

MIGUEL ALMANZAR

EDUCATION

- March 2013 – present **Georg-August University of Göttingen, Germany**
PhD in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development (IPAG)
Fields: Economic Development and Econometrics
Expected: June 2017
- September 2009 – June 2011 **University of Maryland, College Park**
Master of Arts in Economics
PhD Level coursework,
Fields: Labor Economics, Public Finance and Econometrics
- September 2008 – June 2009 **Université de Lausanne (HEC), Switzerland**
Master of Science in Economics, Coursework
Fields: Industrial Organization and Econometrics
- January 2005- June 2008 **City University of New York, Brooklyn College**
Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Economics
Summa Cum Laude
- June-August 2008 **University of California, Santa Barbara**
American Economic Association Summer Training Program, Advanced Level
- September 2006- June 2007 **Université de Paris, Saint-Denis & Dauphine**
Study Abroad Program, City University of New York
Economics and French Language/Culture

EXPERIENCE

- Apr. 2013-Present **Senior Research Analyst**
- Aug. 2011-Apr. 2013 **Research Analyst**
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, DC
- Development and implementation of quantitative surveys
 - Experience in the implementation of Randomized Control Trials and Quasi-Experimental Impact Evaluation Methods
 - Preparation of proposals, project deliverables, briefs, policy memos and scientific papers
 - Monitoring and evaluation design for development initiatives
 - Coordinated and supervised activities of key players in survey implementation
 - Design of the survey instruments
 - Conducted econometric/statistical analysis of survey data
 - Managed and supervised a team of research assistants
- Jan. 2011-July 2015 **Research Associate/Consultant**
with Professor Maureen Cropper and Professor Raymond Guiteras
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- Evaluated a water and sanitation project in northern El Salvador for the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
 - Conducted enumerator training for panel household survey
 - Coordinated and supervised survey activities of statistical agency to assure timely delivery and consistency of databases

- Cooperated in the design of the survey instrument to include other potential outcomes such as social cohesion and other coping costs
- Conducted econometric/statistical analysis of household surveys and reported findings to specialized and general audiences

June-Aug. 2011

Consultant

Private Sector Development Support Project

The World Bank, Washington, DC

- Developed background paper on social networks and firm performance in developing countries
- Provided guidance and policy recommendations to estimate the potential effects and implement development programs that rely on social interactions

June- July 2010

Graduate Assistant for Professor Gary Charness

University of California, Santa Barbara, CA

American Economic Association Summer Training Program

- Courses: Game Theory and Behavioral Economics
- Taught discussion sections each week; held review sessions before exams
- Mentored student interested in pursuing graduate studies

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

PhD Level

Microeconomic and Macroeconomic Theory, Advanced Labor Economics, Public Economics-Taxation and Expenditures, Population Economics, Econometrics, Development Economics

B.A. and M.S. Level

Calculus, Linear Algebra, Probability, Statistics, Real Analysis, Game Theory, Industrial Organization, Applied Econometrics, Behavioral Economics, Development, Economic Growth

RELEVANT RESEARCH TECHNIQUES

Structural Methods, Quasi/Experimental Methods for Program Evaluation, Duration Data Analysis, Static and Dynamic Panel Data Methods, Matching Estimators, Decomposition Methods, Cost-Benefit Analysis, Non Parametric and Semi-parametric Methods, Spatial Econometrics, Monte Carlo and Bootstrap Methods

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- Graduate Fellowship, University of Maryland 2009-2011
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Honorable Mention 2009-2010
- American Economic Association/NSF Minority Fellowship 2008
- Golden Key International Honour Society, 2008
- Harry D. Gideonse Scholarship, CUNY-Brooklyn College 2006-2007
- Rose Goldstein Memorial Scholarship, CUNY-Brooklyn College 2006-2007
- Jack Devine Scholarship in Caribbean Studies, CUNY-Brooklyn College 2005-2006

SKILLS

- Languages: English-Fluent, Spanish-Fluent, French-Fluent, Italian-Intermediate
- Computers: STATA, SPSS, Maple Soft, MatLab, C++, Lyx/LaTeX, Office Suite

PUBLICATIONS

- “On the Validity of Compulsory Education Laws as Instruments for Educational Attainment: Evidence from 1920-1969,” with Cristina Tello-Trillo, Michael Mejía and Moisés Yi, *BC Undergraduate Research Journal*, 2009

WORKING PAPERS

- “Testing Innovative Extension Methods using ICTs: RCT in Cambodia,” with Maximo Torero, Alan de Brauw and Eduardo Nakasone
- “The Effects of the Quinoa Boom in Peru: Child Labor and Food Security”
- “Experiments to Improve Monitoring and Evaluation: RCT of Live Monitoring Tool based on Social Monitoring and Social Networks” with Maximo Torero
- “Measurement and Errors: Improving the Measurement of Women Empowerment”
- “Impact Evaluation of Extension and Nutrition Packaged Services: Feed the Future Interventions in Honduras,” with Maximo Torero
- “The Case for Complementarities in Infrastructure: Theory based on Empirical Evidence,” with Maximo Torero and Manuel Barron
- “The Impact of the Rural Roads: The Northern Transnational Highway of El Salvador,” with Maximo Torero and Eduardo Nakasone
- “Tools for the Prioritization of Government Expenditures based on Risk and Poverty,” with Manuel Hernandez and Maximo Torero
- “The Impact of Water and Sanitation Infrastructure: Coping Costs and Expenditure in El Salvador,” with Maureen Cropper and Raymond Guiteras
- “Public Expenditures and the Distribution of Income: Rwanda and Tanzania,” with Máximo Torero
- “Futures Commodities Prices and Media Coverage,” with Maximo Torero and Klaus von Grebmer
- “Social Networks and Firm Performance in Developing Countries”
- “Immigrant Children after Welfare Reform: Public Assistance and the Health Gap of New Americans”
- “Identity in Second Generation Immigrant Networks and the Human Capital of New Immigrants”
- “Network Effects and Welfare Cultures: Revisiting the Evidence. The Effects of Welfare Reform and Economic Downturns”