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EDUCATION	<b>University of California-Davis</b> , Davis, California, USA Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics, June 2006 M.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics, June 2003  <b>Universidad de las Américas-Puebla</b> , Puebla, Puebla, MX B.A., Economics, June 1998	
CURRENT APPOINTMENTS	<b>University of Gothenburg</b> , Gothenburg, SE Senior researcher and Director of Research at <i>Efd</i> Senior researcher and Coordinator of Collaborative Programs at <i>Efd</i>	<b>2024 - to date</b> <b>2021 - 2024</b>
	<b>Universidad Iberoamericana</b> , Mexico City, MX Affiliate Professor, Economics Department	<b>2023 - to date</b>
PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE	<b>Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas</b> , Mexico City, MX Affiliate Professor, Economics Department Professor, Economics Department Associate Professor, Economics Department Chair of the Economics Department  Assistant Professor, Economics Department	<b>2022 - 2023</b> <b>2018 - 2021</b> <b>2012 - 2018</b> <b>2016 - 2018</b> <b>2013 - 2015</b> <b>2009 - 2012</b>
	<b>ITESM</b> , Mexico City, MX Professor, Economics Department	<b>2019 - 2020</b>
	<b>Duke University</b> , Durham, USA Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Nicholas School of the Environment	<b>2015 - 2016</b>
	<b>Universidad de Guanajuato</b> , Guanajuato, MX Assistant Professor, Economics Department	<b>2007 - 2009</b>
	<b>University of California-San Diego</b> , San Diego, USA Visiting Research Fellow, Center for US-Mexican Studies	<b>2006 - 2006</b>
PUBLICATIONS	<b>Journal articles (* denotes research with a student)</b> Garcia-Vara* J., <b>López-Feldman, A.</b> and F. Márquez-Padilla, “The Giving Tree: Impacts of deforestation on birth outcomes in Mexico” <i>Applied Economics Letters</i> , Forthcoming Arceo-Gomez E. and <b>A. López-Feldman</b> , 2024, “Extreme temperatures and school performance of the poor: Evidence from Mexico” <i>Economics Letters</i> , 238: 111700. Zapata-Morán*, I., <b>A. López-Feldman</b> and H. Bejarano, 2024, “Tequila, bats, and agave farmers: towards an understanding of the right incentives to protect genetic diversity” <i>Environ-</i>	

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- Cruz\*, T., M. Lara\* and **A. López-Feldman**, 2023, “Students’ non-cognitive skills in times of crisis: Covid-19 in Mexico” *Social Sciences and Humanities Open*, 8(1): 1007223.
- Huebner, G., S. Chabé-Ferret, A. Missirian, S. Wang, **A. López-Feldman**, G. Sogari, Z. Wang, H. Li, B. Zhang, B. Wang, S. Mediratta and D. Ivanova, 2023, “Effectively and equitably steering pro-environmental behavior” *One Earth*, 6(4): 329-332.
- Bonilla, J. A., **López-Feldman, A.**, P. Pereda, N. Rivera, and J.C. Ruiz-Tagle, 2023, “Association between long-term air pollution exposure and COVID-19 mortality in Latin America” *PloS one*, 18(1), e0280355.
- Fierros, I. and **A. López-Feldman**, 2021, “Farmers’ perception of climate change: A review of the literature for Latin America” *Frontiers in Environmental Science*, 9: 672399.
- López-Feldman, A.**, D. Heres and F. Márquez-Padilla, 2021, “Air pollution exposure and COVID-19: A look at mortality in Mexico City using individual-level data.” *Science of the Total Environment*, 756(20): 143929.
- López-Feldman, A.** and R. Porro, 2021, “ Do social comparisons and negative shocks affect the subjective well-being of the poor? Evidence from the Peruvian Amazon.” *Journal of International Development*, 33: 612-616.
- López-Feldman, A.** , C. Chávez, M.A. Vélez, H. Bejarano, A.B. Chimeli, J. Féres, J. Robalino, R. Salcedo and C. Viteri, 2020, “Environmental impacts and policy responses to Covid-19: A view from Latin America.” *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 76:471-476.
- Arceo-Gómez, E.O., D. Hernández-Cortés\* and **A. López-Feldman**, 2020, “ Droughts and rural households’ wellbeing: evidence from Mexico.” *Climatic Change*, 162(3): 1197-1212.
- López-Feldman, A.** , C. Chávez, M.A. Vélez, H. Bejarano, A.B. Chimeli, J. Féres, J. Robalino, R. Salcedo and C. Viteri, 2020, “COVID-19: Impactos en el medio ambiente y en el cumplimiento de los ODS en América Latina.” *Desarrollo y Sociedad*, 86: 104-132.
- Aburto-Oropeza, O., [et al., including **A. López-Feldman**], 2018, “Harnessing Cross-border Resources to Confront Climate Change” *Environmental Science & Policy*, 87:128-132.
- Dyer, G. A., **A. López-Feldman** and A. Yúnez-Naude, 2018, “Maize management in Yaxcaba, Yucatan, during the 21<sup>st</sup> century’s first decade is consistent with an overall loss of landrace diversity in southeast Mexico ” *Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution*, 65:29-54.
- López-Feldman, A.** and E. Chavez\*, 2017, “Remittances and natural resource extraction: evidence from Mexico” *Ecological Economics*, 132: 67-79.
- López-Feldman, A.** and D. Escalona\*, 2017, “Remittances and labour allocation decisions at communities of origin: The case of rural Mexico” *Applied Economics Letters*, 24(4): 238-242.
- López-Feldman, A.** and D. Hernández\*, 2016, “Cambio climático y agricultura: Una revisión de la literatura con énfasis en América Latina” *El Trimestre Económico*, 332:459-496.
- Dyer, G. A., **A. López-Feldman**, A. Yúnez-Naude, J.E. Taylor and J. Ross-Ibarra, 2015, “Wake-up call for crop conservation science. Reply to Brush et al.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, 112(1).

