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EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley Energy and Resources PhD student, Collage of Natural Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Research: Rural Development , Gender Studies, Agroecology Master of Development Practice, Goldman School of Public Policy	Berkeley, U.S present
	National Autonomous University of Mexico (U.N.A.M) B.S. in Sociology (9.6/10) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advisor: Prof. María Cristina Bayón	Aug 2020-May 2022 Mexico City, Mexico 2014-2017
	College of Mexico (Colegio de México) Diploma in “Inequality in Mexico” <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught by Prof. Gerardo Esquivel, Under-Secretary of the Mexican Ministry of Finance.	Mexico City, Mexico Oct-Nov 2017
	Institut d'études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) Exchange program	Paris, France Jan-Jun 2017
RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Center for Research on Environmental Geography (C.I.G.A.) Research Consultant	Morelia, Mexico Oct 2021-present
	University of California, Berkeley Graduate Student Instructor, Interdisciplinary Social Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Development Studies, Prof. Michael Watts (Spring 21)• Introduction to Global Studies, Prof. Darren Zook (Spring 20, Spring 22)	Berkeley, U.S Aug 2020-present
	Seed Savers Network Kenya Research Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploratory research on farmer-to-farmer education for the dissemination of seed saving practices.• Proposal for a nixtamalization technology transfer program using the Farmer-to-Farmer education model. Proposal is currently under review for implementation by C.I.M.M.Y.T. and Kenya Agriculture Research Institute (K.A.R.I.).	Nakuru, Kenya Jun 2021-Aug 2021
	GlobalGiving Mexico Partnerships Consultant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opened GlobalGiving’s (G.G.) first office in Mexico and led a team of seven.• Administered \$3.5M+ in grants and guided GG’s Mexico 2017 Earthquake Fund to support 20 Mexican grassroots nonprofits doing long-term recovery efforts, particularly in rural Chiapas and Oaxaca.• Designed and led the first “participatory grantmaking” pilot leveraging G.G.’s Disaster Recovery Network in Mexico	Washington D.C- Mexico City Jan 2018-Jun 2020
	Cuartilla Editorial Services Associate Writer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Writing articles on-demand to showcase Mexican culture and urban life in Mexico City.	Mexico City, Mexico Jan 2016-2019
	Leo XIII Foundation Facilitator - Rural Saving Groups Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managed the Rural Saving Groups Program in ten indigenous communities following solidarity schemes.• Assisted in managing the financial aid granted to five indigenous communities for investment in agricultural projects chosen collectively by community leaders.	Chiapas, Mexico Jun 2016-Aug 2016
	Global Vision International Manager - Quepos Volunteer Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managed Global Vision International’s (G.V.I.) teaching program dedicated to support a rural multi-grade primary school in a Nicaraguan migrant community.	Quepos, Costa Rica Feb 2013-June 2013
	Main Lecturer - Fiji Volunteer Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught a full Math and English class at Ratu Meli Memorial School - 8th Grade.	Nanuya Lai Lai, Fiji Oct 2012-Dec 2012
	Teacher - Laos Volunteer Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taught two intermediate English as a Foreign Language classes to Novice Buddhist Monks.	Luang Prabang, Laos Aug 2012-Oct 2012
	Ashoka Mexico Intern - Economic Citizenship Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supported the analysis of Ashoka’s award program to improve the livelihood of rubbish scavenger communities in the outskirts of Mexico City.	Mexico City, Mexico Feb 2012

PRESENTATIONS

Grupo de Institutos, Fundações e Empresas do Brazil (G.I.F.E.) **Sao Paulo, Brazil**
 Speaker - International Seminar: Civic Space and Strengthening Civil Society. **Oct 2019**
 • Presented at the “Conditions for funding and the economic sustainability of Civil Society” panel.

Mexican Sociology Congress (M.S.C.) **Mexico City, Mexico**
 Speaker - “Inequality and Racism” roundtable of the yearly M.S.C. meeting. **Sep 2019**
 • Presented my honor’s thesis research findings on the social representations of poverty in Mexico.

Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil society (P.A.C.S.) **Virtual Roundtable**
 Speaker - Predict-a-palooza: Civil Society Forecast 2019 **Jan 2019**
 • Shared my predictions on emerging trends in philanthropy, technology, and data governance.
 • Presented at the round-table moderated by Lucy Bernholz, director of the Digital Civil Society Lab at Stanford P.A.C.S.

GRANTS & AWARDS

UC Berkeley Center on Contemporary India **Berkeley, CA**
 Rapid Research Grant **2021**
 • Community seed banks for sustainable rural livelihoods in Bhimashankar Wildlife Sanctuary.

UC Berkeley Institute for South Asia Studies **Berkeley, CA**
 Bhattacharya Graduate Fellowship **2021**

Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, U.N.A.M **Paris, France**
 Honorific Mention Thesis **Feb 2019**

Mexican Institute for Competitivity (I.M.C.O.) **Mexico City, Mexico**
 First Place - Urban development contest “Less Parking Places, More City”. **Feb 2017**
 • Multidisciplinary contest led by the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (I.T.D.P.) and the Mexican Institute for Competitivity (I.M.C.O.) to present proposals for modifying the use of parking space along the Reforma Avenue, one of Mexico City’s most iconic avenues.
 • The media coverage of this contest and the winning projects led to the modification of Mexico City’s law on July 2017 which fine tuned the number of parking spaces that can be built in public and private buildings in Mexico City.

Institut d’études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) **Mexico City, Mexico**
 Excellency Scholarship for Full Tuition of an Exchange Program. **Jan 2017**

PUBLICATIONS

- 1) M. Villalpando, “The paradox of being a woman in Baringo”, *Berkeley Public Policy Journal*, November, 2021.
- 2) M. Villalpando, “How Do We Understand Poverty? Social Representations of Poverty in Relation to Mexico’s Middle Class”, *Berkeley Public Policy Journal*, January, 2021.
- 3) M. Villalpando, “Power To The People: How Participatory Grantmaking Fostered Post-Disaster Resilience”, *GlobalGiving Learn*, April, 2020.
- 4) M. Villalpando, “Our City Inside the City: Social Problems Inside the Campus”, *Celebrating our World Heritage: University City, U.N.A.M.*, April, 2018.
- 5) M. Villalpando, “Spiritual Foods”, *Hoja Santa Magazine*, April, 2016.
- 6) M. Villalpando, “La Anfora Factory in Central Mexico”, *Hoja Santa Magazine*, June, 2016.

LANGUAGES

English: Advanced proficiency.
French: Advanced competency.
Spanish: Native language.

REFERENCES

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