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**Research interests:** Environmental Economics; Development economics; Applied Microeconomics.

## Education

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| University of California, Davis, Davis, California, USA<br><i>Ph.D. Agricultural and Resource Economics</i> | 2006 |
| University of California, Davis, Davis, California, USA<br><i>M.S. Agricultural and Resource Economics</i>  | 2003 |
| Universidad de las Américas-Puebla, Puebla, Mexico<br><i>B.A. Economics</i>                                 | 1998 |

## Academic Appointments

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| University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden<br><i>Senior Researcher &amp; Director of Research, Environment for Development</i>                                       | 2021–present |
| Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico<br><i>Honorary Professor, Economics Department</i>                                                                     | 2023–present |
| Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City, Mexico<br><i>Professor; Associate Professor; Assistant Professor; Chair of Economics Department</i> | 2009–2021    |
| Tecnológico de Monterrey (ITESM), Mexico City, Mexico<br><i>Professor, Economics Department</i>                                                                        | 2019–2020    |
| Duke University, Durham, USA<br><i>Fulbright Visiting Scholar, Nicholas School of the Environment</i>                                                                  | 2015–2016    |
| Universidad de Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico<br><i>Assistant Professor, Economics Department</i>                                                                      | 2007–2009    |
| University of California, San Diego, San Diego, USA<br><i>Visiting Research Fellow, Center for US–Mexican Studies</i>                                                  | 2006         |

## Editorial Roles

Associate Editor, *Climatic Change*, 2024–present.  
Associate Editor, *Environment and Development Economics*, 2020–present.  
Associate Editor, *Latin American Economic Review*, 2023–present.  
Associate Editor, *People and Forests in Frontiers in Forests and Global Change*, 2018–2024.

## Publications

Citations:3,454; h-index:23; i10-index:38 (Google Scholar, October 2025).  
In the top 10% of authors in Environmental Economics according to RePEc.

## Peer-reviewed journal articles

\* denotes research with a student.

Caffera, M., and A. López-Feldman Latin America in the Anthropocene: development under planetary constraints *Environment and Development Economics*, Forthcoming

García-Vara\* J., A. López-Feldman, and F. Márquez-Padilla The Giving Tree: Impacts of deforestation on birth outcomes in Mexico *Applied Economics Letters*, 32(20): 2974-2978, 2025DOI

- Fajardo-Gonzales J., A. Fruttero, D. Halim, **A. López-Feldman**, and A. Tribin Understanding the gender and climate change nexus—towards transformative and inclusive climate action (editorial) *Environmental Research: Climate*, 4: 040201, 2025 DOI
- Arceo-Gomez E., and **A. López-Feldman** Extreme temperatures and school performance of the poor: Evidence from Mexico *Economics Letters*, 238: 111700, 2024 DOI
- Zapata-Morán\* I., **A. López-Feldman**, and H. Bejarano Tequila, bats, and agave farmers: towards an understanding of the right incentives to protect genetic diversity *Environmental Research Communications*, 6(1): 011002, 2024 DOI
- López-Feldman, A.**, and E. Gonzalez\* Extreme weather events and pro-environmental behavior: Evidence from a climate change vulnerable country *Applied Economics Letters*, 31(5): 465–469, 2024 DOI
- Cruz\* T., M. Lara\*, and **A. López-Feldman** Students’ non-cognitive skills in times of crisis: Covid-19 in Mexico *Social Sciences and Humanities Open*, 8(1): 1007223, 2023 DOI
- 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 Effectively and equitably steering pro-environmental behavior *One Earth*, 6(4): 329–332, 2023 DOI
- Bonilla, J. A., **A. López-Feldman**, P. Pereda, N. Rivera, and J. C. Ruiz-Tagle Association between long-term air pollution exposure and COVID-19 mortality in Latin America *PLOS ONE*, 18(1): e0280355, 2023 DOI
- Fierros, I., and **A. López-Feldman** Farmers’ perception of climate change: A review of the literature for Latin America *Frontiers in Environmental Science*, 9: 672399, 2021 DOI
- López-Feldman, A.**, D. Heres, and F. Márquez-Padilla Air pollution exposure and COVID-19: A look at mortality in Mexico City using individual-level data *Science of the Total Environment*, 756: 143929, 2021 DOI
- López-Feldman, A.**, and R. Porro 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, 2021
- López-Feldman, A.**, C. Chávez, M. A. Vélez, H. Bejarano, A. B. Chimeli, J. Féres, J. Robalino, R. Salcedo, and C. Viteri Environmental impacts and policy responses to Covid-19: A view from Latin America *Environmental and Resource Economics*, 76: 471–476, 2020
- Arceo-Gómez, E. O., D. Hernández-Cortés\*, and **A. López-Feldman** Droughts and rural households’ wellbeing: evidence from Mexico *Climatic Change*, 162(3): 1197–1212, 2020 DOI
- López-Feldman, A.**, C. Chávez, M. A. Vélez, H. Bejarano, A. B. Chimeli, J. Féres, J. Robalino, R. Salcedo, and C. Viteri COVID-19: Impactos en el medio ambiente y en el cumplimiento de los ODS en América Latina *Desarrollo y Sociedad*, 86: 104–132, 2020
- Aburto-Oropeza, O., [et al., including **A. López-Feldman**] Harnessing Cross-border Resources to Confront Climate Change *Environmental Science & Policy*, 87: 128–132, 2018
- Dyer, G. A., **A. López-Feldman**, and A. Yúnez-Naude Maize management in Yaxcaba, Yucatan, during the 21st century’s first decade is consistent with an overall loss of landrace diversity in southeast Mexico *Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution*, 65: 29–54, 2018
- López-Feldman, A.**, and E. Chavez\* Remittances and natural resource extraction: evidence from Mexico *Ecological Economics*, 132: 67–79, 2017
- López-Feldman, A.**, and D. Escalona\* Remittances and labour allocation decisions at communities of origin: The case of rural Mexico *Applied Economics Letters*, 24(4): 238–242, 2017