- Porro, R., **A. López-Feldman** and J. Vela-Alvarado, 2015, “Forest use and agriculture in Ucayali, Peru: Livelihood strategies, poverty and wealth in an Amazon frontier.” *Forest Policy and Economics*, 51:47-56.
- Cárdenas\*, E., **A. López-Feldman**, 2015, “Beyond income: Poverty and subjective well being in four rural Mexican communities.” *Agricultura, Sociedad y Desarrollo*, 12:483-498.
- Dyer, G. A., **A. López-Feldman**, A. Yúnez-Naude and J.E. Taylor, 2014, “Genetic erosion in maize’s center of origin.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS, cover article)*, 111(39): 14094-14099.
- López-Feldman, A.**, 2014, “Shocks, income and wealth: do they affect the extraction of natural resources by rural households?” *World Development*, 64: S91-S100.
- Porro, R., **A. López-Feldman**, J. Vela, L. Quiñonez, Z. Seijas, M. Vásquez, C. Salazar, V. Núñez and Cárdenas, J., 2014, “Forest use and agriculture in Ucayali, Peruvian Amazon: Interactions among Livelihood Strategies, Income and Environmental Outcomes.” *Tropics*, 23(2): 47-62.
- Parada\*, J. and **A. López-Feldman**, 2013, “Poverty dynamics in rural Mexico: What does the future hold?” *Ensayos: Revista de Economía*, 32(2): 55-74.
- López-Feldman, A.**, 2013, “Climate change, agriculture, and poverty: A household level analysis for rural Mexico.” *Economics Bulletin*, 33(2):1126-1139.
- Dyer G.A., and **A. López-Feldman**, 2013, “Inexplicable or Simply Unexplained? The Management of Maize Seed in Mexico.” *PLoS ONE* 8(6): e68320. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0068320
- López-Feldman, A.**, J. E. Taylor and A. Yúnez-Naude, 2011, “Natural Resource Dependence in Rural Mexico.” *Investigación Económica*, LXX (278): 15-36.
- López-Feldman, A.**, 2011, “Migration history, remittances and poverty in rural Mexico.” *Economics Bulletin*, 31(2): 1256-1264.
- López-Feldman, A.**, 2011, “Poverty and commercialization of non-timber forest products.” *Forest Resources and Mathematical Modeling*, 10: 219-234.
- Taylor, J.E. and **A. López-Feldman**, 2010, “Does Migration Make Rural Households More Productive? Evidence from Mexico.” *Journal of Development Studies*, 46(1): 68-90.
- Mora, J., and **A. López-Feldman**, 2010 “El efecto potencial de las remesas en la pobreza y la desigualdad.” *Panorama Económico*, 6(11): 63-82.
- Pfeiffer, L., **A. López-Feldman** and J.E. Taylor, 2009, “Is Off-farm Income Reforming the Farm? Evidence from Mexico.” *Agricultural Economics*, 40: 125-138.
- López-Feldman, A.**, and J. E. Taylor, 2009, “Labor Allocation to Non-Timber Extraction in a Mexican Rainforest Community.” *Journal of Forest Economics*, 15: 205-221
- López-Feldman, A.**, and J. Wilen, 2008, “Poverty and Spatial Dimensions of Non-Timber Forest Extraction.” *Environment and Development Economics*, 13(5): 621-642.
- López-Feldman, A.**, J. Mora and J. E. Taylor, 2007, “Does Natural Resource Extraction Mitigate Poverty and Inequality? Evidence from Rural Mexico.” *Environment and Development Economics*, 12(2): 251-269.
- López-Feldman, A.**, 2006, “Decomposing inequality and obtaining marginal effects.” *The Stata Journal*, 6(1): 106-111.

