, UC Davis Law School, NBER Conference on Linking Historical Data Sources for Small Populations*, UNAM, NBER Summer Institute*, International Monetary Fund 2024: Universidad de San Andrés; Central Washington University Economic Outlook Conference (keynote speaker); Dondena-Cornell DOCG gathering; Linnaeus University; NBER Summer Institute*; UC Berkeley; San Diego State University; Santa Clara University; Wake Forest University 2023: Chicago Federal Reserve; NBER Immigrants and the US Economy Conference; UCMX Seminar on the Economics of Immigration; Universidad de Buenos Aires; Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF); University of Texas, El Paso; University of Arizona; University of Syracuse; Universidad de San Andres Alumni Conference 2022: Harvard University; World Economic History Congress; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics; University of British Columbia; Peking University; Universidad de San Andres Alumni Conference 2021: Corporacion Andina de Fomento (CAF); University of Melbourne; University of British Columbia; Yale University Economic History Conference; Universidad Nacional de La Plata; Annual Cliometrics Conference; Economic History Association; BREAD Conference*; NBER Summer Institute (X2); Warwick University; Brown University; Northwestern University; Yale University; Rutgers University; PUC Chile; Wilfrid Laurier University; NBER Economics of Mobility; Social Science History Association 2020 (cancelled due to COVID+): ASSA meetings; Oxford University Historical Perspectives on Intergenerational Mobility; Galatina Summer Meetings+; CEPR Meeting on Structural Transformation and Economic Growth*; University of Southern</p>

Denmark; University of Ottawa; NBER Organizational Economics*; Opportunity Insights Lunch Meetings

2019: Economic History @ UdeSA; 3rd LSE-Stanford-U de los Andes Conference on Long-Run Development in Latin America and Beyond; 12th Migration and Development Conference (Madrid); Workshop on Intergenerational Mobility, Gender and Family Formation in the Long Run (Statistics Norway); NBER Summer Institute; Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics; Economic History Association; University of Milan Global Challenges Seminar; Udesa Alumni Conference

2018: University of Arizona; Pontificia Universidad de Católica de Chile; EH Clio Lab

2017: CU Boulder; University of Notre Dame; UC Davis; Fundacion Getulio Vargas; Universidad de los Andes; Universidad del Rosario; Universidad de los Andes SOM; Northwestern University; UC Berkeley; UC Davis HIA/ISS; UC Irvine; All-California Labor Economics Conference

2016: Vanderbilt University; LSE Economic History; All-UC Economic History Group Meetings, Economic History Association, NBER Summer Institute (poster session), Annual Cliometrics Conference

2015: Universidad de San Andrés Alumni Conference, UC Berkeley Complete Census Count Workshop, Economic History Association (poster session), Stanford SITE Conference

2014: Stanford-Berkeley Immigration Conference

INVITED DISCUSSIONS

2025: ASSA meetings (Session chair + Three discussions), YSI-EHES Economic history

2024: LACEA Migration Network Meeting ; Economic History Association meetings (Session chair)

2022: Economic History Association meetings (Session chair)

2021: CAF Workshop on Intergenerational Mobility in Latin America; Explorations in Economic History Conference on Methodological Advances in the Extraction and Analysis of Historical Data ; YSI-EHES Economic history

2020: NBER Economics of Mobility Meeting

2017: Economic History Association meetings

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES

2026: LACEA Migration Network Meeting

2026: Society of Labor Economists Program Committee

2025: LACEA LAMES Annual Meeting

2024: Economic History Association Local Arrangements Committee

2024: LACEA Migration Network Meeting

2023: LACEA LAMES Annual Meeting

2022: Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (Migration Session)

REFEREEING

AEJ: Applied Economics, AEJ: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Sociological Review, Applied Economics, Chile's National Research and Development Agency, Demographic Research, Econometrica, Economica, Economic History of Developing Regions, Economic History Review, Economic Journal, European Review of Economic History, Explorations in Economic History, Israel Science Foundation, International Migration Review, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic History, Journal of American Ethnic History, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Labor Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Quarterly Journal of Economics,

Regional Science and Urban Economics, Revista de Historia Económica, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of World Economics, Russell Sage Foundation, Scandinavian Review of Economic History, Canada Foundation for Innovation, Social Sciences

DEPARTMENT SERVICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> News committee Co-organizer, Economic History Seminar 	2022-
CAMPUS SERVICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U21 Global Leadership Program Review Committee Alianza UC-MX Collaborative Research Proposals 	
TEACHING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UC Davis Economics of international migrations (<i>undergraduate</i>) US Economic History (<i>undergraduate</i>) Economic history (<i>graduate</i>) Brown University Inequality and Social Policies (<i>graduate</i>) 	Since Fall 2017- Since Winter 2023- Since Winter 2018- Fall 2021
SHORT COURSES AND INVITED LECTURES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global Migration Center and Alianza UCMX Summer School on the Economics of Immigration Bogotá Summer School of Economics Feria del Libro de Buenos Aires (invited by FamilySearch) “New Technologies to Know Better our History” UCSD, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies A new frontier in immigration research: Historical record linkage 	2022-2025 2024 2023 2022
PERSONAL INFORMATION	Argentine Citizen, US Permanent Resident, US Census Special Sworn Status	

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