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RESEARCH INTERESTS Human Capital Investments over the life-cycle; Early Childhood Development; Retirement Behavior and Health Outcomes; Life-Cycle Structural Models

EDUCATION Ph.D., Economics, University College of London 2008-2014  
M.Sc., Economics, University Pompeu Fabra (with honours) 2006-2008  
B.Sc. Civil Industrial Engineering (cum-laude) 2001

EMPLOYMENT Senior Economist, CESR, University of Southern California Oct 2021- present  
Full Economist, RAND Corporation Jun 2018 - Sep 2021  
Associate Economist, RAND Corporation Sep 2014 - May 2018  
Professor, RAND Pardee School of Public Policy Mar 2015 - Jun 2017  
World Bank Consultant, DECRG, London, UK Jul 2010 - Dec 2013  
Research/Teaching Assistant, University College London, UK Oct 2009 - Ago 2014  
Financial Engineer, Andina S.A., Santiago de Chile Mar 2003 - Ago 2006

PUBLISHED  
ARTICLES

Carneiro, Pedro, Emanuela Galasso, Italo Lopez Garcia, Miguel Cordero, Paula Bedregal (2023). "Impacts of a Large-Scale Parenting Program: Experimental Evidence from Chile." Forthcoming at *Journal of Political Economy*. Version Dec 2022.

Lopez Garcia, Italo, Frances Aboud, Daisy Singla, Lia Fernald, Jill Luoto (2022). "Father involvement and early child development in a low-resource setting", *Social Science and Medicine*, doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.114933

Carneiro, Pedro, Italo Lopez Garcia, Kjell Salvanes, Emma Tominey (2021). "Intergenerational Mobility and the Timing of Parental Income", *Journal of Political Economy*, doi: 10.1086/712443

Lopez Garcia, Italo, Uzaib Saya, Jill Luoto (2021). "Cost-effectiveness and economic returns of group-based parenting interventions to promote early childhood development: Results from a randomized controlled trial in rural Kenya." *PLOS Medicine*. doi: 10.1371/1003746

Knapp, David, Italo Lopez Garcia, Krishna Kumar, Jinkook Lee, Jonghoon Wong (2021). "A Life-cycle model of Korean Labor Supply, Savings and Benefit Claiming Decisions." *Journal of Economics of Ageing*.

Luoto, Jill, Italo Lopez Garcia, Frances Aboud, Daisy Singla, Lia Fernald, Helen Pitchik, Uzaib Saya, Ronald Otieno, Edith Alu (2020). "Group-based parenting interventions to promote child development in rural Kenya: a cluster-randomized effectiveness trial." *Lancet Global Health*. doi: 10.1016/S2214-109X(20)30469-1.

Luoto, Jill, Italo Lopez Garcia, Frances Aboud, Daisy Singla, Rebecca Zhu, Ronald Otieno, Edith Alu (2021). "An implementation evaluation of a group-based parenting intervention to promote early childhood development in rural Kenya." *Frontiers in Public Health*.

Luoto, Jill, Italo Lopez Garcia, Frances Aboud, Daisy Singla, Lia Fernald (2019). "Testing means to scale early childhood development interventions in rural Kenya: the Msingi Bora cluster randomized controlled trial study design and protocol", *BMC Public Health*. 2019;19(1):259. PMID 30832624

Lopez Garcia, Italo, Michael Pollard (2021). "Exploring the Social Security Benefit Implications of Same-Sex Marriage". Available at [SocArXiv papers](https://socarxiv.org/papers). doi:10.31235/osf.io/2qyba

REVISE AND  
RESUBMIT  
ARTICLES

Lopez Garcia, Italo (2021). "Human Capital and Labor Informality in Developing Countries: A Structural Dynamic Approach", Revise and Resubmit 2nd round *Journal of Human Capital*.

WORKING  
PAPERS

Lopez Garcia, Italo, Frances Aboud, Lia Fernald, Jill Luoto (2023). "The role of parenting on early human capital: Evidence from Kenya." To be submitted to *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*.

