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Education

Texas Tech University — Lubbock, Texas
Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics — Expected Spring 2027
Dissertation Co-Chairs: Dr. Benjamin Powell and Dr. Jamie Bologna Pavlik

Texas Tech University — Lubbock, Texas
M.S. in Agricultural and Applied Economics — 2025

Universidad Francisco Marroquín — Guatemala City, Guatemala
B.A. in Economics, minor in Finance — 2023

University of Buckingham — Buckingham, United Kingdom
Postgraduate Certificate in Money, Banking, and Central Banking — 2022

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Papers

- Powell, B., Regalado Cardoso, L. Syrian refugees and the resilience of European economic freedom: Evidence from Austria, Germany, and Sweden. *Journal of Comparative Economics*, Forthcoming.
- Powell, B., Regalado Cardoso, L. (2025). Emigration and origin country economic institutions. *Public Choice*.
- Regalado Cardoso, L. (2025). Property rights and entrepreneurship. *Economic Affairs*, 45(3), 509–521.

Revise & Resubmit

- Regalado Cardoso, L. Debt Constraints in Emerging Economies: Evidence from Guatemala. *R&R at Public Finance Review.*
- Regalado Cardoso, L. Do corruption reforms spur entrepreneurship? *R&R at the Journal of Institutional Economics.*
- Regalado Cardoso, L., Bastos, J.P., Powell, B. Leader's Ideology and Economic Freedom. *R&R at Economics & Politics.*

Under Review

- Regalado Cardoso, L., Martinez, C. Displaced Cuban Elites: Business Formation and Local Economic Outcomes. *Under review at Small Business Economics.* **[Job Market Paper]**

Working Papers

- Regalado Cardoso, L. Housing Market, Migration, and Private Sector Reforms in Cuba.

- Regalado Cardoso, L. Does Guatemala's Central Bank Follow a Rule? Taylor Rule Estimates, 2005–2019.

Works in Progress

- Regalado Cardoso, L., Zapata, I. Corruption Distance and Foreign Direct Investment.

Teaching Experience

Instructor with Full Responsibility

- Fall 2025 — Applied Business Economics (BECO 3310), Rawls College of Business, Texas Tech University
- Spring & Fall 2025 — Economics Seminar (2 sections), Universidad Francisco Marroquín

Workshops Taught

- Fall 2026 — *The Empirical Economist's Toolkit: Research with AI Agents* (five-session workshop for economics students and faculty), Universidad Francisco Marroquín

Teaching Assistant

- 2023–2024 — Global Business Economics and Policy (BECO 4366), Rawls College of Business, Texas Tech University
- 2022–2023 — Econometrics I; Managerial Economics; Austrian Economics; Economics Seminar; Economic Process; Monetary Theories; Banking and Business Cycles, Universidad Francisco Marroquín

Presentations

Academic Conferences

- 2026 — Menard Family Initiative Entrepreneurship Research Conference, University of Wisconsin–La Crosse (La Crosse, WI); Association for the Study of the Cuban Economy (Miami, FL); Public Choice Society (San Antonio, TX); Association for Private Enterprise Education (Las Vegas, NV)
- 2025 — Southern Economic Association (Tampa, FL); Association for Private Enterprise Education (Guatemala City, Guatemala)
- 2024 — Association for Private Enterprise Education (Las Vegas, NV)
- 2023 — Association for Private Enterprise Education (Cancún, Mexico)
- 2022 — Southern Economic Association (Fort Lauderdale, FL); Association for Private Enterprise Education (Las Vegas, NV)

Invited Talks

- Jul. 2026. "How to Perform Research Effectively," Advanced Economics Seminar, Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala (virtual).
- Apr. 2025. "Emigration and Origin Country Institutions," Universidad Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala.

Workshops

- 2026 — "Lifting Barriers to Human Flourishing" Follow-Up Workshop, Institute for Humane Studies, Florida Atlantic University (Boca Raton, FL)

- 2026 — Economic Freedom and Human Flourishing: A Graduate Papers Workshop, Institute for Humane Studies & University of Wisconsin–La Crosse (La Crosse, WI)
- 2025 — UFM Prosperity Lab Research Workshop on Development Economics & Entrepreneurship (Guatemala City, Guatemala)
- 2025 — Idea & Paper Development Workshop, Institute for the Study of Free Enterprise, Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, OK)

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

- 2023–Present — PhD Fellow, Free Market Institute at Texas Tech University
- 2026 — Student Fellow, Public Choice Society
- 2024, 2026 — Young Scholar, Association for Private Enterprise Education
- 2022 — Carl Menger Undergraduate Essay Contest Winner, Society for the Development of Austrian Economics
- 2022 — Members' Choice Award, Undergraduate Research Competition, Association for Private Enterprise Education
- 2022–2023 — Don Lavoie Fellow, Mercatus Center at George Mason University

Other Information

Past Employment

- 2023 — Jr. Economic Analyst, Analyze, Guatemala City, Guatemala
- Summer 2022 — Research Intern, American Institute for Economic Research (AIER), Great Barrington, MA

Journal Referee

- Eurasian Economic Review
- Journal of New Finance
- Public Choice

Leadership

- 2020–2022 — Treasurer, UFM Debate Association
- 2020–2022 — Coordinator and Cofounder, UFM Public Choice Club

Skills

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), Italian (Conversational)
Programming: Stata
Software & Tools: LaTeX, Git
Certifications: Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC), 2020

References

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