- López-Feldman, A.**, and D. Hernández\* Cambio climático y agricultura: Una revisión de la literatura con énfasis en América Latina *El Trimestre Económico*, 332: 459–496, 2016
- Dyer, G. A., **A. López-Feldman**, A. Yúnez-Naude, J. E. Taylor, and J. Ross-Ibarra Wake-up call for crop conservation science. Reply to Brush et al. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*, 112(1), 2015
- Porro, R., **A. López-Feldman**, and J. Vela-Alvarado Forest use and agriculture in Ucayali, Peru: Livelihood strategies, poverty and wealth in an Amazon frontier *Forest Policy and Economics*, 51: 47–56, 2015
- Cárdenas\* E., and **A. López-Feldman** Beyond income: Poverty and subjective well being in four rural Mexican communities *Agricultura, Sociedad y Desarrollo*, 12: 483–498, 2015
- Dyer, G. A., **A. López-Feldman**, A. Yúnez-Naude, and J. E. Taylor Genetic erosion in maize’s center of origin *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS, cover article)*, 111(39): 14094–14099, 2014
- López-Feldman, A.** Shocks, income and wealth: do they affect the extraction of natural resources by rural households? *World Development*, 64: S91–S100, 2014
- Porro, R., **A. López-Feldman**, J. Vela, L. Quiñonez, Z. Seijas, M. Vásquez, C. Salazar, V. Núñez, and J. Cárdenas Forest use and agriculture in Ucayali, Peruvian Amazon: Interactions among Livelihood Strategies, Income and Environmental Outcomes *Tropics*, 23(2): 47–62, 2014
- Parada\* J., and **A. López-Feldman** Poverty dynamics in rural Mexico: What does the future hold? *Ensayos: Revista de Economía*, 32(2): 55–74, 2013
- López-Feldman, A.** Climate change, agriculture, and poverty: A household level analysis for rural Mexico *Economics Bulletin*, 33(2): 1126–1139, 2013
- Dyer, G. A., and **A. López-Feldman** Inexplicable or Simply Unexplained? The Management of Maize Seed in Mexico *PLOS ONE*, 8(6): e68320, 2013 <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0068320>
- López-Feldman, A.**, J. E. Taylor, and A. Yúnez-Naude Natural Resource Dependence in Rural Mexico *Investigación Económica*, LXX(278): 15–36, 2011
- López-Feldman, A.** Migration history, remittances and poverty in rural Mexico *Economics Bulletin*, 31(2): 1256–1264, 2011
- López-Feldman, A.** Poverty and commercialization of non-timber forest products *Forest Resources and Mathematical Modeling*, 10: 219–234, 2011
- Taylor, J. E., and **A. López-Feldman** Does Migration Make Rural Households More Productive? Evidence from Mexico *Journal of Development Studies*, 46(1): 68–90, 2010
- Mora, J., and **A. López-Feldman** El efecto potencial de las remesas en la pobreza y la desigualdad *Panorama Económico*, 6(11): 63–82, 2010
- Pfeiffer, L., **A. López-Feldman**, and J. E. Taylor Is Off-farm Income Reforming the Farm? Evidence from Mexico *Agricultural Economics*, 40: 125–138, 2009
- López-Feldman, A.**, and J. E. Taylor Labor Allocation to Non-Timber Extraction in a Mexican Rainforest Community *Journal of Forest Economics*, 15: 205–221, 2009
- López-Feldman, A.**, and J. Wilen Poverty and Spatial Dimensions of Non-Timber Forest Extraction *Environment and Development Economics*, 13(5): 621–642, 2008
- López-Feldman, A.**, J. Mora, and J. E. Taylor Does Natural Resource Extraction Mitigate Poverty and Inequality? Evidence from Rural Mexico *Environment and Development Economics*, 12(2): 251–269, 2007
- López-Feldman, A.** Decomposing inequality and obtaining marginal effects *The Stata Journal*, 6(1): 106–111, 2006

