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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Whittier College, Whittier, California, USA

- Assistant Professor Economics Department

Since Fall 2019

EDUCATION

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California, USA

- Ph.D. in Economics and Politics
• Fields: Development Economics; Political Economy, Comparative Politics.

2019

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California, USA

- M.Sc. in Economics

2017

Université de Montréal, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

- M.Sc. International Studies

2010

ITESM, Mexico City, Mexico

- B.S. in International Business and Economics

2008

PUBLICATIONS AND ONGOING RESEARCH

JOURNAL PAPERS

- [1] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert, Lisa Jené (2021), When Decentralisation Undermines Representation- Ethnic Exclusion and State Ownership in DR Congo's New Provinces, *JMAS* Vol. 59 (2). pp. 131-157
- [2] [A. Bezares](#) (2021), Book Review: Mines, Communities, and States: The Local Politics of Natural Resource Extraction in Africa, *Africa Spectrum*, March 2021.
- [3] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert (2019), Tribulations tribales: Estimations démographiques commentées des ethnies congolaises par nouvelles provinces, In A. Nyenyezi (ed.). *Conjonctures de l'Afrique Centrale* 2019. Paris/Tervuren: L'Harmattan/MRAC, 25-60. 2019
- [4] [A. Bezares](#), Yi Feng, Z. Gao (2016), "A Comparative Study of U.S. and China's Trade in Latin America", *The Quarterly of Latin American Economy and Trade*, Vol. 27, pp.4-18

BOOK CHAPTERS

- [1] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert, Lisa Jené (2021), Tribalisation provinciale : Le principe de représentativité collective en politique congolaise mis à mal par le découpage. In Ngoy Kimpulwa, B. and Englebert, P. (eds.) *Congo, l'État en Morceaux*
- [2] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert (2021), Discontinuité de l'État Congolais : comprendre les variations de capacités entre provinces issues du découpage.. In Ngoy Kimpulwa, B. and Englebert, P. (eds.) *Congo, l'État en Morceaux*
- [3] [A. Bezares](#) (2021), Productivity and Deindustrialization in Latin America (In Koohi-Kamali, F. "Exploring Roots of Inequality in Latin America and Peru". NY: Peter Lang)

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- [1] [A. Bezares](#) (2022), Decentralization and Conflict in the DRC (**Submitted for consideration, October 2022**)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- [1] [A. Bezares](#) In Tradition We Trust: The Political Economy of Property Rights. - *First Draft*
- [2] [A. Bezares](#) How Strong is your Shield? Subnational State Capacity and Violence in Mexico - *Revising Draft*
- [3] [A. Bezares](#) Legacies of Land Policies in Coffee Plantations in Central America - *Archival Work*
- [4] [A. Bezares](#) Land Tenure Insecurity and Deforestation in West Africa with Lisa Jené. - *Fieldwork*
- [5] [A. Bezares](#), The Spillover Effects of Mining: The Case of the DRC - *Revising Draft*
- [6] [A. Bezares](#) Kinship and Land Tenure Preferences - *Data Analysis*

[7] [A. Bezares](#), Agricultural Shocks, Violence, and Migration - *Data Analysis*

WORKING PAPERS

- [1] [A. Bezares](#), Emma Kenny, Phuong Pham, Jocelyn Kelly (2021), COVID-19 and Food Insecurity: The Impact on Communities in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo
- [2] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert (2019), Where does Capacity Come From? Conjectures from DRC's New Provinces, *Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium*, February, 2019
- [3] [A. Bezares](#), Pierre Englebert, Lisa Piergalini (2018), Provincial tribalisation: The Transformation of ethnic Representativeness under Decentralisation in the DR Congo, *Secure Livelihoods Research Consortium*, Working paper 61, July, 2018
- [4] [A. Bezares](#) (2020), How does access to resources affect educational outcomes? The case of the PISA Test in Mexico

