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### Academic Positions

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#### Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

##### *School of Social Work*

2024-present Associate Professor with Tenure

2015-2024 Assistant Professor (tenure clock stopped 2015-2017 and 2020-2021)

##### *Center for Latin American Studies*

2015-present Affiliate Faculty

### Education

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- 2015 Ph.D., Social Welfare, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA.  
Dissertation: “Three Studies on Family Well-Being and Child Support”  
Committee: Maria Cancian (Co-Chair), Daniel R. Meyer (Co-Chair), Lawrence M. Berger, Marcia J. Carlson, and Judith S. Bartfeld.
- 2006 Specialist in Social Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia.
- 2005 M.A., Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia.  
Thesis: “The Impact of Unions in Colombia: Higher Wages and More Inequality?”
- 2004 B.A., Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Colombia.

### Publications and Research

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(\*Student)

#### Refereed Journal Articles

Published

1. **Cuesta, L., & Pilarz, A.R.** (2024). How is child support regularity associated with custodial mothers' employment? Evidence from the United States. *Social Service Review*, 98(2), 215-259. <https://doi.org/10.1086/730169>
2. Guarin, A., **Cuesta, L.**, & Eickmeyer, K. (2023). Family issues and custodial mothers' quest for justice: Evidence from Colombia. *Family Process*, 00, 1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1111/famp.12959>
3. **Cuesta, L.**, & Reynolds, S.A. (2023). Does couples' division of labor influence union dissolution? Evidence from parents of young children in Chile. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 44(3), 584-601. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-022-09867-8>
4. **Cuesta, L.**, Hakovirta, M. Haapanen, M.\*, & Meyer, D.R. (2023). Child support policy in middle and low-income countries: Current approaches and policy dilemmas. *Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy*, 39(1), 64-83. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1017/ics.2023.4>

**Media coverage:**

Deseret Magazine, December 13, 2023, Justice tied together with clotheslines. The push for dads to pay child support in Latin America.

<https://www.deseret.com/2023/12/13/23956082/child-support-families-mexico-latin-america>

5. **Cuesta, L.**, Guarin, A., & Eickmeyer, K. (2023). Understanding child support arrangements in Colombia: A social exchange theory perspective. *Family Relations*, 72(4), 1625-1642. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12779>
6. Hakovirta, M., **Cuesta, L.**, Haapanen, M.\*, & Meyer, D. R. (2022). Child support policy across high-income countries: Similar problems, different approaches. *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 702(1), 97-111. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00027162221119959>
7. Vogel, L.K., Pilarz, A.R., **Cuesta, L.**, & Caffrey, G.\*. (2022). "A helping hand over a heavy hand": Child support enforcement in the era of COVID-19. *Human Service Organizations: Management, Leadership & Governance*, 46(5), 392-413. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/23303131.2022.2108531>
8. Cardenas, I.\*, & **Cuesta, L.** (2022). The association between intimate partner violence and multiple partner fertility among Colombian women. *Family Relations*, 71(4), 1679-1697. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/fare.12656>
9. **Cuesta, L.**, & Reynolds, S.A. (2022). Testing the economic independence hypothesis: Union formation among single mothers in Chile. *Journal of Family Issues*, 43(1), 96-123. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0192513X21993201>

10. Pilarz, A.R., **Cuesta, L.**, & Drazen, Y\*. (2020). Nonstandard work schedules and father involvement among resident and nonresident fathers. *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 82(2), 587-604. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12627>
11. Sanchez Mayers, R., **Cuesta, L.**, Davis, R., & Curran, L. (2020). Developing a program for social work with Latino populations: a case study. *Social Work Education*, 39(4), 445-461. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/02615479.2019.1660315>
12. **Cuesta, L.**, Hakovirta, M., & Jokela, M\*. (2018). The antipoverty effectiveness of child support: Empirical evidence for Latin American countries. *Social Policy & Administration*, 52(6), 1233-1251. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1111/spol.12437>

**Media coverage:**

The Economist, June 8, 2023. Latin America's single mothers are being left behind. <https://www.economist.com/the-americas/2023/06/08/latin-americas-single-mothers-are-being-left-behind>

