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UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES: University of Veracruz; Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico.
B.A. in Economics, *magna cum laude*, 1996

GRADUATE STUDIES: Pontifical Catholic University of Chile; Santiago, Chile.
Graduate Degree in Applied Macroeconomics (PIMA), 2002
University of Florida; Gainesville, FL.
M.Sc. in Food and Resource Economics, 2005
University of Florida; Gainesville, FL.
PhD in Applied Economics, Fall 2005-present

THESIS TITLE: Three Essays in Labor Markets and Immigration

EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE: Summer (July) 2010

REFERENCES

Professor	Professor	Eminent Scholar
Raul Arias Lovillo, PhD	Richard Kilmer, PhD	Andrew Schmitz, PhD
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DESIRED TEACHING AND RESEARCH:

Primary Fields: Labor Economics, Econometrics

Secondary Fields: Mathematical and Statistical Methods, Production, Time Series

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Fall 2008: Visiting Professor, University of Concepcion, **Chile**; Microeconomics (Undergraduate)
Fall 2008: Visiting Professor, University of Concepcion, **Chile**; International Finance II (MBA core)
Fall 2008: Visiting Professor, American University, **Paraguay**; International Business (MBA elective)
Fall 2006: Instructor, University of Florida, **USA**; Principles of Economics (Undergraduate)
Spring 2003: Instructor, University of Veracruz, **Mexico**; Econometrics I (Undergraduate Course)
Fall 2002: Instructor, University Cristobal Colon, **Mexico**; International Finance (MBA core)
Fall 2002: Instructor, University of Veracruz, **Mexico**; Econometrics II (Undergraduate Course)
Fall 2002: Instructor, University of Xalapa, **Mexico**; International Economics (Undergraduate Course)
Spring 2002: Instructor, University of Veracruz, **Mexico**; Econometrics I (Undergraduate Course)
Fall 2000: Teaching Assistant, Catholic University, **Chile**; Microeconomics I (Undergraduate Course)

RELEVANT POSITIONS HELD:

Spring 2004 – Spring 2005: Research Assistant to Professor Richard L. Kilmer, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida, Gainesville.

Fall 2005 – Present: Research Assistant to Professor Robert D. Emerson, Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida, Gainesville.

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND FELLOWSHIPS:

2003 – Present: University of Florida, Competitive Graduate Assistant Scholarship and Tuition waiver

2000 – 2002: Inter-American Development Bank, Competitive Scholarship for Graduate Studies

1991 – 1996: University of Veracruz Scholarship to the Best Student of Economics Sciences in Veracruz

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Member: American Economic Association, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association

PUBLICATIONS: (All available at: <http://www.carlospitta.com/Research/Research.html>)

“Non-Homogeneous Products and the Law of One Price”. With Dr. Thomas H. Spreen and Dr. Richard L. Kilmer. *Agribusiness, An International Journal*. (Vol. 23, Issue No. 3, Summer 2007)

A theoretical model that determines fresh grapefruit prices FOB is presented. First order conditions show that the FOB packinghouse prices are equal for products with the same product characteristics. The theoretical conditions show a difference in FOB prices when product characteristics are different. The product characteristics that are varied include packing costs and pack-out rates. Results from a non-linear programming optimization routine demonstrates the importance of using data that accurately represents homogeneous products for LOP studies. Different packing costs and pack-out percentages are shown to cause different FOB packinghouse prices for fresh grapefruit destined for domestic and export markets.

RESEARCH PAPERS:

“An Empirical Money Market Demand Estimation for Mexico, 1986-2004” (Job Market Paper)

An econometric money demand equation is estimated for the Mexican economy using quarterly time series data following a cointegration methodology. In addition to the long run results, an Error Correction Model that shows a fast convergence to long run equilibrium is developed. Results are contrasted with previous empirical studies for Mexico and Chile. I find evidence of parametric instability, but contrasting with other studies, CUSUM and other recursive tests show evidence that, for the Mexican case, such instability was a consequence of the abrupt Peso Devaluation episode, rather than improved credit technologies.

Other research papers such as: “An Economic Model for Evaluating the impact of Prohibiting the use of Copper in Grapefruit Production” (In Peer Review Process) and many others in Spanish are available on the website.

DISSERTATION (on progress):

“Three essays on Labor Markets” will investigate three aspects of the Mexico-USA migration process: 1) Wage’s effect of labor mobility; 2) Immigration patterns and labor dynamics; 3) Analysis of a firm’s response toward labor shortages as a risk minimization decision. Each chapter constitutes an individual analysis on its own, but shares the common rationale of the economics of immigration.