

A. **BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

1. **PERSONAL**

Gustavo J. Bobonis

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2. **DEGREES**

Ph.D. December 2005 University of California – Berkeley

Thesis: *Essays on the Social Consequences of Randomized Human Development Programs in Less Developed Countries*

Advisors: Edward Miguel (Supervisor), David Card, Ronald D. Lee, Michael C. Hout

B.A. May 2000 University of Puerto Rico – Río Piedras

3. **EMPLOYMENT**

Department of Economics
University of Toronto St. George Campus
Associate Professor
Assistant Professor
Appointment to graduate school:

July 2011 - present
July 2005 – June 2011
May 2006

Center for Health and Wellbeing
Princeton University
Visiting Research Scholar

August 2008 – December 2008

4. **HONOURS**

2009 John Charles Polanyi Prize for Economics
Government of Ontario

The 2008 Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching by Faculty
Department of Economics, University of Toronto

5. **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

Bureau for Research and Economic Analysis of Development
Affiliate, March 2009 – present

Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR)
Institutions, Organizations, and Growth (IOG) Program
Scholar, July 2008 – present

B. ACADEMIC HISTORY

6.

A. RESEARCH ENDEAVOURS

Development Economics
Labour and Household Economics
Economic History
Political Economy

B. RESEARCH AWARDS:

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). “The Effect of Asset Building on Poverty Dynamics: A Randomized Study.” Standard Research Grant, April 2010–March 2012 (\$149,500)

National Academy of Education / Spencer Foundation. Postdoctoral Fellowship, September 2008–August 2010 (\$55,000 USD)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). “The Value of Information and Social Networks in the Workplace.” Research Development Initiative – Management, Business and Finance, 2008-2010 (\$36,000)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). “Helping the Unbanked: A Proposal to Increase the Use of Banking and Direct Deposit Services Among Low- and Moderate-Income Households.” Research Grant – Management, Business and Finance, 2008 – 2010 (\$133,000) (PI: Philip Oreopoulos)

Annie E. Casey Foundation. “Helping the Unbanked: A Proposal to Increase the Use of Banking and Direct Deposit Services Among Low- and Moderate-Income Households”, 2007-08 (\$50,000) (PI: Michael S. Barr)

University of Michigan – National Poverty Center. “Helping the Unbanked: A Proposal to Increase the Use of Banking and Direct Deposit Services Among Low- and Moderate-Income Households.” 2007-08 (\$20,000) (PI: Michael S. Barr)

University of Puerto Rico – Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research. “Corruption, political accountability and municipal elections in Puerto Rico.” Institutional Research Funds Seed Grant, 2007-09 (\$18,000 USD) (PI: Luis R. Cámara-Fuertes)

University of Puerto Rico – Center for Social Research. “Corruption, political accountability and municipal elections in Puerto Rico.” Seed Grant, 2007-08 (\$6,000) (PI: Luis R. Cámara-Fuertes)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC). “Development Gone with the Wind? Geography & Quality of Local Governments.” Standard Research Grant, April 2007–March 2010 (\$55,000)

Connaught Fund, University of Toronto. “Human Development Policy and Women’s Welfare in Mexico.” Matching Grant, 2006–2008 (\$30,000)

C. **SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL WORK***7. **Refereed publications**

A. Articles

Barde, Robert A., and Gustavo J. Bobonis. "Detained at Angel Island: First Empirical Evidence" *Social Science History*, 30(1), 103-36, 2006.

Bobonis, Gustavo J., Edward Miguel, and Charu Puri Sharma. "Anemia and School Participation" *Journal of Human Resources*, 41(4), 692-721, 2006.

Bobonis, Gustavo J., and Howard J. Shatz. "Agglomeration, Adjustment and State Policies in the Location of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States" *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 89(1), 30-43, 2007.

Bobonis, Gustavo J., and Harold J. Toro. "Modern Colonization and Its Consequences: The Effects of U.S. Educational Policy on Puerto Rico's Educational Stratification, 1899-1910" *Caribbean Studies*, 35(2), 31-78, 2007.

Bobonis, Gustavo J. "Is the Allocation of Resources within the Household Efficient? New Evidence from a Randomized Experiment", *Journal of Political Economy*, 117(3), 453-503, 2009.