The World, August 24, 2023. In Latin America, many single mothers struggle to get child support. Activists and public officials are trying to change that. <https://theworld.org/stories/2023-08-24/latin-america-many-single-mothers-struggle-get-child-support-activists-and-public>

13. **Cuesta, L.**, & Meyer, D. R. (2018). Child poverty and child support policy: A comparative analysis of Colombia and the United States. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 93, 143-153. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2018.07.013>
14. **Cuesta, L.**, Ríos-Salas, V., & Meyer, D.R. (2017). The impact of family change on income poverty in Colombia and Peru. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*, 48(1), 67-96. doi: <https://doi.org/10.3138/jcfs.48.1.67>
15. Berger, L.M., Cancian, M., **Cuesta, L.**, & Noyes, J. (Alphabetical order). (2016). Families at the intersection of the criminal justice and child protective services systems. *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 665(1), 171-194. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0002716216633058>
16. Berger, L.M., Collins, M.J., & **Cuesta, L.** (Alphabetical order). (2016). Household debt and adult depressive symptoms in the United States. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 37(1), 42-57. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10834-015-9443-6>
17. **Cuesta, L.**, & Cancian, M. (2015). The effect of child support on the labor supply of custodial mothers participating in TANF. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 54, 49-56. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2015.05.006>
18. **Cuesta, L.** (2014). Child support and food insecurity among custodial-mother families in Colombia. *Journal of Family Studies*, 20(3), 286-297. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13229400.2014.11082012>

19. **Cuesta, L., & Meyer, D.R.** (2014). The role of child support in the economic wellbeing of custodial-mother families in less developed countries: The case of Colombia. *International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family*, 28(1), 60-76. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/lawfam/ebt016>
20. **Cuesta, L., & Meyer, D.** (2012). Child support receipt: Does context matter? A comparative analysis of Colombia and the US. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 34(9), 1876-1883. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2012.05.023>
21. Briceño, B., **Cuesta, L., & Attanasio, O.** (2011). Behind the scenes: Experience managing and conducting large impact evaluations in Colombia. *Journal of Development Effectiveness*, 3(4), 470-501. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/19439342.2011.636485>
22. **Cuesta, L.** (2005). The impact of unions in Colombia: Higher wages and more inequality? *Desarrollo y Sociedad*, 56, 177-219. doi: <https://doi.org/10.13043/dys.56.6>

#### *Manuscripts Under Review*

1. Pilarz, A.R., & **Cuesta, L.** Trends in child support receipt and regularity in the United States, 1996-2018. Revised and resubmitted.
2. **Cuesta, L., & Pilarz, A.R.** The role of child support regularity in custodial mothers' ability to make ends meet: Evidence from the United States. Submitted.
3. **Cuesta, L., Eickmeyer, K., & Guarin, A.** Family complexity among children in Colombia. Submitted.
4. **Cuesta, L., & Mogollon, M.\*** Prevalence, cohort trends, and correlates of multiple-partner fertility in Colombia. Submitted.

#### *Manuscripts In Progress*

1. **Cuesta, L., & Reynolds, S. A.** Child support receipt and child poverty among custodial-mother families in Chile and Colombia: A longitudinal analysis.
2. **Cuesta, L., Bucheli, M., & Hernandez, W.** A comparative analysis of child support policy schemes in three Latin American countries.
3. Pilarz, A.R., **Cuesta, L., & Walther, A.\*** The short-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on single mothers' income sources and economic wellbeing: Evidence from Wisconsin.

#### **Book Chapters**

##### *Published*

1. **Cuesta, L.**, & Guarin, A. (2024). The Colombian child support system: A hybrid approach in a challenging social and economic context. In K. Cook, T. Meysen, & A. Byrt (Eds.), *Single Parents and Child Support Systems: An International Comparison* (pp. 1-16). New Horizons in Social Policy Series. Edward Elgar Publishing.
2. Adalakun, A., Adalakun, O.S., Boll, C., Breitzkreuz, R., Byrt, A., Chung, Y., Cook, K., **Cuesta, L.**, Griffin, A., Guarin, A., Haapanen, M., Hakovirta, M., Kim, Y., Lee, E., Lo Bartoli, M., Meysen, T., Nor, Z.M., Roots, H., Sinclair, S., & Skinner, C. (Alphabetical order). (2024). Poverty, gender and systems in Comparative perspective. In K. Cook, T. Meysen, & A. Byrt (Eds.), *Single Parents and Child Support Systems: An International Comparison* (pp. 1-35). New Horizons in Social Policy Series. Edward Elgar Publishing.
3. Núñez, J., & **Cuesta, L.** (2006). Colombia: Programa Familias en Acción. In E. Cohen & R. Franco (Eds.), *Transferencias con Corresponsabilidad. Una Mirada Latinoamericana* (pp. 227-278). México: FLACSO.