**Books, book chapters and book reviews (\* denotes research with a student)**

- López-Feldman, A.** and J. Mora, 2018, “The Effects of Climate Change on Poverty and Income Distribution: A Case Study for Rural Mexico” in Quiroga S. (Ed.) *Economic Tools and Methods for the Analysis of Global Change Impacts on Agriculture and Food Security*. Springer.
- López-Feldman, A.**, J. M. Torres and G. Kerrigan Richard, 2018, “Estimación del impacto del cambio climático sobre los principales cultivos de 14 países del Caribe”, Santiago, Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL). ISBN (FAO): 978-92-5-130782-3.
- Fonseca\*, C., **López-Feldman, A.**, and Vallejo, J., 2015, “Pobreza multidimensional en el México rural: un enfoque de conjuntos difusos” in Yúnez-Naude, A., Rivera, F., Chávez, A., Mora, J., and Taylor, J.E. *La economía del campo mexicano: Tendencias recientes y retos*. El Colegio de México.
- Mora, J. and **López-Feldman, A.**, 2015, “Transferencias del gobierno, pobreza y desigualdad: el impacto de Procampo y Oportunidades en los hogares rurales de México” in Yúnez-Naude, A., Rivera, F., Chávez, A., Mora, J., and Taylor, J.E. *La economía del campo mexicano: Tendencias recientes y retos*. El Colegio de México.
- Taylor, J.E., Mora, J., Adams, R., and **A. López-Feldman**, 2015, “Remesas, desigualdad y pobreza: evidencias del México rural” in Yúnez-Naude, A., Rivera, F., Chávez, A., Mora, J., and Taylor, J.E. *La economía del campo mexicano: Tendencias recientes y retos*. El Colegio de México.
- López-Feldman, A.**, 2013, “Renewable resources and poverty alleviation: An application to non-timber forest products” in Yáñez-Arancibia, A., Dávalos, R., Day, J., and Reyes, E. (Eds.) *Ecological Dimensions for Sustainable Socioeconomic Development*. Wit Press.
- López-Feldman, A.**, 2013, “Introducción a la Valoración Contingente Utilizando Stata”, in Mendoza, A (Ed.). *Aplicaciones en Economía y Ciencias Sociales con Stata*. Stata Press.
- López-Feldman, A.**, 2012, Book review of Angelsen, A., Overgaard, H., Friis, J., Smith-Hall, C. and Wunder, S, (Eds.), 2011, “Measuring Livelihoods and Environmental Dependence: Methods for Research and Fieldwork,” Earthscan. *Ecological Economics*, 70: 240-241.
- Taylor, J.E. and **A. López-Feldman**, 2011, “Does Migration Make Rural Households More Productive? Evidence from Mexico” in Carletto, C., Davis, B., and Winters, P. (Eds.) *Migration, Transfers and Economic Decision Making among Agricultural Households*. Routledge.
- Vallejo, J.R. and **A. López-Feldman** (Eds.), 2010, *Perspectivas sobre la economía del desarrollo*, Universidad de Guanajuato, México.
- López-Feldman, A.**, 2010, “Remesas, pobreza y desigualdad en el México rural: Analizando los efectos diferenciados de acuerdo con el historial migratorio” in Durand, J. and Schiavon J. (Eds) *Perspectivas migratorias: Un análisis interdisciplinario de la migración internacional*. CIDE.
- Taylor, J., R. Adams, J. Mora and **A. López-Feldman**, 2008, “Remittances, Inequality and Poverty: Evidence from Rural Mexico” in De Wind J. and Holdaway J. (Eds.) *Migration and Development Within and Across Borders: Research and Policy Perspectives on Internal and International Migration*. Ed. IOM and SSRC.

