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Education

UC Berkeley <i>PhD, City and Regional Planning</i> Food Systems Certificate and <i>Global Metropolitan Studies</i> Designated Emphasis	Berkeley, California 2019–2024 (expected)
University of Chicago <i>MA, Social Sciences, Specialization: Spatial Data Science</i> Thesis: <i>A Geospatial Analysis of Mexico's Distal Effects on Food Insecurity</i>	Chicago, Illinois 2016–2017
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México <i>BA, Political Science, Honors</i> Thesis: <i>Social Mobility of Women in Technical Schools in Mexico</i>	Mexico City, Mexico 2009–2013

Publications

- **Farah I.**, Ramírez, Y., López-Olmedo, N., Pérez-Ferrer, C., Langellier, B.A., Colchero, M.A, Barrientos-Gutierrez, T, and Stern, D. (2022). *Quality of food and beverage purchases at formal and informal food outlets in Mexico*. *Health & Place*. (Under Review)
- **Farah I.**, Stern, D., Ramírez, Y., López-Olmedo, N., Pérez-Ferrer, C., Langellier, B.A., Colchero, M.A, and Barrientos-Gutierrez, T. (2022). *Food and beverage purchases at formal and informal outlets in Mexico*. *Public and Health Nutrition*. (Under Review)
- Anselin, L., and **Farah I.** (2022) "The life and death of retail: insights from firm demography." In *Streetlife: The Future of Urban Retail*. Eds. Kickert, C. and Talen, E. University of Toronto Press.
- Credit K., **Farah I.**, and Anselin, L. (2022) "The Ups and Downs of Retail, 2000 – 2015." In *Streetlife: The Future of Urban Retail*. Eds. Kickert, C. and Talen, E. University of Toronto Press.
- **Farah I.** (2021). Book Review: "Alisha C. Holland, *Forbearance as Redistribution: The Politics of Informal Welfare in Latin America*. *Urban Studies*.
- **Farah I.**, Koschinsky, J., and Noel, L. (2019) *Documentation for Python Package: Spatial_access 1.0.0. Computing Travel Times and Spatial Access Metrics at Scale*. Center for Spatial Data Science, University of Chicago. Available at: <https://bit.ly/3uHXuRK>

Research Experience

Women in Informal Employment, Globalizing and Organizing, WIEGO <i>Internship interviewing street vendors</i>	Mexico City, Mexico June 2021– August 2021
Institute of Urban and Regional Development, UC Berkeley <i>Graduate Researcher</i>	Berkeley, CA August 2019– August 2020
Center for Spatial Data Science, University of Chicago <i>Research Associate</i>	Chicago, IL August 2017–August 2019
National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy (CONEVAL) <i>Research Advisor for Executive Secretary, Mexico</i> Multidimensional poverty and social development indicators for economic analysis.	Mexico City 2014 – 2015

Teaching Experience

- **Colegio de México**
Instructor in Introduction to Spatial Econometrics (graduate) **Mexico City, Mexico** Summer 2022 |

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UC Berkeley ○ <i>Instructor in Maps as Social Justice Interventions</i> ○ <i>Instructor in R Geospatial and US Census workshops (DLab)</i> ○ <i>Graduate Student Instructor in Introduction to City Planning</i> ○ <i>Graduate Student Instructor in Introduction to Urban Data Analytics</i> ○ <i>Graduate Student Instructor in Urban Informatics and Visualization (graduate)</i> ○ Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México ○ <i>Teaching Assistant in Game Theory</i> 	<p>Berkeley, California <i>Summer 2022</i> 2021-2022 <i>Fall 2021</i> <i>Spring 2021</i> <i>Fall 2020, 2022</i></p> <p>Mexico City, Mexico <i>Fall 2013</i></p>
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Honors and Awards

- Graduate Student Fellow for the *Institute for the Study of Societal Issues at UC Berkeley*. (2022-2023)
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award from *UC Berkeley*. (2022)
- Graduate Student Fellow for the *Berkeley Food Institute at UC Berkeley*. (2021-2022)
- Graduate Student Fellow for the *DLab at UC Berkeley*. (2021-2022)
- Tinker Field Research Grant from *Center for Latin American Studies at UC Berkeley*. (2021)
- Global Metropolitan Studies Summer Research Grant from *UC Berkeley*. (2020)
- Outstanding Reviewer from *Housing Policy Debate*. (2019)
- Tuition Scholarship from *University of Chicago*.
- Fellowship *Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACyT)*.
- Award (*La Flecha Al Aire*) on Education for BA Thesis
- Funded Social Mobility research with scholarship from *Centro de Estudios Espinosa Yglesias*.

Professional Service

Manuscript Reviews

Berkeley Planning Journal (co-editor), Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science, Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability, Housing Policy Debate, Transportation Review Board, Geographical Analysis, Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability.

Volunteer

- **Women Leaders in STEAM** **US-Mexico Leaders Network**
Mentorship *2020, 2021, 2022*
Empower girls from Mexican public high-schools in STEM.
- **CompileHer** **University of Chicago, IL**
Instructor - 2018 UChicago Tech Capstone *2018*
Empower young middle school girls in STEM.
- **South Side Civic** **University of Chicago, IL**
Community Outreach - 2018 Scopeathon *2018*
Support organizations in the South Side of Chicago using data to advance their mission.
- **ADECO** **Michoacan, Mexico**
Instructor and Organizer - Alfabetiza! *2005*
Taught elders of a rural community how to read and write.

Technical and Personal skills

Technical Proficiencies

- **Statistical Analysis and Computation:**Python, R, STATA
- **Spatial Databases:** PostgreSQL, PostGIS
- **Spatial Analysis and GIS:** GeoDa, QGIS, ArcGIS, Google Earth Engine
- **MS Office Suite (including Excel)**

Languages

English (Native), Spanish (Native), German (Beginner), French (Beginner)

References

Daniel Rodriguez, PhD. Chancellor's Professor of City & Regional Planning and Associate Director of the Institute for Transportation Studies at UC Berkeley (danrod@berkeley.edu)

Alison Post, PhD. Associate Professor of Political Science and Global Metropolitan Studies at UC Berkeley. (aepost@berkeley.edu)

Carolina Reid, PhD. Associate Professor of City & Regional Planning at UC Berkeley. (c_reid@berkeley.edu)

Karen Chapple, PhD. Director of the School of Cities, Professor in of Geography and Planning at The University of Toronto and Professor Emerita of City & Regional Planning at UC Berkeley. (chapple@berkeley.edu)

Luc Anselin, PhD. Stein-Freiler Distinguished Service Professor of Sociology and the College, Director of Center for Spatial Data Science at the University of Chicago. (anselin@uchicago.edu)