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I am a social demographer trained in quantitative methods, with experience in state-level program evaluations, survey design, and validation. My research interests encompass the social determinants of contraceptive use and access, fertility, and health outcomes. I have more than ten years of experience working in interdisciplinary teams, public agencies, and project management.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Quantitative Methods, Social Demography, Sexual and Reproductive Health, Social Determinants of Health, Latino Health.

EDUCATION

2018-2024. **Ph.D. Sociology.** University of Maryland, College Park. *Specialization:* Demography.

Dissertation: Does Women's Continuation in the Labor Force Matter for Union formation? An assessment of Evidence from the United States and Latin America.

Committee: Dr. Liana C. Sayer (chair), Dr. Mónica L. Caudillo (co-chair), Dr. Michael S. Rendall, Dr. Andrés Villarreal, and Dr. Susan Parker.

2020. **MA. Sociology.** University of Maryland, College Park.

2016. **MSc. Social Research Methods.** London School of Economics and Political Science.

2010. **BA Sociology.** Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC).

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

2024-. **Postdoctoral Research Associate.** Carolina Population Center. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Hispanic Community Health Study of Latinos (HCHS/SOL).

2018-2024. **Graduate Research Assistant.** Maryland Population Research Center. University of Maryland, College Park. Delaware Contraceptive Access Now Intervention Evaluation Project (Del-CAN).

2016-2018. **Project Manager.** Centro UC Medición MIDE, PUC.

2013-2015. **Researcher.** Center for Research in Educational Policy and Practice, PUC.

2011-2013 and 2017. **Researcher.** Ministerio de Educación, Gobierno de Chile.

2011. **Research Assistant.** Instituto de Sociología, PUC.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Rendall, M.S., Eeckhaut, M.C.W., Gifford, K., and **Hurtado-Acuna, C.** (2025) *Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC) and Early Childbearing Revisited: Births and Birth Intendedness After LARC Removal in a State Medicaid Population (2012-2020)*. American Journal of Public Health,

Gil, M., **Hurtado-Acuna, C.**, Quiero-Bastías, M. et al. (2023) *Unequal effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Researchers: Evidence from Chile and Colombia*. Humanities and Social Sciences Communications. 10, 865.

Caudillo, M., **Hurtado-Acuna, C.**, Rendall, MS, and Boudreaux, M. *Association of the Delaware Contraceptive Access Now Initiative with Postpartum LARC Use* (2022). Maternal and Child Health Journal. 26:1657–1666.

Zvavitch, P., Rendall, M. S., **Hurtado-Acuna, C.**, and Shattuck, R. M. (2020). *Contraceptive Consistency and Poverty after Birth*. Population Research and Policy Review, 40, 1277–1311.

Rivero, R., Yañez, T., and **Hurtado, C.** (2019). *Preparation for an Effective Leadership in Chile: An Opinion Study of a National Leadership Framework from Principals' Perspectives*. Education Policy Analysis Archives. 27 (2019): 117.

UNDER REVIEW

Hurtado-Acuna C. and Rendall, M. S. *What Happened in Delaware? Unintended Births and Unplanned Births among all Women and among Medicaid-Insured Women Following a Statewide Contraceptive Initiative*. *R&R*.

Hughes D., **Hurtado-Acuna C.** and Rendall, M. S. *The Role of Provider Distrust in Explaining Racial/Ethnic Differences in Recent Unintended Pregnancies Resulting in Births among Women in Delaware and Maryland*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Longitudinal Study of LS7 by Sex, Sexual Orientation, Race/Ethnicity, and SES in a Pooled CARDIA and SGM SOL dataset (with Lauren B. Beach, Tonia C. Poteat, Krista M. Perreira, HCHS/SOL, and CARDIA team members).

Older Maternal Ages, Increasing Rates of Planned Births, and Shifts from Births Wanted Later to Births Wanted Sooner (with Michael S. Rendall).

Structural Socioeconomic Barriers to Contraceptive Care among Sexual Minority Women (with Layne Amerikaner).

Acute and Cumulative Effects of Local Violence on Marriage During the Mexican War on Drugs, 2000-2019 (with Mónica L. Caudillo and Jingwen Liu).

Women's Employment and Continuous Employment on Transitions into First Marriage.

POLICY BRIEFS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Hurtado-Acuna, C. *Measuring Contraceptive Use, Access, and Decision- Making in Family Planning in Mexico* (2022). Brief Women's Empowerment Data for Gender Equality (WEDGE).

