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An education in Sociology with a focus in poverty studies. Extensive field experience and proven leadership in community-based programs in Latin America. Passionate about understanding and solving social inequalities across the globe and interested in the design and the implementation of community-led programs from an interdisciplinary perspective.

EDUCATION

University of Berkeley, California

Master of Development Practice

California, U.S.A

Aug 2020-present

National Autonomous University of Mexico (U.N.A.M)

Mexico City, Mexico

B.S. in Sociology (9.6/10)

2014-2017

- Research Area: Poverty Alleviation

- Advisor: Prof. María Cristina Bayón

- Relevant Coursework: Sociology of Poverty, Social Inequalities in Comparative Perspective, Qualitative Research Methods.

College of Mexico (Colegio de México)

Mexico City, Mexico

Online diploma: "Inequality in Mexico"

Oct-Nov 2017

- Taught by Prof. Gerardo Esquivel, Under-Secretary of the Mexican Ministry of Finance.

Institut d'études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)

Paris, France

Exchange program

Jan-Jun 2017

EXPERIENCE

GlobalGiving

Washington D.C- Mexico City

Mexico Partnerships Consultant

Jan 2018-present

- Opened and currently lead GlobalGiving's (GG) first office in Mexico. Recruited and led a team of seven to visit and evaluate GG's nonprofit partners in Mexico. From Jan 2018 to present my team has evaluated 83 organizations across 19 Mexican states and delivered 14 workshops to NGOs.

- Administered \$3.5M+ in grants from GG's Mexico Earthquake Relief Fund to support 20 Mexican nonprofits doing long-term recovery efforts. The GG grants have provided tools, training and support to nonprofits working with affected communities after the September 2017 earthquakes in Mexico.

- Designed and led the first "participatory grantmaking" pilot within GG's Disaster Recovery Network in Mexico to support the local nonprofits' long term relief recovery efforts after the September 2017 earthquakes in Mexico.

- Developed capacity building projects for GG's 140 nonprofit partners in Mexico which contributed to each one of the nonprofit's growth strategy.

Cuartilla Editorial Services

Mexico City, Mexico

Associate Writer

Jan 2016-present

- Writing articles on-demand to showcase Mexican culture and urban life in Mexico City.

Leo XIII Foundation

Chiapas, Mexico

Facilitator - Rural Saving Groups Program

Jun 2016-Aug 2016

- Managed the Rural Saving Groups Program in 10 indigenous communities following solidarity schemes for rural communities in the highlands of Chiapas.

- Assisted in managing the financial aid granted to 5 indigenous communities for investment in productivity projects chosen collectively by community leaders.

Global Vision International

Quepos, Costa Rica

Manager - Quepos Volunteer Program

Feb 2013-June 2013

- Managed Global Vision International's (GVI) teaching program in a Nicaraguan migrant community, where 20 volunteers assisted local teachers in preparing and delivering courses in a rural multi-grade primary school.

- Managed the day-to-day logistics and operation of GVI's Quepos headquarters.

Main Lecturer - Fiji Volunteer Program

Nanuya Lai Lai, Fiji

- Taught a full Math and English class at Ratu Meli Memorial School - 8th Grade.

Oct 2012-Dec 2012

Teacher - Laos Volunteer Program

Luang Prabang, Laos

- Taught two intermediate English as a Foreign Language classes to Novice Buddhist Monks. Aug 2012-Oct 2012

Ashoka Mexico

Mexico City, Mexico

Intern - Economic Citizenship Program

Feb 2012

- Helped to monitor Ashoka's award program to improve the livelihood of rubbish scavenger communities in the outskirts of Mexico City.

LEADERSHIP	<p>Grupo de Institutos, Fundações e Empresas do Brazil (GIFE) Sao Paulo, Brazil Speaker - International Seminar: Civic Space and Strengthening Civil Society. Oct 2019 • Presented at the “Conditions for funding and the economic sustainability of Civil Society” panel.</p> <p>Mexican Sociology Congress (M.S.C) Mexico City, Mexico Speaker - “Inequality and Racism” roundtable of the yearly M.S.C meeting. Sep 2019 • Presented my honor’s thesis research findings on the social representations of poverty in Mexico.</p> <p>Stanford Center on Philanthropy and Civil society (P.A.C.S.) Virtual Roundtable Speaker - Predict-a-palooza: Civil Society Forecast 2019 Jan 2019 • Shared my predictions on emerging trends in philanthropy, technology, and data governance. • Presented at the round-table moderated by Lucy Bernholz, director of the Digital Civil Society Lab at Stanford P.A.C.S.</p> <p>Cuajimalpa Community Center Mexico City, Mexico Volunteer Organizer - Kids Nutrition Program Sep 2011-April 2012 • Organized and let nutrition educational workshops for women on the importance of breastfeeding. • Measured the weight and other key metrics of malnourished children to help monitor their health and development.</p> <p>Mexico City Department of Culture Mexico City, Mexico Organizer - International Cultural Events Jun 2011-August 2011 • Assisted in the organization and implementation of cultural events in Mexico City’s historic downtown area.</p>
HONORS & AWARDS	<p>Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, U.N.A.M Mexico City, Mexico Honorific Mention Thesis Feb 2019</p> <p>Mexican Institute for Competitivy (I.M.C.O.) Mexico City, Mexico First Place - Urban development contest “Less Parking Places, More City”. Feb 2017 • Multidisciplinary contest led by the Institute for Transportation and Development Policy (I.T.D.P.) and the Mexican Institute for Competitivy (I.M.C.O.) to present proposals for modifying the use of parking space along the Reforma Avenue, one of Mexico City’s most iconic avenues. • The media coverage of this contest and the winning projects led to the modification of Mexico City’s law on July 2017 which, fine tuned the number of parking spaces that can be built in public and private buildings in Mexico City.</p> <p>Institut d’études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) Mexico City, Mexico Excellency Scholarship for Full Tuition of an Exchange Program. Jan 2017</p> <p>Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (I.T.A.M.) Mexico City, Mexico Full-tuition scholarship to study a Bachelor of Science in Economics at Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (I.T.A.M.). Declined in favor of studying Sociology at U.N.A.M. Jul 2013</p>
PUBLICATIONS	<p>FIRST AUTHOR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>M. Villalpando</u>, “Our City Inside the City: Social Problems Inside the Campus”, <i>Celebrating our World Heritage: University City, U.N.A.M.</i>, April 2018. 2) <u>M. Villalpando</u>, “Spiritual Foods”, <i>Hoja Santa Magazine</i>, April 2016. 3) <u>M. Villalpando</u>, “La Anfora Factory in Central Mexico”, <i>Hoja Santa Magazine</i>, June 2016. 4) <u>M. Villalpando</u>, “The Latam Tower”, <i>Punto Destino Magazine</i>, August 2016.
LANGUAGES	<p>English: Advanced proficiency. French: Advanced competency. Spanish: Native language.</p>