WORK IN PROGRESS  
AND WORKING  
PAPERS

“Climate vs covid-19: Public perception of climate change policy actions”

“Should we worry about priming in life satisfaction measurement? Results from the global south”

“Beyond trees: The effect of protected areas in ecosystem integrity”

## Committees

Associate Editor of *Climatic Change*. 2024 to date.

Associate Editor of *Environment and Development Economics*. 2020 to date.

Associate Editor of *Latin American Economic Review*. 2023 to date.

*Latin American Association of Environmental and Resource Economists* LAERE.

Past-president 2023-2024

President 2021-2022

President-elect 2018-2020

Associate Editor of the section *People and Forests* in *Frontiers in Forests and Global Change*. 2018-2024.

Member of the Advisory Board of Mexico's *Committee to Evaluate the National Climate Change Policy (INECC)*. 2015-2019; 2020-2023.

Guest Editor of the journal *Desarrollo y Sociedad* (Department of Economics at Universidad de los Andes) for a special issue on SDGs and Economics (2020) and a special issue on Economics, Environment and Natural Resources (2016).

Member of the *Environment Working Group of the UC-Mexico Initiative*. 2015-2018.

Member of the Advisory Board of the *Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Economics Program (LACEEP)*. 2014- to date.

Member of the External Advisory Committee of *El Colegio de la Frontera Sur (ECOSUR)*. 2014- 2020.

Member of the Editorial Council of the journals *Economía: Teoría y Práctica* and *Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Forestales*. 2012- to date.

Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of Mexico's *Inter-Secretarial Commission on Biosafety of Genetically Modified Organisms (CIBIOGEM)*. 2010-2013.

## Referee

Agricultura Sociedad y Desarrollo, Agricultural Economics, Agrociencia, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics Letters, Asian Development Review, B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy, Biological Conservation, Cuadernos de Economía, Ecological Economics, Ecological Applications, Economía: Teoría y Práctica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Inquiry, Economics of Transition, Econoquantm, Empirical Economics, Energy Economics, Environment and Development Economics, Environment Development and Sustainability, Environmental and Resource Economics, Environmental Challenges, Environmental Economics and Policy Studies, Environmental Pollution, Environmental Research, Environmental Research: Climate, Estudios Económicos, Gestión y Política Pública, El Trimestre Económico, Forest Policy and Economics, Forest Resources and Mathematical Modeling, International Economics, International Forestry Review, International Journal of Migration and Border Studies, International Journal of Water Resources Development, International Migration, International Migration Review, Journal of Arid Environments, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Asymmetries, Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, Journal of Illicit Economies and Development, Journal of International Development, Journal of Rural Studies, Land Economics, Latin American Economic Review, Land Use Policy, Madera y Bosque, Natural Resources Forum, Nature Communications, Nature Climate Change, PLOS ONE, Population Research and Policy Review, Reflexiones, Región y Sociedad, Review of Development Economics, Regional Environmental Change, Regional Sustainability, Revista de Estudios Sociales, Singapore Economic Review, Southern Economics Journal, Structural Change and Economic Dynamics, World Development, and World Development Sustainability.

## TEACHING

### **Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas**

Contemporary Environmental Problems (Master/Ph.D. in Public Policy)  
Cost-benefit analysis (Bachelor)  
Environmental Economics (Bachelor/Master)  
Graduate seminar (Ph.D. in Public Policy)  
Introduction to econometrics (Ph.D. in Public Policy)  
Microeconometrics (Bachelor)  
Program Evaluation (Master)  
Undergraduate thesis seminar (Bachelor)

### **Tecnológico de Monterrey**

Development Economics (Bachelor)  
Econometrics (Bachelor)  
Microeconometrics (Bachelor)

### **Universidad de Guanajuato**

Development Economics (Bachelor)  
Environmental and Resource Economics (Bachelor)  
Microeconomics (Bachelor)

### **University of California-Davis**

Economic Development (Bachelor)

### **Short courses and teaching at professional certificates**

Introduction to econometrics of panel data  
Microeconometrics using Stata  
Program Evaluation  
Statistical and econometrical tools for environment and development economics

### **Theses supervision**

Chair of one Ph.D, seven master, and more than twenty five undergraduate theses. Participated in committee of 50+ theses, including Ph.D. in Public Policy (CIDE) and Ph.D. in Development Economics (Graduate Institute Geneva).