### **Other Publications**

#### *Refereed*

1. **Cuesta, L.** (2022). *Public guarantee of child support: A key policy for improving the economic well-being of lone-mother families* (UN Women Policy Brief Series, No. 25, pp. 1-8). Retrieved from <https://www.unwomen.org/en/digital-library/publications/2022/08/policy-brief-public-guarantee-of-child-support>

#### *Not Refereed*

1. **Cuesta, L.**, Hakovirta, M., Haapanen, M., & Meyer, D.R., (2023). *Child support policies around the world: Challenges and implications for policymakers and development practitioners* (Knowledge to Action Notes, April, pp. 1-2). Retrieved from <https://www.worldbank.org/en/programs/latin-america-and-the-caribbean-gender-innovation-lab/publications>
2. Hakovirta, M., **Cuesta, L.**, Haapanen, M., Meyer, D.R., (2022). *Child support policy around the world: Similar problems, different approaches* (NCSEA Child Support Quarterly, pp. 1-6).
3. Berger, L.M., & **Cuesta, L.** (2016, September). *A multi-generational study of families involved with prisons and child protection agencies* (SSN Key Findings, pp. 1-4). Retrieved from <https://scholars.org/brief/multi-generational-study-families-involved-prisons-and-child-protection-agencies>
4. **Cuesta, L.**, & Cancian, M. (2015). *The effect of child support on the work and earnings of custodial mothers: New evidence* (La Follette Policy Report, 25(1), pp. 16-18).

5. Núñez, J., & Cuesta, L. (2007b). *How is Bogotá Sin Hambre going?* (Documentos CEDE No. 2007-2, pp. 1-117). Retrieved from Universidad de los Andes, Center for Economic Development Studies website <https://ideas.repec.org/p/col/000089/003792.html>
6. Núñez, J., & Cuesta, L. (2007a). *The effects of demography on the well-being of mothers and their children* (Estudios a Profundidad, pp. 1-109). Retrieved from Profamilia website <https://profamilia.org.co/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/efectos-de-algunos-factores-demograficos.pdf>
7. Núñez, J., & Cuesta, L. (2006c). *The evolution of policies against poverty: From social security to conditional transfers* (Documentos CEDE No. 2006-31, pp. 1-64). Retrieved from Universidad de los Andes, Center for Economic Development Studies website <https://ideas.repec.org/p/col/000089/002657.html>
8. Núñez, J., & Cuesta, L. (2006b). *Proposal for the design of a social protection system for Colombia* (Documentos CEDE No. 2006-25, 1-90) Retrieved from Universidad de los Andes, Center for Economic Development Studies website <https://ideas.repec.org/p/col/000089/003401.html>
9. Núñez, J., & Cuesta, L. (2006a). *Poverty traps in Colombia. What should we do?* (Documentos CEDE No. 2006-19, pp. 1-35) Retrieved from Universidad de los Andes, Center for Economic Development Studies website <https://ideas.repec.org/p/col/000089/020110.html>
10. Sánchez, F., Fernández, C., Cuesta, L., & Soto, V. (2006). *Academic performance, school attendance and risk of child and youth labor in the Bogotá plateau* (Documentos CEDE No. 2006-18, pp. 1-85) Retrieved from Universidad de los Andes, Center for Economic Development Studies website <https://ideas.repec.org/p/col/000089/003147.html>
11. Núñez, J., Ramírez, J., & Cuesta, L. (2006). *Determinants of poverty in Colombia, 1996-2004* (Serie Estudios y Perspectivas No. 13, pp. 1-47) Retrieved from Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean – ECLAC website [https://repositorio.cepal.org/bitstream/handle/11362/4810/1/S0600545\\_es.pdf](https://repositorio.cepal.org/bitstream/handle/11362/4810/1/S0600545_es.pdf)