Lopez Garcia, Italo, Nicole Maestas, Kathleen Mullen (2023). "The Changing Nature of Work and Work Capacity." To be submitted to *American Economic Review: Insights*. Working Paper available at [MRDRC WP 2020-415](https://www.mrdrc.org/wp/2020-415).

Lopez Garcia, Italo, Nicole Maestas, Kathleen Mullen (2023). "Health Work Capacity and Retirement Expectations." Under Review in *Journal of Health Economics*. Working Paper available at [MRDRC WP 2019-400](https://www.mrdrc.org/wp/2019-400).

Lopez Garcia, Italo, Kathleen Mullen, Jeffrey Wenger (2023). "Heterogeneous Effects of Retirement and Cognition: The Role of Job Demands". To be submitted to *Journal of Public Economics*.

Lopez Garcia, Italo, Helen Pitchik, Jill Luoto (2023). "Estimating the Production Function of Children's Cognitive and Socioemotional Development: Evidence from Kenya".

Lopez Garcia, Italo, Kathleen Mullen, Jeffrey Wenger (2022). "The Role of Physical, Cognitive and Interpersonal Occupational Requirements and Working Conditions on Disability and Retirement". Working Paper available at [MRDRC WP 2022-448](https://www.mrdrc.org/wp/2022-448).

TEACHING

2023: ECON 318 Introduction to Econometrics, Department of Economics, University of Southern California.

2022: Human Capital: Theory and Applications, Master in Applied Economics, University of Chile.

2022: PPD 303 - Statistics for Policy, Planning, and Development, Sol Price School of Public Policy, USC.

2015-2017: Empirical Analysis III (Econometrics of Policy Evaluation), RAND Pardee School of Public Policy.

2012: Public Microeconomics, M.Sc. Economics, University College of London.

2010-2014: Econometrics, 2d year undergraduate, University College of London.

GRANTS

Principal Investigator, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) R01 HD107116. "Achieving Sustained Early Child Development Impacts at Scale: a Kenyan RCT" September 2022 - August 2027. Budget: \$3,205,534

Co-Investigator, National Institute of Aging (NIA), R01 AG046290. "Assessment of Health-Related Work Capacity to Improve Independence of Older Adults". PI: Nicole Maestas (Harvard). 2022 - November 2027. Awarded Budget: \$3,906,267

Principal Investigator, Michigan Retirement Research Center. "Job Demands, Time Use, and the Timing of Retirement". Oct 2022 - Sep 2023. Budget: \$125,000

Principal Investigator, Michigan Retirement Research Center. "The Role of Physical and Cognitive Job Demands and Environmental Conditions on Disability and Retirement". Oct 2021 - Sep 2022. Budget: \$125,000

Principal Investigator, Michigan Retirement Research Center. "The Role of Physical and Cognitive Job Demands on Work and Retirement". Oct 2020 - Sep 2021. Budget: \$125,000

Principal Investigator, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Grant R21 HD099488. "Pathways and Mediators of Change in Early Childhood Development" July 2020 - June 2022. Budget: \$448,000

Co-Investigator, NICHD, Grant R21 HD098508-01. "Testing Means to Sustain Short-term Early Childhood Development Impacts Longterm". PI: Jill Luoto (RAND). Feb 2020 - Jan 2022. Budget: \$393,000

Principal Investigator, National Institute of Aging, Grant R21 AG058114-01A1. "Heterogeneous Effects of Retirement on Cognition in the United States: The Role of Job Demands. July 2018 - June 2021. Budget: \$544,000

Co-Investigator, NICHD, Grant R01 HD090045-01A1. "Testing Means to Scale of Early Childhood Development Interventions in Rural Kenya". PI: Jill Luoto (RAND). Aug 2017 - May 2022. Budget: \$3,924,000

Co-Principal Investigator, Michigan Retirement Research Center. "The Changing Nature of Work". PI: Kathleen Mullen (RAND). Oct 2019 - Sep 2020. Budget: \$125,000

Co-Investigator, Michigan Retirement Research Center. "Latent Work Capacity and Retirement Expectations". PI: Kathleen Mullen. Oct 2018 - Sep 2019. Budget: \$100,000