POLICY BRIEFINGS

- [1] [A. Bezares](#) and E. Lee, "Plan de Desarrollo para la Zona Económica Estatal del Río Sonora 2018-2032" *North American Research Partnership*, Nov 2017.
- [2] E. Lee, Rick Van Schoik, and [A. Bezares](#), "In the National Interest: The U.S. Presidential Permit Process, Cross-border Trade and the U.S. Economy" *North American Research Partnership*, Oct 2016.
- [3] Ch. Wilson, E. Lee, and [A. Bezares](#), "Competitive Border Communities: Mapping and Developing U.S.-Mexico Transborder Industrial Clusters," *The Wilson Institute*, Sep 2015.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- [1] [A. Bezares](#), "Outward FDI in Brazil: A Matter of Economic growth and Institutional Configuration," in *FLACSO-ISA 2014 Conference*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jul 2014.
- [2] [A. Bezares](#), "Volatility in Commodity Prices and its Effects on Poverty in Latin America," in *International Seminar*, Santiago, Chile, Mar 2015.
- [3] M. Rogers, J.-F. Ibarra del Cueto and [A. Bezares](#), "Nascent Bureaucracies: Sub-national Institutional Building in Mexico," in *MPSA Conference*, Chicago, ILL, U.S. Apr 2018.
- [4] [A. Bezares](#) and G. Di Pasquale, "Nascent Bureaucracies: Sub-national Institutional Building in Latin America," in *MPSA Conference*, Chicago, ILL, U.S. Apr 2018.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- **2022:** Brown University (April), Nordic Conference in Development Economics (June), American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (upcoming, September), LacDev Conference (upcoming, September), San Francisco University (upcoming, November).
- **2021:** Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar (OARES), LacDev Conference, IPRC Webinar Claremont Graduate University.
- **2020:** African Studies Association (ASA) Annual Conference, Western Political Science Association Annual (WPSA) Conference- African Politics, American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference, Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) Conference.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Harvard Humanitarian Initiative- Mining Traceability in Eastern DRC

- Researcher, Data Analyst 2020-2021
 - Mining traceability
 - Vulnerability and food insecurity in mining communities during COVID-19

IRC, DFID, Integrity- Governance and Development in Congo Kinshasa

- Researcher 2019
 - Poverty and Governance
 - Fieldwork 2019

Governance and Development in Congo Kinshasa

- Researcher 2017-2018
 - Effect of decentralization in the DRC
 - Fieldwork 2017, 2018

World Bank- Claremont McKenna College- Georgetown University

- Researcher 2016-2021
 - Study on the effect of aspirations on poverty and program uptake.

World Bank-AidGrade

- Research Assistant 2015-2017
 - Internship World Bank May 2017
 - Study on policymakers beliefs on the impact of development programs.
 - Meta-analysis on randomized controlled trials and impact evaluations

Dr. Melissa Rogers Claremont Graduate University

- Research Assistant 2013-2015
 - Regional inequality, bureaucratic capacity and redistribution

The Wilson Center Mexico Institute

- External Consultant and Intern 2015
 - Industrial agglomeration border between Mexico and the United States

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Whittier College, Whittier, CA. 2018-Present

Assistant and Adjunct Professor, Economics Department

- Senior Seminar
- Principles of Macroeconomics
- Intermediate Macroeconomics
- Political Economy of Development
- Unthinking Migration
- Comparative Economic Systems

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. 2018

Adjunct Professor, Politics Department

- Mathematics for Political Scientists

California State University, San Bernardino, CA. 2018

Adjunct Professor, Economics Department

- Introduction to Macroeconomics

Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA. 2017

Adjunct Professor, Politics Department

- Introduction to Comparative Politics

Pomona College, Los Angeles, CA. 2017

Adjunct Professor, Politics Department

- Introduction to Comparative Politics

Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA. 2015-2019

Teaching Assistant, Economics Department.

- Econometrics
- Probability and Statistics
- International Finance of Developing Economies

**SERVICE AND
LEADERSHIP**

- **Reviewer:** American Journal of Agricultural Economics, American Journal of Public Health, Africa Spectrum.
- **GAIN Network:** Support Ph.D. Candidates from African countries to prepare their applications to Ph.D. in Europe, the U.S. and Canada.
- **Member:** American Economic Association (AEA), American Political Science Association (APSA), African Studies Association (ASA).

AWARDS, GRANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Faculty Research Grant- Archival Research Brussels Whittier College 2022 ▪ Faculty Grant- Coffee Module Whittier College 2021 ▪ Faculty Research Grant- Côte d'Ivoire Whittier College 2020 ▪ Travel grant Department of Politics and Economics-Claremont Graduate University 2014, 2016 ▪ Fellowship Award Claremont Graduate University 2013-2017 ▪ Studying Abroad Scholarship Award, National Council for Science and Technology 2008, 2013 ▪ Best Student Score at the National Center for Higher Education Assessment Mexico 2007 Highest score in the national test on economics and international business.
NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE	<p>ProMexico-Mexican Trade Commission, Montreal, Quebec, Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commercial Aggregate 2009-2012 <p>Coca-Cola FEMSA, Mexico City, Mexico</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Intern, International Commerce 2007-2008
OTHER EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Workshop on Transparency and Reproducibility CEGA, BITSS, UC Berkeley <i>September, 2018</i> ▪ Workshop on Advanced Applied Econometrics University of Copenhagen <i>May, 2018</i> ▪ Specialization on GIS 2018 ▪ Specialization on Data Science 2017-2018
LANGUAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Spanish: Native language. ▪ English: Fluent, Second language (speaking, reading, writing). ▪ French: Fluent, Second language (speaking, reading, writing). ▪ Portuguese: Fluent (speaking, reading), Intermediate (writing). ▪ German: Basic (beginner).
SOFTWARE	Stata, R, Python, ArcGIS, MATLAB, Tableau