### **Government Reports**

1. Pilarz, A.R., & Cuesta, L. (2023). *COVID-19, child support, and the income packages of custodial parents*. Report prepared for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Madison, Wisconsin, USA (pp. 1-87). <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/covid-19-child-support-and-the-income-packages-of-custodial-parents/>
2. Vogel, L.K., Pilarz, A.R., Cuesta, L., & Caffrey, G. (2021). *The COVID-19 pandemic and child support enforcement*. Report prepared for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Madison, Wisconsin, USA (pp. 1-82). <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/the-covid-19-pandemic-and-child-support-enforcement/>

3. Noyes, J., Cancian, M., **Cuesta, L.** & Ríos-Salas, V. (2017). *Holding child support orders of incarcerated payers in abeyance: four year outcomes*. Report prepared for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Madison, Wisconsin, USA (pp. 1-43).  
<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/incarcerated-payers-a-review-of-child-support-agency-practice/>
4. Noyes, J., Cancian, M., & **Cuesta, L.** (2012). *Holding child support orders of incarcerated payers in abeyance: Final evaluation report*. Report prepared for the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Madison, Wisconsin, USA (pp. 1-56).  
<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/holding-child-support-orders-of-incarcerated-payers-in-abeyance-final-evaluation-report/>

## **Research Support**

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### **External Research Support**

#### *Grants*

1. “Child support regularity and custodial mothers’ employment and economic well-being”  
Dates: 06/01/2021-05/31/2023  
Funding Agency: Russell Sage Foundation  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$30,000
2. “Child support from nonresident fathers and child well-being in Latin America”  
Dates: 02/09/2020-02/28/2021  
Funding Agency: Berkeley Population Center  
Role: Co-Principal Investigator (Principal Investigator: Sarah Anne Reynolds, Ph.D.)  
Amount: \$20,000
3. “The regularity of child support and its contribution to family self-sufficiency in the United States”  
Date of funding: 03/01/2018-31/08/2019  
Funding Agency: University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP)’s Extramural Small Grants program  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$25,000
4. “Testing and validating financial measures with IPV survivors”  
Date of funding: 01/01/2018-12/31/2019  
Funding Agency: National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs  
Role: Investigator (Principal Investigator: Judy Postmus, Ph.D.)  
Amount: \$19,710 (of \$422,571 total)

5. “The effects of child support on the well-being of custodial-parent families in Colombia”  
Date of funding: 05/17/2012  
Funding Agency: Universidad de los Andes Economics Department  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Awarded funding for including five questions about child support in the 2013 Colombian Longitudinal Survey (ELCA).

### *Contracts*

1. “Noncustodial parents’ child support and custodial parents’ income packages: Comparing the Great Recession and COVID-19 recession eras”  
Dates: 11/01/2022-06/30/2025  
Funding Agency: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families  
Role: Co-Investigator (Principal Investigator: Judith S. Bartfeld, Ph.D.)  
Amount: \$271,251 (of \$5,348,176 total)
2. “COVID-19, child support enforcement, and the income packages of custodial parents”  
Dates: 10/01/2020-12/31/2022  
Funding Agency: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families  
Role: Co-Investigator (Principal Investigators: Daniel R. Meyer, Ph.D., and Judith S. Bartfeld, Ph.D.)  
Amount: \$264,445 (of \$5,390,990 total)
3. “County performance and the role of incarceration”  
Date of funding: 07/01/2017-09/30/2017  
Funding Agency: Wisconsin Department of Children and Families.  
Role: Co-Investigator (Principal Investigator: Jennifer Noyes, Ph.D.).  
Amount: \$17,137 (of \$1,611,303 total)
4. “Women’s access to child support: A comparative investigation” (Cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic)  
Dates: 05/01/2019-08/31/2020  
Funding Agency: Swinburne University of Technology, Australian Research Council  
Role: Co-Investigator (Principal Investigator: Kay Cook, Ph.D.).  
Amount: \$78,393 (of \$595,000 total)

