

René Livas

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Education	Harvard University Ph.D. Public Policy, Economics Track, 2026 Committee: Gordon Hanson (Chair), Ed Glaeser, Gabriel Kreindler Yale University M.A. International and Development Economics, 2019 Universidad Iberoamericana, Ciudad de México B.A. Economics (with Highest Honors), 2016 Stanford University Exchange student, 2014	
Employment	The University of Alabama Assistant Professor of Economics and Real Estate, 2026-	
Affiliations	Visiting Scholar, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, 2026 Doctoral Fellow, Reimagining the Economy Project, 2021-2026 PhD Affiliate, Center for International Development, 2021-2026 PhD Affiliate, Evidence for Policy Design, 2021-2026	
Working Papers	Local Taxes and Suburbanization: Evidence from Philadelphia's Wage Tax with Matthew Jacob (link to paper) The Rise of the South and the Deindustrialization of the North with Gordon Hanson (link to paper) The Emergence of Public Transit and the Transformation of the American Downtown with Prottoy A. Akbar and Allison Shertzer (link to paper) Automation Technologies and Employment at Risk with A. Cebreros, A. Heffner, and D. Puggioni (Bank of Mexico Working Paper 2020-04)	

Grants and Fellowships	Harvard Griffin GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2025-2026 Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative Doctoral Fellowship (\$3,250), 2024-2025 Taubman Center for Local and State Government Fellowship (\$6,000), 2024 Harvard University Graduate Prize Fellowship, 2020 Brown University Presidential Fellowship (declined), 2020 Universidad Iberoamericana Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2012-2016
Awards	2025 IPUMS Excellence in Research Award, Student Category John Clapp Best Poster Award at the AREUEA/ASSA Conference, 2026 <i>Premio en Economía Víctor L. Urquidi</i> (Honorable Mention), 2020 <i>Premio Ceneval al Desempeño de Excelencia EGEL en Economía</i> , 2016 Universidad Iberoamericana, <i>Reconocimiento a la Excelencia Académica</i> , 2016
Invited Seminars & Conferences	SEA 96th Annual Meeting (Clio/EHA; Urban/Spatial), 2026 Build Philly Now Policy Lunch, 2026 15th European Meeting of the Urban Economics Association, 2026 Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, 2026 Tecnológico de Monterrey, 2026 Banco de México, 2026 The University of Alabama, 2026 AREUEA/ASSA Conference, 2026 SEA 95th Annual Meeting (Clio/EHA), 2025 Harvard Kennedy School Economics and Social Policy Seminar, 2025
Service	Referee, <i>Journal of Urban Economics</i> (x3) Vice-president, Kennedy PhD Student Association (KPSA), 2023-2024 Organizer, Harvard Urban Economics Reading Group, 2023-2024 Member, Dept. of Economics Technical Board, Universidad Iberoamericana, 2022-2026 Representative of the student body, Universidad Iberoamericana Senate, 2015-2016
Teaching	<i>Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems</i> , Harvard University Teaching Fellow (Undergraduate level), Raj Chetty, Spring 2023 and 2024 <i>Econometrics I</i> , Harvard University Teaching Fellow (Ph.D. level), Gregory Bruich, Fall 2022 and 2023 <i>Intermediate Microeconomics</i> , Universidad Iberoamericana Ciudad de México Lecturer (Undergraduate level), Summer 2021 <i>International Trade I</i> , Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) Lecturer (Undergraduate level), Summer 2020

Other Experience	Predoctoral Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2019-2020 Research Assistant, Banco de México, 2016-2018 Short Term Consultant, World Bank, 2016 Volunteer, Comon Sit Ca'teltic, 2014-2016
Languages	Proficient in English and Spanish
Software	Stata, MATLAB, ArcGIS, Python, R, LaTeX
Citizenship	Dual citizen of the U.S. and Mexico