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EDUCATION

PhD. Policy Analysis
Pardee RAND Graduate School

Expected Jun 2026
Santa Monica, CA

M.Sc. in Applied Economics
The Johns Hopkins University

May 2013
Washington, DC

B.Sc. (honors) in Economics and Finance
School of Banking and Commerce

Jun 2010
Mexico City, Mexico

WORK EXPERIENCE

Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE)
Drug Policy Program

Dec 2018 -Sept 2021

Executive Coordinator, Researcher and Professor

Aguascalientes, Mexico

- Conducted research regarding drug policy, violence, organized crime, and illicit markets.
- Executive coordinator of the [Drug Policy Program](#). In charge of funding and oversight of the program. Supervised the work of 10 research and administrative assistants.
- Executive coordinator of the Diplomat of Drugs Policy, Health and Human Rights 2019, 2020, and 2021 (around 120 students).

International Consultant

Jan 2017-Dec 2018
Luxembourg, Luxembourg

- Developed evaluation and monitoring instruments, ex-ante cost-benefit analyses, indicators, and baselines to measure project's effectiveness, among other technical assistance.
- Experience in projects implemented in Panama, The Bahamas, Jamaica, Suriname, Guyana, Haiti, and Honduras.

Inter-American Development Bank
Labor markets and social security specialist

May 2015 -Dec 2016
Washington, DC

- Conducted research on LAC's labor markets and social security systems.
- Participated in missions in the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas to develop a strong policy dialogue and offer policy advice by assessing countries on reforms' implementation, changes in regulations, and labor intermediation programs.
- Monitored the performance of technical consultancies. Managed selection, hiring, and supervision processes.
- Developed RFPs to request technical assistance funds and managed the application process.

Strategic monitoring analyst

Apr 2013 – Feb 2014 & Jul 2014 – May 2015

- Responsible for the design and implementation of online perception surveys.
- Developed reports and presentations for high management.
- Contributed to the update of IDB's institutional strategy regarding development effectiveness.

Learning & knowledge management analyst / Training program coordinator Aug 2010 – Apr 2013

- Coordinated a training program on project management standards for government officials.
- Facilitated workshops and supported teams developing development indicators and operating plans.

**Center for Research and Teaching in Economics, Drug Policy Program
Research Assistant**

**Mar -Jul 2014
Aguascalientes, Mexico**

- Conducted research on drug policy, violence, organized crime, and illicit markets.
- Performed data cleaning and integration of information into large data sets.

**Inter-American Development Bank
Fiscal and municipalities management analyst/intern**

**Jul 2008 - Jan 2009 & Sept 2009 –Aug 2010
Mexico City, Mexico**

- Contributed to the supervision and operational management of social investment projects such as Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) programs and programs aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity of municipalities.
- Maintained constant communication with government counterparts to support them along the project cycle.
- Managed bidding processes for hiring consulting firms and deliver technical assistance to the government.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE)

Public Policy Bachelor's degree

Public Economics

Fall semester 2019 & 2020

Drug Policy, Health, and Human Rights Diplomat

Evaluation methodologies for Drug Policies

January 2020 & 2021

RESEARCH PAPERS

- Pérez-Dávila, Y. S. (2020). *El crimen organizado y la violencia en San Luis Potosí*. In A. Ospina-Escobar, C. Pérez Correa, S. Velázquez Moreno, L. Atuesta, & Y. Pérez Dávila, Los costos del punitivismo: personas usuarias, autoridades y delito bajo la prohibición de las drogas en San Luis Potosí. CIDE.
- Atuesta, L. H., & Pérez-Dávila, Y. S. (2017). *Fragmentation and Cooperation: The Evolution of Organized Crime in Mexico*. Trends in Organized Crime, 1-27. doi:10.1007/s12117-017-9301-z
- Novella, R., & Pérez-Dávila, Y. (2017). *Are Apprenticeships Programs Effective? Lessons for Latin American and the Caribbean*. IDB Publications. Retrieved from <https://publications.iadb.org/handle/11319/8564> Novella, R., & Pérez-Dávila, Y. S. (2017).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Pérez-Davila, Y.S. & Pérez-Ricart, C. (2021). *Efectos de covid-19 en el mercado de drogas en México*. Nexos. Retrieved from <https://seguridad.nexos.com.mx/efectos-de-covid-19-en-el-mercado-de-drogas-en-mexico/>
- Pérez-Davila, Y.S. & Pocaroba, A. (2021). *El combate a la delincuencia organizada durante el último año*. Nexos. Retrieved from <https://seguridad.nexos.com.mx/el-combate-a-la-delincuencia-organizada-durante-el-ultimo-ano/>
- Pérez-Davila, Y.S. (2021). *Más allá del tráfico de drogas: la diversificación del crimen organizado*. Nexos. Retrieved from <https://seguridad.nexos.com.mx/mas-alla-del-trafico-de-drogas-la-diversificacion-del-crimen-organizado/>

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Editor of the blog "[Paz y Seguridad](#)" at Nexos.

Experience in quantitative research methods; strong analytical skills; STATA; ArcGIS.

Languages: Spanish (native); English (full professional proficiency); French (limited working proficiency)