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ON-LEAVE: AUGUST 26, 2009 TO JULY 31, 2010

2009-present: Visiting Assistant Professor, Harvard University, Graduate School of Education

2009-present: Visiting Scholar, National Bureau of Economic Research

I. PERSONAL HISTORY AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

A. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. in Economics, 2002

Fields: Labor Economics and Economic Demography

Advisor: Professor David E. Card

Dissertation: "Essays on the Heterogeneity of Immigrant Groups in the United States:
Testable Implications Using Human Capital Theory"

University of California, San Diego

B.A. in Economics, 1995

B. CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

2009-present: Senior Associate, Education Finance and Accountability Program, Maxwell
School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

2006-present: Assistant Professor of Higher Education, School of Education, Syracuse
University

2006-present: Assistant Professor of Economics by Courtesy Appointment, Maxwell
School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

2006-present: Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research, Maxwell School of
Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University

2003-present: Research Fellow, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)

C. OTHER PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND PRIOR APPOINTMENTS

- 2003-2006: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Princeton University
- 2002-2003: Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2000-2001: Visiting Scholar, Princeton University
Department of Economics and Office of Population Research—
conducted research for dissertation.
- 1999-2000: Research Assistant, Department of Economics, U.C. Berkeley
Research with Professor Paul Gertler—analyzed the affects of
PROGRESA on health outcomes in Mexico.
- 1995-1996: Research Assistant, Medical Center, U.C. San Diego
Research with Professor David Burns, MD—evaluated the effects of
cigarette advertising on teenage smoking participation.

D. FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2009-2010: Emerging Scholars Program, University of Kentucky, Center for Poverty
Research
- 2008: Association for Institutional Research (AIR) Fellow – Data Policy
Institute, Institute of Educational Sciences (IES), National Center for
Education Statistics (NCES)
- 2001-2002: Graduate Opportunity Program Dissertation-Year Award, U.C. Berkeley
- 2000-2001: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
Grant for Interdisciplinary Training in Demography, renewed
- 2000: Society of Woman Geographers Fellowship
- 1999-2000: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
Grant for Interdisciplinary Training in Demography
- 1999-2000: Lloyd Ulman Graduate Student Fellowship in Labor Economics,
awarded by the Institute of Industrial Relations (IIR), U.C. Berkeley
- 1997-1998: Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP) Fellowship, renewed
- 1996-1997: Graduate Opportunity Program (GOP) Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley

E. INVITED SEMINARS AND REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**INVITED SEMINARS**

- University of Kentucky, Center for Poverty Research, October 2009
- Urban Institute, September 2008
- University of Kentucky, Center for Poverty Research, Small Grants Conference, May 2008
- The Ohio State University, March 2008
- Harvard Graduate School of Education, February 2008
- Teachers College Columbia University, February 2008
- Teachers College Columbia University, February 2007
- State University of New York – Binghamton, February 2007

Syracuse University, Center for Policy Research, September 2006
 Syracuse University, School of Education, March 2006
 Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), March 2006
 RAND Corporation, February 2006
 Federal Trade Commission, February 2006
 CNA Corporation, February 2006
 Baruch College – CUNY, February 2006
 Kansas State University, February 2006
 Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, January 2006
 Swarthmore College, January 2006
 MIT, Inter-University Committee on International Migration, “Economics of Forced Migration” Conference, December 2005
 Harvard University, The Civil Rights Project, “Expanding Opportunity in Higher Education: California and the Nation” Policy Development Conference, October 2003

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National Tax Association, Annual Meeting, (scheduled, November 2009)
 American Economic Association, Annual Meeting, January 2009
 NBER Higher Education Working Group Meeting, May 2008
 American Education Finance Association, Annual Meeting, April 2008
 Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meeting, May 2007
 American Education Finance Association, Annual Meeting, March 2007
 Eastern Economic Association, Annual Meeting, February 2007
 American Economic Association, Annual Meeting, January 2007 (Paper Discussant)
 Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meeting, May 2006 (Chaired Session)
 Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Meeting, October 2004
 Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meeting, May 2004
 Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, April 2004
 Eastern Economic Association, Annual Meeting, February 2004
 Public Policy Analysis and Management, Annual Meeting, November 2003
 European Society of Population Economics, Annual Meeting, June 2003
 Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, May 2003
 Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, Annual Meeting, March 2003
 Society of Labor Economists, Annual Meeting, May 2002
 Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, May 2002
 Population Association of America, Annual Meeting, March 2001