### **Internal Research Support**

1. “Public policies and fathers’ involvement with children: Implications for child and family well-being in the U.S. and Latin America”  
Date of funding: 09/01/2019-06/30/2020  
Funding Agency: School of Social Work  
Role: Secondary mentor (Primary mentor: Lenna Nepomnyaschy, Ph.D.)  
Awarded funding for full-time 1-year post-doctoral research associate.
2. “A Comparative Analysis of Child Support Systems in Colombia, Peru, and Uruguay”



- a. Date of funding: 07/01/2020-08/31/2023  
Funding Agency: Rutgers Global  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$7,795
  - b. Date of funding: 05/01/2019  
Funding Agency: Faculty Development, Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$460
  - c. Date of funding: 03/29/2019  
Funding Agency: Center for Latin American Studies  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$1,000
  - d. Date of funding: 12/14/2018  
Funding Agency: Faculty Development, Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$180
  - e. Date of funding: 05/25/2018-06/30/2019  
Funding Agency: Research Council  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$3,350
3. “Who receives child support in Latin America? A comparative analysis of six countries”
- a. Date of funding: 05/18/2018  
Funding Agency: Rutgers Global  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$500
  - b. Date of funding: 04/13/2018  
Funding Agency: Center for Latin American Studies  
Role: Principal Investigator  
Amount: \$1,500

## **Teaching Experience**

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### **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey School of Social Work**

#### *Instructor*

Social Policy Analysis (Ph.D. Program: 2023-present)

Economic Justice for Families and Communities (Master of Social Work: 2020-present)

Research I (Bachelor of Arts in Social Work: 2016-present)  
Social Welfare Policy and Services II (Master of Social Work: 2015-2019)

**University of Wisconsin-Madison**  
**School of Social Work**

*Guest Lecturer*

Introduction to Social Policy (Bachelor of Social Work: 2014; 6 lectures)  
Comparative Family Policy (Ph.D.: 2014; 1 lecture)

*Teaching Assistant*

Methods of Social Research (Master of Social Work: 2013)

**Universidad de los Andes**  
**Economics Department**

*Teaching Assistant*

Labor Market and Income Distribution (M.A., Economics: 2005, 2006)  
Microeconomics (B.A., Economics: 2005, 2006)  
Advanced Microeconomics (M.A., Economics: 2004)

**Presentations**

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**Keynote**

1. The role of child support in the economic well-being of custodial-parent families in Colombia. Keynote presentation at the “Challenges and Opportunities of the Child Support System in Colombia” Virtual Symposium organized by Universidad Externado de Colombia Master in Family Studies, Bogotá, Colombia, May 7, 2021.

**Invited Presentations**

1. Child support policy across high-income countries: Similar problems, different approaches. Presented at the Brookings Institution – AAPSS Webinar on *ANNALS* Volume on Single-Parent Families and Public Policy, Washington, D.C., USA, December 1, 2022.
2. How child support policy can help alleviate poverty. Presented at the World Bank’s Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) Gender Innovation Lab webinar, Washington, D.C., USA, October 20, 2022.
3. Parents or government: who makes decisions about child support arrangements in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States? Presented at the National Child Support Enforcement Association (NCSEA) International Subcommittee, Victoria, Canada, January 21, 2020.
4. The regularity of child support and its contribution to family self-sufficiency. Presented at RMIT University School of Economics, Finance and Marketing, Melbourne, Australia, December 5, 2019.

5. The regularity of child support and its contribution to family self-sufficiency. Presented at Child Support Panel organized by the U.S. Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), Washington D.C., USA, September 18, 2019.
6. A comparative analysis of hybrid and court-based child support policy schemes in Latin America. Presented at the International Comparative Research on Private and State Responsibility for Children in Separated Parent Families Workshop, Heidelberg, Germany, June 16-18, 2019.
7. Child support and children's nutritional status in Colombia. Presented at the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration Doctoral Colloquium, Chicago, USA, May 13, 2019.
8. Who receives child support in Latin America? A comparative analysis of seven countries. Presented at International Network of Child Support Scholars (INCSS) Workshop, Vilnius, Lithuania, August 29, 2018.
9. Child maintenance in South American countries: The case of Colombia. Presented at ESRC International Research Seminar Series "Separated Families: International Comparison of Policies Supporting Parent and Child Wellbeing", York, United Kingdom, April 20-23rd, 2016.
10. Family change in Colombia: Current issues and future challenges for the child support system. Presented at ESRC International Research Seminar Series "Social Change: Child Maintenance in East Asia Compared to Other Countries", York, United Kingdom, June 27, 2014.