Principal Investigator, Korean Institute of Health and Social Affairs. "Marriage and Fertility in Korea: A Life-cycle Model of Women's Education, Work, and Family Decision". Sep 2016 - Dec 2018. Budget: \$400,000

Co-Investigator, Michigan Retirement Research Center. "Exploring the Social Security Benefit Implication of Same-Sex Marriage in the United States". PI: Michael Pollard (RAND). Oct 2016 - Sep 2017. Budget: \$100,000

Co-Principal Investigator, Korean Institute of Health and Social Affairs. "A Dynamic Micro-simulation Model of Korean Saving, Work, and Retirement Decisions". Mar 2015 - Dec 2017. Budget: \$350,000

Principal Investigator, Michigan Retirement Research Center. "Means-tested Minimum Old-age Benefits, Poverty Rates and Well-being: Studying the 2008 Chilean Pension Reforms". Oct 2015 - Sep 2016. Budget: \$100,000

Co-Investigator, World Bank Research Scholarship Bursary. "The Role of Parental Beliefs in Parental Investments in Children and Child Development: Evidence from a Large-scale Parenting Intervention in Chile". PI: Emanuela Galasso (World Bank). Mar 2014-Dec 2015. Budget: \$442,000

PRESENTER AT  
CONFERENCES

Mar 2023 Society of Research in Child Development (SRCD) 2023 - Salt-Lake City, "The role of parenting in early human capital: Evidence from Kenya and Chile".

Mar 2023 Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop, "The Role of Physical, Cognitive and Interpersonal Job Requirements on Disability and Retirement".

Mar 2022 Current Innovations in Probability-based Household Internet Panel Research (CIPHER) Conference, "Work Capacity at Older Ages and Labor Market Outcomes".

Mar 2021 Society of Research in Child Development (SRCD) 2021, "An economic evaluation of effective group-based parenting interventions to promote early child development in rural Kenya".

Mar 2021 Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop, Ann Harbor, "The Role of Physical and Cognitive Job Demands on Work and Retirement".

Jun 2019 CESPAP Workshop - The economics of aging 2019 - Sydney, Australia, "Adequacy and Sustainability of the Korean Defined-Benefit Pension System: Evidence from a Life-cycle Model of Labor Supply, Consumption, Wealth and Pensions".

Mar 2019 Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop, Ann Harbor, "Latent Work Capacity and Retirement Expectations".

Mar 2019 Society of Research in Child Development (SRCD) 2019 - Baltimore, "Parental Beliefs, Investments and Child Development: Evidence from a large-scale Randomized Control Trial".

Jan 2017 13th International Conference - - Western Economic Association International, Santiago, Chile. "The Role of Beliefs in Parental Investments in Children and Child Development: Evidence from a Large-scale Parenting Intervention in Chile".

Apr 2017 Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop, Ann Harbor, "Willingness to Pay for Long-Term Care Insurance in the United States: How much Individuals Value High Quality Nursing Homes?".

Oct 2016 LACEA-LAMES 2016, Medellin, Colombia, "The Role of Beliefs in Parental Investments in Children and Child Development: Evidence from a large-scale parenting intervention in Chile".

May 2016 21st Society of Labor Economists meetings (SOLE), Seattle, "Intergenerational Mobility and the Timing of Parental Income".

Apr 2016 Michigan Retirement Research Center Workshop, Ann Harbor, "Willingness to Pay for Nursing Home Quality in the United States".

Aug 2015 Banff/Calgary Empirical Micro Workshop, Banff, Canada, "Intergenerational Mobility and the Timing of Parental Income".

Jul 2015 NBER Summer Institute, Boston, "Willingness to Pay for Long-Term Care Insurance in the United States".

AFFILIATIONS      Research Affiliate Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), Bonn, Germany  
Latin American Economic Association (LACEA)

REFERRING        Labour Economics, Research on Aging, PLOS One, European Economic Review, Journal of Human Capital, LABOUR: Review of Labour Economics and Industrial Relations, Economics and Human Biology, RAND Peer-Reviewed Reports