## Books, book chapters, and reviews

- Heres, D., **A. López-Feldman**, and J. M. Torres (Eds.) Forest Cover Dynamics in Mexico: Methodological Approaches to Identifying Risks and Opportunities [in Spanish] Universidad Iberoamericana, 2024. ISBN: 978-607-8988-71-6
- López-Feldman, A.**, and J. Mora 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, 2018
- López-Feldman, A.**, J. M. Torres, and G. Kerrigan Richard Estimación del impacto del cambio climático sobre los principales cultivos de 14 países del Caribe Santiago: CEPAL; FAO, 2018. ISBN: 978-92-5-130782-3
- Fonseca\* C., **A. López-Feldman**, and J. Vallejo 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. (Eds.), *La economía del campo mexicano: Tendencias recientes y retos*. El Colegio de México, 2015
- Mora, J., and **A. López-Feldman** 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. (Eds.), *La economía del campo mexicano: Tendencias recientes y retos*. El Colegio de México, 2015
- Taylor, J. E., J. Mora, R. Adams, and **A. López-Feldman** Remesas, desigualdad y pobreza: evidencias del México rural in Yúnez-Naude, A., Rivera, F., Chávez, A., Mora, J., and Taylor, J. E. (Eds.), *La economía del campo mexicano: Tendencias recientes y retos*. El Colegio de México, 2015
- López-Feldman, A.** 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, 2013
- López-Feldman, A.** Introducción a la Valoración Contingente Utilizando Stata in Mendoza, A. (Ed.), *Aplicaciones en Economía y Ciencias Sociales con Stata*. Stata Press, 2013
- López-Feldman, A.** 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 Ecological Economics*, 70: 240–241, 2012
- Taylor, J. E., and **A. López-Feldman** 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, 2011
- Vallejo, J. R., and **A. López-Feldman** (Eds.) Perspectivas sobre la economía del desarrollo Universidad de Guanajuato, México, 2010
- López-Feldman, A.** 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, 2010
- Taylor, J., R. Adams, J. Mora, and **A. López-Feldman** 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*. IOM and SSRC, 2008

## Working papers and work in progress

- Iragena\* J., Z. Gankon, and **A. López-Feldman** Between drought and flood: How climate extremes shape public attitudes toward climate action in Africa. *Revise and resubmit*
- Heres, D., **A. López-Feldman**, and J. M. Torres-Rojo The impact of economic returns to land uses on

tropical forest conservation and conversion: Evidence from Mexico, 2002–2011. *Revise and resubmit*

Iragena\* J., and **A. López-Feldman** Facing the drought: A scoping review of the impact of extreme weather events on adaptation and pro-environmental behavior in Africa. *Revise and resubmit*