F. GRANTS FUNDED

- 2008-2011: *“Transitions through Higher Education: Evidence on the Mismatch Hypothesis.”*
 Co-Investigator. (Isaac McFarlin, P.I.). Institute for Educational Sciences (IES), Department of Education. Amount awarded \$44,000 (Total: \$638,000).
- 2008-2009: *“The Effects of Absenteeism on Academic Achievement: Evidence from Morning Classes in Chicago Public Schools.”*
 Principal Investigator. Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University.

- 2008: *“The Effect of Changes in Federal Student Aid-Packaging on the Educational Choices of Low-Income and Minority Students.”*
Principal Investigator. Spencer Foundation. Amount awarded \$37,800.
- 2007-2009: *“The Effect of Changes in Federal Student Aid-Packaging on the Educational Choices of Low-Income and Minority Students.”*
Principal Investigator. American Educational Research Association (AERA). Amount awarded \$33,942.
- 2008: *“The Effect of Changes in Federal Student Aid-Packaging on the Educational Choices of Low-Income and Minority Students.”*
Principal Investigator. Young Investigator Development Award, Center for Poverty Research, University of Kentucky. Amount awarded \$5,000.
- 2007-2008: *“The Effects of College Quality on Student Performance and Labor Market Outcomes: A Case for Affirmative Action Policy.”*
Principal Investigator. W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research Grant. Amount awarded \$5,000.
- 2007(summer): Summer Proposal Development Program, School of Education, Syracuse University. Amount awarded \$1,500.
- 2007(summer): Summer Project Assistantship Program, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. Amount awarded \$1,500.
- 2003-2007: *“Immigrants, Parenting, and Infant/Toddler Well-being.”*
Co-Investigator. (Krista M. Perreira, P.I.). Foundation for Child Development Program, Changing Faces of America’s Children Young Scholars Program. Amount awarded \$150,000.
- 2004-2006: *“Immigrant Health and Socioeconomic Status in the U.S.”*
Principal Investigator. Ruth L. Kirschstein National Service Award Individual Fellowship. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). Amount awarded \$92,272.

G. ACADEMIC JOURNAL REFEREE (*number of papers reviewed*)

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics
Economic Inquiry
Economics of Education Review (3)
Education Finance and Policy (2)
International Migration Review
Journal of Urban Economics
Labour Economics
The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy
The Journal of Human Resources (3)
The Review of Economics and Statistics

H. OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

2005: Panelist, Texas Higher Educational Opportunity Project (THEOP)
Summer Workshop, Princeton University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Economic Association	Population Association of America
Society of Labor Economists	European Society of Population Economics
Eastern Economic Association	American Education Finance Association

II. PUBLICATIONS AND CREATIVE WORKS**A. RESEARCH AREAS**

Economics of Education, Labor Economics, Economic Demography

B. PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Cortes, Kalena E. "The Effects of Age at Arrival and Enclave Schools on the Academic Performance of Immigrant Children." *Economics of Education Review*, April 2006, 25(2): 121-132.

Tienda, Marta, Niu, Sunny, and **Cortes, Kalena E.** "College Selectivity and the Texas Top 10% Law: How Constrained Are the Options?" *Economics of Education Review*, June 2006, 25(3): 259-272.

Perreira, Krista M. and **Cortes, Kalena E.** "Race-Ethnicity and Nativity Differences in Alcohol and Tobacco Use During Pregnancy." *American Journal of Public Health*, September 2006, 96(9): 1629-1636. (Equal authorship)

Cortes, Kalena E. "Are Refugees Different from Economic Immigrants? Some Empirical Evidence on the Heterogeneity of Immigrant Groups in the United States." *Review of Economics and Statistics*, May 2004, 86(2): 465-480.

Tienda, Marta, **Cortes, Kalena E.**, and Niu, Sunny. "College Attendance and the Texas Top 10 Percent Law: Permanent Contagion or Transitory Promise?" Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Policy Brief, November 2003.