Chhabra, N and **Hurtado, C.** *Women's Household Decision-Making* (2020). Brief Women's Empowerment Data for Gender Equality (WEDGE).

Hurtado, C. *To Hire or Not to Hire?* (Summer 2019). In brief. Context Magazine.

Rivero, R., Arancibia, V., Claro, S., Lagos, F. and **Hurtado, C.** (2019). *Organización de la Formación Práctica de Futuros Docentes de Educación Primaria en Chile* [The Practice Component of Teacher's Training in Chile]. Calidad de la Educación, (50), 12-48.

Rivero, R., **Hurtado, C.** and Morandé, A. (2018). *¿Cuán Preparados Llegan los Directores Escolares?: Un Análisis sobre su Formación y Trayectorias Laborales* [Training and Employment Trajectories of School Principals]. Calidad de la Educación (48), pp.17-49.

Rivero, R., and **Hurtado, C.** (2015). *Indicadores de Resultado de Programas de Pedagogía Básica: Evidencia para Mejorar el Aseguramiento de la Calidad de los Docentes en Chile* [Quality Indicators of Chilean Teacher's Training]. Calidad de la Educación, (43), 17-55.

AWARDS/GRANTS

2023. Ann G. Wylie Dissertation Fellowship, \$15,000. Graduate School, University of Maryland.

2023. Dr. Ramon Henkel Quantitative Research Award, \$4,000. Department of Sociology, University of Maryland.

2022. Suzanne M. Bianchi Summer Graduate Student Grant, \$4,000. Maryland Population Research Center. University of Maryland.

2022. Dean's Research Initiative. College of Behavioral and Social Science, \$750. University of Maryland.

2022. Marriage Strengthening Research & Dissemination Center's (MAST), \$750. Small Grant Award.

2019. The Women's Empowerment: Data for Gender Equality (WEDGE), \$1,000. University of Maryland.

2019. Dean's Research Initiative, \$1,000. College of Behavioral and Social Science, University of Maryland.

2015-2016, 2018-2022. Becas Chile for graduate studies, Gobierno de Chile.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Does Women's Employment Continuity Matters for Union Formation in Mexico?

- 2024. Latin American Studies Association. Gender, Work, and Families in Latin America: Intersecting Perspectives in a Time of Uncertainty. Oral Session.
- 2023. PAA. Poster Session.

Structural Socioeconomic Barriers to Contraceptive Care Among Sexual Minority Women (with Layne Amerikaner)

- 2024. PAA. Queer Fertility, Family Building, and Reproductive Health. Oral Session.

Continuous Employment and Women's Worker's Identity on First Marriage in the United States.

- 2022. Work and Family Researchers Network Conference.

Acute and Cumulative Effects of Local Violence on Marriage During the Mexican War on Drugs, 2000-2019 (with Mónica L. Caudillo and Jingwen Liu).

- 2022. PAA. Neighborhood Effects in an Era of Big and Small Data. Flash Session.

Association of the Delaware Contraceptive Access Now Initiative with Postpartum LARC Use (with Mónica L. Caudillo, Michael S. Rendall, and Michel Boudreaux).

- 2021. PAA. Quality of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Programs. Oral Session.

Unequal Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Latin American Scientists (with Magdalena Gil).

- 2021. PAA. Poster Session.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015. Teaching Assistant. Diseño y Evaluación de Políticas Educativas [*Design and Evaluation of Educational Policies*] (M.A degree, Universidad Alberto Hurtado).

2009. Teaching Assistant. Sociología de la Educación [*Sociology of Education*] (BA. Sociology, PUC).

2009. Teaching Assistant. Sociología [*Sociology*] (BA. Psychology, PUC).

2008. Teaching Assistant. Cultura Latinoamericana [*Latin American Culture*] (BA. Sociology, PUC).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Student Affiliate, Maryland Population Research Center.

Member, Population Association of America.

Member, Work and Family Researchers Network.

SERVICE

2020-2021. Policy Committee. Sociology Department. University of Maryland.

April 2023. Poster Discussant. Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

Reviewer: *Family Planning Studies*.

DATA ANALYSIS SOFTWARES:

STATA, Mplus, RStudio, Qualtrics, Nvivo, and SPSS.

LANGUAGES: English and Spanish (Native).

REFERENCES

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