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

**Member of National Research System**, Mexico's Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT), 2008- to date.

**Outstanding teaching award**, 2012, 2017. CIDE

**Fulbright Visiting Scholar**, 2015-2016.

**Honorary mention in Banamex prize for best research in Economics**, 2011. Banamex.

**Víctor L. Urquidi prize for best research in Economics**, 2011, COLMEX.

**Environment Working group (Mexican Rural Households' Vulnerability and Adaptation to Climate Change)**, UC-Mexico Initiative, 2015-2017.

**Collaborative Research Grant**, University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS) and CONACYT, 2007-2008.

**Dissertation Research Grant**, UC MEXUS, 2004-2006.

**Graduate Studies Scholarship, UC MEXUS - CONACYT**, 2000-2005.

**Fulbright Fellow**, 2000-2003.

**Ford-Hewlett-McArthur Scholarship**, Institute of International Education, 2000-2002.

## CONSULTANCY

Poverty and Social Impact for: Covid-19 Environment and Urban Development for a More Resilient Recovery. The World Bank, 2020.

Assessing the impacts on welfare of the Forest Investment Program in Mexico. The World Bank, 2018-2019.

Mexico smallholder farmer initiative. Fundación Walmart México - Technoserve, 2019.

Quality Assessment of IDBs Impact Evaluations. Inter-American Development Bank, 2017.

Impacts of climate change on agriculture in the Caribbean region. CEPAL, 2017.

Climate change policy in Mexico. UNDP, 2017.

Climate change and agriculture in Latin America. CEPAL, 2015.

Methodological revision of the economic analysis of Mexico's Low Emissions Development Strategy. World Wildlife Fund, 2012.

Analysis of deforestation drivers as an input for the REDD+ Mexican National Strategy. Mexican National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR), 2011.

Poverty and inequality impacts of climate change in Latin-America. CEPAL, 2010.

PRECESAM-Colegio de México, 2003-2004, 2007-2008 and 2011.

Methodology to Evaluate the Impact of Trade on Land Use in the Tropics. Inter-American Development Bank. 2006-2007.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

Meeting of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE). Leuven, Belgium. July 2024.

Environment for Development Initiative (EfD), 17th Annual Meeting. Accra, Ghana. October 2023.

European meeting of the Society for Benefit Cost Analysis. Milan, Italy. September 2023.

Environment for Development Initiative (EfD), 16th Annual Meeting. Kampala, Uganda. September 2022.

Sustainability Research Seminar, Inter-American Development Bank. April 2021.

Environment for Development Initiative (EfD), 13th Annual Meeting. Bogotá, Colombia. November 2019.

2nd Sustainability and Development Conference, Michigan, USA. October 2019.

1st Sustainability and Development Conference, Michigan, USA. November 2018.

World Congress of Environmental and Resource Economists (WCERE). Gothenburg, Sweden. June 2018.

Meeting of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE). Athens, Greece. June 2017.

Environment for Development Initiative (EfD), 10th Annual Meeting. Pucon, Chile. November 2016.

Heartland Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop. Urbana, USA. October 2015.

Latin American and Caribbean Environmental Economics Program (LACEEP) 10th anniversary conference. Mexico City, Mexico. June 2015.

Workshop on Environment and Development Economics in Latin America. Mexico City, Mexico. October 2013.

Meeting of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE). Prague, Czech Republic. June 2012.

Exploring the Forest-Poverty Link: New Research Findings. CIFOR. Norwich, UK. June 2011.

Annual meeting of the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA). Denver, USA. July 2010.

Forest Resource Management and Mathematical Modeling International Symposium. Tachikawa, Japan. March 2010.

13th World Forestry Congress. Buenos Aires, Argentina. October 2009.

Meeting of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE). Gothenburg, Sweden. June 2008.

Meeting of the European Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (EAERE). Thessaloniki, Greece. June 2007.

9th Occasional Workshop on Environmental and Resource Economics. Santa Barbara, USA. November 2006.

International conference on Economics of Poverty, Environment and Natural Resource Use. Wageningen, The Netherlands. May 2006.

Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economics Association (LACEA). Paris, France. October 2005.

#### RELATED SKILLS

- Languages: Fluent in English and Spanish (first language).
- Computer Skills: Stata (author of three Stata commands that are publicly available: `descogini`, `doubleb` and `singleb`), R(intermediate).