Bobonis, Gustavo J., and Frederico Finan. "Neighborhood Peer Effects in Secondary School Enrollment Decisions" *Review of Economics and Statistics*, 91(4), 695-716, 2009.

Bobonis, Gustavo J. "The Impact of Conditional Cash Transfers on Marriage and Divorce" *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 59(2), 281-312, 2011.

8. **Non-Refereed Publications**

Bobonis, Gustavo J., and Roberto Castro. "The Role of Conditional Cash Transfers in Reducing Spousal Abuse in Mexico: Short-Term vs. Long-Term Effects." Background Paper for World Bank Volume on Gender Issues in Latin America and the Caribbean (forthcoming), 2011.

9. **Manuscripts/publications not yet accepted for publication**

Bobonis, Gustavo J., Roberto Castro, and Melissa González-Brenes. "Public Transfers and Domestic Violence: The Roles of Private Information and Spousal Control", 2006.
[Under revision for resubmission, *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*]

Bobonis, Gustavo J., and Peter M. Morrow. "Labor Coercion and the Accumulation of Human Capital", 2007. [Under review]

Bobonis, Gustavo J., Luis R. Cámara-Fuertes, and Rainer Schwabe. "The Dynamic Effects of Information on Political Corruption: Theory and Evidence from Puerto Rico", 2009. [Under review]

Bobonis, Gustavo J., and Luis R. Cámara-Fuertes. "Information Strategic Challenger Entry, and Competition in Electoral Politics" [In progress, under preparation for submission]

Barham, Tania, Gustavo J. Bobonis, Karen Macours, & Marta Rubio-Codina. "Appropriate Institutions?" [In progress]

Bobonis, Gustavo J., & Peter M. Morrow. "Institutional Change "from Above", State Capacity Building, and Human Capital Accumulation: Evidence from the U.S. Colonization of Puerto Rico, 1898-1920." [In progress]

Bobonis, Gustavo J. "Development: Gone with the Wind?" [In progress]

10. **Papers presented at meetings and symposia.**

Bobonis, G.J., & P.M. Morrow. “Labor Coercion and the Accumulation of Human Capital”

Presentations:

Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) 2011 Meetings, Denver
 NBER 2010 Summer Institute – Development of the American Economy, Cambridge
 Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association (LACEA) 2009 Meeting, Buenos Aires
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) XXVIIIth Int’l Congress (2009), Rio de Janeiro
 14th BREAD Conference on Development Economics (2008), Chicago
 Canadian Economics Association (CEA) 2008 Meetings, Vancouver
 CIFAR IOG Program Spring 2008 Meeting, Montreal
 LACEA 2008 Political Economy Group Meeting, Cartagena (Colombia)
 North Eastern Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) 2008 Conference, Boston
 Stanford Institute for Theoretical Economics (SITE) Summer 2008 Workshop, Palo Alto

Bobonis, G.J., L.R. Cámara-Fuertes, & R. Schwabe. “Does Exposing Corrupt Politicians Reduce Corruption?” [New title: “The Dynamic Effects of Information on Political Corruption: Theory and Evidence from Puerto Rico”]

Presentations:

Canadian Economics Association (CEA) 2010 Meetings, Québec City
 Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance (2010), Rimini (Italy)
 NEUDC 2010 Conference, Cambridge
 CIFAR IOG Program Spring 2009 Meeting, Toronto
 LACEA 2009 Political Economy Group Meeting, Cartagena

Bobonis, G.J., and F. Finan. “Neighborhood Peer Effects in Secondary School Enrollment Decisions”

Presentations:

Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) 2007 Meetings, Chicago
 Canadian Economics Association (CEA) 2007 Meetings, Halifax
 LACEA 2005 Meeting, Mexico City
 Population Association of America (PAA) 2007 Annual Meetings, New York
 NBER Children Group Spring 2006 Meeting, Cambridge
 3rd CIRPÉE Mini Conference on Development Economics (2006), Québec City
 NEUDC 2005 Conference, Providence

Bobonis, G.J., R. Castro, & M. González-Brenes. “Public Transfers and Domestic Violence: The Roles of Private Information and Spousal Control”

Presentations:

Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA) 2007 Meetings, Chicago
 Population Association of America (PAA) 2006 Annual Meetings, Los Angeles

Bobonis, G.J. “Is the Allocation of Resources within the Household Efficient? New Evidence from a Randomized Experiment”

Presentations:

International Union for Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) Conference (2006), Tours
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) XXVIth International Congress, Las Vegas
 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual 2005 Meetings, Philadelphia
 NEUDC 2004 Conference, Montreal

11. **Invited Lectures**

(at economics departments unless noted)

- 2010: Duke University, Durham
 Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia
 Johns Hopkins University – SAIS, Washington D.C.
 Michigan State University, East Lansing
 Northwestern University, Evanston
 Simon Fraser University, Vancouver
 The World Bank, Washington D.C.
 University of California – Berkeley, Berkeley
 University of California – Davis, Davis
 University of Maryland, College Park
 University of Texas – Austin, Austin
 Yale University, New Haven
- 2009: Carleton University, Ottawa
 Harvard University (Economic History), Cambridge
 Harvard University/MIT (Development), Cambridge
 Università Bocconi, Milan
 University College London, London
 Washington University at St. Louis, St. Louis
- 2008: Brown University, Providence
 Dartmouth College, Hanover
 Princeton University, Princeton
 University of British Columbia, Vancouver
- 2007: University of Arizona, Tucson
 University of California - Los Angeles, Los Angeles
 York University, Toronto
- 2006: University of Pennsylvania (Population Studies), Philadelphia
 Queen's University, Kingston
- 2005: International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington D.C.
 Johns Hopkins University – SAIS, Washington D.C.
 Tufts University, Medford
 University of Arizona, Tucson
 University of Maryland (Economics, Agricultural & Resource Economics), College Park
 University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill (School of Public Health), Chapel Hill
 University of Pittsburgh (GSPIA), Pittsburgh
 University of Puerto Rico – Mayagüez, Mayagüez
 Wesleyan University, Middletown

D. **LIST OF COURSES**

12.

A. **Undergraduate courses taught**

ECO324Y1Y: Economic Development

B. **Graduate courses taught**

ECO2701H: Development Economics I

C. **Theses supervised**

Doctoral students [First placement]:

Brian McCaig (Ph.D.) (secondary advisor).

Empirical Essays on Poverty, Inequality, and Social Welfare. 2009. [Australian National University]

Eik Leong Swee (Ph.D.) (co-advisor, with Dwayne Benjamin).

Essays in Empirical Development Economics. 2010. [University of Melbourne]

Courtney Ward (Ph.D.) (secondary advisor).

Essays on the Economics of Public Health. 2010. [Dalhousie University]

Sacha Kapoor (co-advisor, with Dwayne Benjamin)

Incentive Design and Peer Effects in Organizations. 2011 (expected). [Erasmus University]

Christian Dippel (secondary advisor)

Essays on Institutions in Development and Trade. 2011 (expected). [UCLA]

Asad K.K. Priyo (secondary advisor)

In progress (2012, expected).

Elton Dusha (secondary advisor)

In progress (2012, expected).

Margarita Pivovarova (secondary advisor)

In progress (2013, expected).

D. **Other teaching and lectures given**

Empirical Microeconomics Lunch Seminar Organizer: Winter 2010, Fall 2010, Winter 2011

Summer Workshop in Economic Analysis and Theory (SWEAT), Summer 2010

E. **ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS**

13.

A. Within university.

Recruiting Committee 2009/10, 2010/11

Graduate Admissions Committee 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11

Graduate Program Committee, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11

Undergraduate Program Committee, 2007/08

Empirical Microeconomics (CEPA) Seminar Co-Organizer (with Robert McMillan),
2007/08 – 2010/11

B. Outside university

Local Organizer, Canadian Development Economics Study Group (CDESG) Sessions, 2009 CEA Meetings, University of Toronto, Toronto

Referee Service: American Economic Review, American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Journal of Political Science, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy, Canadian Journal of Economics, Canadian Public Policy, Demography, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Economic Letters, Economica, Education Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of International Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of World Health and Population, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Quarterly Review of Economics and Finance, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Southern Economic Journal, U.S. National Science Foundation