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## **Academic Employment:**

### **Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), 2021-**

Visiting Research Professor  
Public Administration Division

### **Penn State University, University Park, PA, 2020- (On Leave)**

Assistant Professor of Public Policy  
School of Public Policy

## **Education:**

**Ph.D. Public Affairs**, O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, 2020  
Fields: Public Policy Analysis and Public Management

**Master of Public Administration and Policy**, Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE),  
Mexico City, Mexico, 2012

**B.A. International Affairs**, University of the Americas–Puebla (UDLAP), Puebla, Mexico, 2008

## **Affiliations:**

2020- Associate Faculty, Population Research Institute, Penn State University

## **Professional Experience:**

2018-2019      **Research Assistant**, Dr. Claudia Avellaneda, O'Neill School, Indiana University

2015-2017      **Research Assistant**, Dr. Claudia Avellaneda and Dr. Maureen Pirog, O'Neill School,  
Indiana University

2013-2015      **Research Assistant**, Dr. David Arellano and Dr. Guillermo Cejudo, CIDE, Mexico City,  
Mexico

2012-2013      **Program Manager**, Regional Center for Learning on Evaluation and Results for Latin  
America (CLEAR-LA), Mexico City, Mexico

## **Research Interests:**

Policy Analysis, Policy Implementation and Management, Health and Social Policy, Maternal and Infant  
Health and Well-being, Global Health

### **Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

**Olvera, Johabed G.** and Claudia N. Avellaneda (2019). Subnational Government Performance: Testing Multiple Dimensions of Governors' Experience. *Public Administration Review*, 19(3): 383-398.

Avellaneda, Claudia N. and **Johabed G. Olvera** (2018). Chief Executives' Approval of Immigrants: Evidence from a Survey Experiment of 101 Latin American and Caribbean Mayors. *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*, 1(1):1-14.

**Olvera, Johabed G.** and David Arellano (2015). The Concept of Equity and its Contradictions. The Case of Social Programs in Mexico. *Revista Mexicana de Sociología*, 77(4): 581-609.

### **Book Chapters:**

Avellaneda, Claudia N., Ricardo A. Bello-Gomez and **Johabed G. Olvera** (2020). "Explaining Subnational Governance: The Role of Governors' Codified and Uncodified Knowledge." In Glückler J, Herrigel G, Handke M (Eds). *Knowledge for Governance*. Berlin, Heidelberg: Springer.

**Olvera, Johabed G.** and Claudia N. Avellaneda (2017). "Performance Management and Public Administration." In *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*, William Thompson, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.

### **Working Papers:**

Avellaneda, Claudia N., Bello-Gomez, Ricardo A., and **Johabed G. Olvera**. "Mayoral Preferences for Performance Assessment: Credit Claiming, Salience and Monitoring" *Under Review*

Avellaneda, Claudia N. and **Johabed G. Olvera**. "Implementers' Work Autonomy Preferences under Pay-for-Performance Incentives: Testing the Role of Type and Framing of Incentives" *Under Review*

Bello-Gomez, Ricardo A., **Johabed G. Olvera** and Claudia N. Avellaneda. "Adversarialism and Power-Sharing Agreements as Moderators of the Management-Performance Relationship"

Lozano-Rojas, Felipe, **Johabed G. Olvera**, Sumedha Gupta and Julio A. Ramos-Pastrana. "The Effect of Opioid Prescribing Restrictions on Homelessness"

**Olvera, Johabed G.** "Improving Maternal and Infant Health Through Prenatal Care Home Visits"

**Olvera, Johabed G.** and Julio A. Ramos-Pastrana. "Health Care Providers' Response to Pay-For-Performance Under Framing: Experimental Evidence"

**Olvera, Johabed G.**, Sumedha Gupta and Kosali Simon. "Prenatal Care During COVID-19 Lockdowns: Evidence from Google Searches"

Ramos-Pastrana, Julio A., **Johabed G. Olvera** and Claudia N. Avellaneda. "Saving Infant Lives or Generating Jobs? The Impact of Governor's Career Path on Gubernatorial Performance"

### **Selected Works in Progress:**

**Olvera, Johabed G.**, Niki vonLockette and Candis Watts Smith. "The Effect of the ACA and Racial Hostility on Federal Medicaid Transfers and Infant Health Racial Inequality"