López-Rivas, J. D., F. Alpízar, **A. López-Feldman**, F. Amuakwa-Mensah, J.-S. Tan-Soo, R. T. Carson, T. Sterner, and D. Whittington Climate vs. COVID-19: Public Perception of Climate Change Policy Actions in Six Major Developing Countries Recovering from COVID-19

Amuakwa-Mensah, F., F. Alpízar, **A. López-Feldman**, J. D. López-Rivas, and J.-S. Tan-Soo Water–Energy–Food use in times of the COVID-19 pandemic in seven developing countries

**López-Feldman, A.**, F. Alpízar, F. Amuakwa-Mensah, J.-S. Tan-Soo, and J. D. López-Rivas Should we worry about priming in life satisfaction measurement? Results from the Global South

**López-Feldman, A.**, D. Heres, and L. Fueyo Beyond trees: The effect of protected areas on ecosystem integrity

Fierros, I., and **A. López-Feldman** Perceptions of climate change among Indigenous peoples in the Yucatán Peninsula

Bonilla, L., A. Tribin, **A. López-Feldman**, and S. Lopez Too Hot to Handle? Climate-Related Disasters and Global Fertility Rates

Hernández-Cortés, C., **A. López-Feldman**, R. Pineda, M. Ramos, and R. Vélez Just energy transition, structural inequities, and social mobility: The case of Mexico

Pattanayak, S. K., **A. López-Feldman**, F. Amuakwa-Mensah, G. Köhlin, E. Sills, and B. Sivakumar A View from the Trenches: Inclusive Environmental Economics?

## Research Grants & Awards

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### Grants (since 2015)

Research and Policy Engagement. EfD-Sida (Euro 210,000), 2026-2028.

Research grant “Fondos-CONACYT” (US\$80,000), 2016–2018.

UC–Mexico Initiative: Environment Working Group (US\$30,000), 2015–2017.

### Honors and awards

Member, Mexico’s National Research System (CONACYT), 2008–present.

Outstanding Teaching Award, CIDE (2012, 2017).

Fulbright Visiting Scholar (2015–2016).

Víctor L. Urquidi Prize (2011), COLMEX.

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

## Academic Service

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### Refereeing

Reviewer for more than 70 international journals in environmental, development, and applied economics, as well as in interdisciplinary environmental and social sciences.

### Professional leadership and committees

Past-president 2023-2025, President 2021-2022, and President-elect 2018-2020 of LAERE (Latin American Association of Environmental and Resource Economists).

Advisory Board Member, Mexico’s Committee to Evaluate National Climate Change Policy (INECC), 2015–2019; 2020–2023.

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- 2021.

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

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

## **Teaching & Supervision**

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I have taught more than 40 courses at CIDE, Tecnológico de Monterrey, University of California, Davis, and Universidad de Guanajuato. My approach to teaching builds on higher-education pedagogy courses completed at Universidad de Guanajuato in 2007 and has been refined through extensive experience across these institutions.

### **Graduate (Master's/Ph.D.)**

Contemporary Environmental Problems; Graduate Seminar; Introduction to Econometrics; Impact Evaluation; Environmental Economics.

### **Undergraduate**

Development Economics; Econometrics; Microeconometrics; Environmental and Resource Economics; Microeconomics.

### **Short courses / Professional certificates**

Contingent Valuation Using Stata; Introduction to Panel Data Econometrics; Impact Evaluation; Microeconometrics Using Stata; Statistical and Econometric Tools for Environment & Development Economics.

### **Thesis supervision**

Chair of one Ph.D. in Economics, seven Master's, and 25+ undergraduate theses; committee member on 50+ theses (including Ph.D. programs at CIDE, Graduate Institute Geneva, Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana, and Université Paris Dauphine).

## **Consultancy (since 2015)**

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Social economy, just energy transition and inequality in Mexico. Agence Française de Développement (AFD), 2025.

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.

DEACERO and the steel sector, DEACERO, 2018.

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.

## **Selected Talks & Conferences (since 2015)**

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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.

## **Related Skills**

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**Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent).

**Computing:** Stata (author of `descogini`, `doubleb`, `singleb`); R (intermediate).