Cortes, Kalena E. "College Quality and the Texas Top 10% Plan: Implications for Minority Students" Revise and resubmit at *Economics of Education Review*.

Cortes, Kalena E. and Friedson, Andrew I. "Ranking Up by Moving Out: The Effect of the Texas Top 10% Plan on Property Values." Under review.

Cortes, Kalena E., Bricker, Jesse, and Rohlf, Christopher. "The Role of Specific Subjects in Education Production Functions: Evidence from Morning Classes in Chicago Public High Schools." Under review.

"The Distributional Consequences of Changes in Financial Aid Packages."
Paper with Sally Kwak, in preparation for journal submission.

"The Effects of Absenteeism on High School Persistence and Completion: Evidence from Morning Classes in Chicago Public High Schools."
Work in progress with Jesse Bricker.

"Displacement of Minority Students under the Texas Top 10% Plan."
Work in progress with Andrew I. Friedson.

Campbell, Benjamin and **Cortes, Kalena E.** "Employee of Immigrants and Minimum Wage Rate: An Analysis by Immigrant Industry Concentration." Under review (Equal authorship).

C. PRESS COVERAGE

Inside Higher Ed (Scott Jaschik), January 12, 2009, "The 10% Fight Is Back."

D. TEXTBOOK INCLUSIONS

Laing, Derek. Principles of Modern Labor Economics, forthcoming, Norton & Co., New York, NY. Chapter 21 Immigration and Outsourcing, Economic Application 21.2: Language Acquisition, pg. 588.

Ehrenberg, Ronald G. and Robert S. Smith. Modern Labor Economics: Theory and Public Policy. (Eight Edition, 2003). (Ninth Edition, 2006). (Tenth Edition, 2009). Addison-Wesley, New York, NY. Chapter 10 Worker Mobility: Migration, Immigration, and Turnover, Example 10.3: Economic vs. Political Immigrants, pg. 318.

III. TEACHING AND ADVISING

A. TEACHING SUMMARY AND COURSE EVALUATIONS RESULTS

COURSES TAUGHT

Syracuse University

Graduate: Statistical Thinking and Applications (EDU/EDP 647)

Fall 2006: Course Average 4.52 (*scale of 1 to 5*)*

Spring 2007: Course Average 4.43 (*scale of 1 to 5*)

Fall 2007: Course Average 4.77 (*scale of 1 to 5*)

Fall 2008: Course Average 4.47 (*scale of 1 to 5*)

Economics of Higher Education (HED 800)
 Fall 2006: Course Average 4.63 (*scale of 1 to 5*)

Affirmative Action Policy in Higher Education (HED 801)
 Fall 2007: Course Average 4.55 (*scale of 1 to 5*)

Methods and Databases for Educational Policy (EDU 600)
 Fall 2008: Course Average 4.98 (*scale of 1 to 5*)

Advanced Multivariate Research Methods (EDU 791), Spring 2009

Princeton University

Graduate: Microeconomic Analysis, Summer 2005

* Student's average course evaluations are from a 5-point agreement scale with 1= "Strongly disagree", 5="Strongly agree"

B. SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

MEMBER OF DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Monica Young, Ph.D. Candidate in Science Education, currently enrolled at Syracuse University

Jeannette Evans, Ph.D. Candidate in Higher Education, currently enrolled at Syracuse University

IV. UNIVERSITY SERVICE

A. SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

2009 (spring): SOE Scholarship Committee
 2009 (spring): University Fellowship Committee
 2008 (fall): Evaluation Committee, Burstyn Collaborative Grant Competition
 2008 (spring): SOE Scholarship Committee
 2008 (spring): University Fellowship Committee
 2007 (fall): Evaluation Committee, Burstyn Collaborative Grant Competition
 2007 (spring): University Fellowship Committee
 2007 (spring): Research Committee, SOE Research & Creative Grant Competition
 2006-present: Committee on Policies, Standards, and Scholarship (CSS)
 2006 (fall): Evaluation Committee, Joan N. Burstyn Award for Collaborative Research in Education

V. OTHER**A. REFERENCES**

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B. OTHER INFORMATION

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