### **Invited Conferences and Presentations:**

- 2021 American Society of Health Economists Conference (scheduled), virtual
- 2020 American Society of Health Economists Conference (cancelled due to COVID-19)  
Penn State University, School of Public Policy Research Talk  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, virtual  
2nd International Experimental Public Management Conference, Seoul, South Korea, virtual
- 2019 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference  
American Society of Health Economists Conference  
Public Management Research Conference
- 2018 American Society of Health Economists Conference  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management International Conference  
LSE-Stanford-U. de los Andes Conference on Long-Run Development in Latin America  
International Yonsei Public Administration Conference
- 2017 Western Economic Association International Conference  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
Public Management Research Conference  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
- 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference  
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference
- 2015 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference

### **Additional Training and Research Skills:**

- Spring 2018 Web scraping techniques using Python, Econometric Methods in Business II (BUS-G652)
- Summer 2017 Field research in Mexico and Guatemala to interview mayors and run survey experiments and lab-in-the-field experiments.
- Summer 2016 Fragile Families Summer Data Workshop Participant, Columbia University Population Research Center, \$600

### **Grant Writing Experience:**

- Principal Investigator.* Pennsylvania State University Population Research Institute, “Moving for Healthcare: The Effect of ACA Medicaid Expansion on Homelessness”, November 2020 (\$3,000). Funded.
- Principal Investigator.* Tobias Center for Innovation and International Development Research Support Fund, “Improving Maternal and Infant Health Through Prenatal Care Home Visits: Evidence from Mexico City,” December 2018 (\$5,000). Funded.
- Co-Principal Investigator.* President’s International Research Award. “Government Performance: Assessing Health Outcomes of Mexico City’s Doctor at Your Home Program,” January 2018 (\$150,000), PI Claudia N. Avellaneda. Unfunded.
- Principal Investigator.* Tinker Field Research Grant. “Collaborative Governance and Social Policy Implementation in Latin America: A Comparative Analysis of Two Mexican Social Programs,” July 2017 (\$2,000). Funded.
- Co-Principal Investigator.* Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. “Identifying the Drivers of Land Policy Adoption in Mexican Cities,” June 2017 (\$39,900), PI Claudia N. Avellaneda. Unfunded.

## **Teaching Experience:**

### **Penn State University**

**Instructor of Record:** PPOL 801 The Public Policy Process: Fall 2020; PPOL 810 Policy and Program Evaluation: Spring 2021

### **Indiana University**

**Instructor of Record:** V379 Performance Measurement and Program Evaluation: Fall 2019, Spring 2020

**Teaching Assistant:** V606 Statistics for Research in Public Affairs: Fall 2017, Fall 2018; V607 Statistics for Research in Public Affairs: Spring 2017, Spring 2018

### **Iberoamerican University**

**Instructor of Record:** Finance and Macroeconomics: Summer 2015

**Instructor of Record:** Public Policy Analysis: Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Summer 2014

## **Teaching Interests:**

Performance Measurement and Program Evaluation, Policy Analysis, Policy Process, Health Policy

## **Honors and Awards:**

Spring 2019	Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award, International Riggs Symposium, Section on International and Comparative Administration, American Society for Public Administration
2018-2019	The Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis Graduate Student Research Award, "Improving Healthcare Provision for Vulnerable Population," \$5,000
2017-2018	The Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis Fellowship, Indiana University
Spring 2016	Best Paper Prize, 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Association of SPEA PhD Students Conference
2015-2019	Centro Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología Scholarship for PhD studies
Spring 2013	Third place, Best Thesis of the Master of Arts in Public Administration and Policy, CIDE
Summer 2012	Centro de Estudios Espinosa Yglesias Fellowship for master's thesis
2012	Valedictorian, MPAP, CIDE
2010-2012	Centro Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología Scholarship for master studies
2008	Cum Laude, B.A. in International Affairs, UDLAP

## **Professional Service**

2021-	Managing Editor, <i>The Journal of Public Policy</i> Co-organizer of School of Public Policy's Young Scholars Research Group
2020	Conference Submission Reviewer for the 2021 Public Management Research Conference Member of School of Public Policy Graduate Studies Committee, Penn State University Member of School of Public Policy International Committee, Penn State University

2017 Annual Association of SPEA PhD Students Conference Committee Member  
Abstract translation, *Perspectives on Public Management and Governance*

Reviewer for: *Journal of Health Economics, Journal of Behavioral Public Administration, International Journal of Public Sector Management, Local Government Studies*

**Professional Memberships:**

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management  
American Society of Health Economists  
Public Management Research Association

**Students Mentored:**

Masters Students: Cassandra Krencisz (Penn State University MPP '22)