### **Peer-Reviewed Presentations at Professional Meetings in the United States**

1. **Cuesta, L., & Pilarz, A.R.** The role of child support regularity in custodial mothers' ability to make ends meet: Evidence from the United States. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington D.C., January 10-14, 2024, and the Russell Sage Foundation "Three Decades since Making Ends Meet: What We Know about How Single-Mother Families Survive Today" Conference, New York City, June 20-21, 2024.
2. **Cuesta, L., & Pilarz, A.R.** Child support regularity and custodial mothers' employment in the United States. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C., November 17-19, 2022, and the Russell Sage Foundation and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Conference for Pipeline Grantees, University of Chicago, March 16-17, 2023.
3. **Cuesta, L., Hakovirta, M., Haapanen, M., & Meyer, D.R.** Child support policy in middle and low-income countries: Current approaches and policy dilemmas. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Phoenix, AZ, January 11-15, 2023.

4. **Cuesta, L., & Pilarz, A.R.** The short-term effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on noncustodial parents' ability to pay and child support outcomes. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Phoenix, AZ, January 11-15, 2023.
5. **Cuesta, L., & Reynolds, S.** Child support policy and child poverty among custodial-mother families in Chile and Colombia: A longitudinal analysis. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C., January 12-16, 2022, and the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Austin, TX, March 27-29, 2022.
6. Vogel, L.K., Pilarz, A.R., **Cuesta, L., & Caffrey, G.** The COVID-19 pandemic and child support enforcement. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C., January 12-16, 2022. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Austin, TX, March 27-29, 2022.
7. Guarin, A., **Cuesta, L., & Eickmeyer, K.J.** Child support issues and access to justice: Evidence from custodial mothers in Colombia. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C., January 12-16, 2022.
8. **Cuesta, L.,** Guarin, A., Skinner, C., & Sinclair, S. Parents or government: who makes decisions about child support arrangements in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States? Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC, January 15-19, 2020.
9. **Cuesta, L.** The role of child support in reducing economic inequality among custodial-mother families in the United States and Latin America. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC, January 15-19, 2020.
10. **Cuesta, L.** The regularity of child support and its contribution to family self-sufficiency. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Denver, CO, November 7-9, 2019.
11. **Cuesta, L., & Reynolds, S.A.** Prevalence and predictors of union dissolution and union formation among biological parents of young children in Chile. Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 10-13, 2019.
12. **Cuesta, L., & Mogollon, M.** Trends, prevalence, and correlates of multiple-partner fertility in Colombia: 1985-2015. Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 10-13, 2019.
13. **Cuesta, L.,** Jokela, M., Hakovirta, M., & Malerba, M. Who receives child support in Latin America? A comparative analysis of seven countries. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Francisco, CA, January 16-20, 2019.

14. **Cuesta, L.**, Hakovirta, M., & Jokela, M. Family income packages and the antipoverty effectiveness of child support: empirical evidence for Latin American countries. Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, April 26-28, 2018.
15. Pilarz, A.R., **Cuesta, L.**, & Drazen, Y. Nonstandard work schedules and father involvement among resident and nonresident fathers in the United States. Presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, D.C., January 10-14, 2018.
16. **Cuesta, L.**, & Gold, S. Child support and children's food insecurity over the life course in the United States. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2-4, 2017, the PSID Annual User Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, September 13-14, 2018, and the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, San Francisco, CA, January 16-20, 2019.
17. **Cuesta, L.** Child support and obesity among children in urban Colombia. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington D.C., November 3-5, 2016, and the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 11-15, 2017.
18. **Cuesta, L.**, & Villa, J.M. The prevalence and correlates of multiple-partner fertility among low-income families in Colombia. Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., March 31-April 2, 2016.
19. **Cuesta, L.** Child support and chronic malnutrition among young children in urban Colombia. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Miami, FL, November 12-14, 2015, and the Work and Family Research Network Conference, Washington D.C., June 22-25, 2016.
20. **Cuesta, L.** Food insecurity and child support in Colombia. Presented at Society for Social Work and Research Conference, New Orleans, LA, January 14-18, 2015.
21. **Cuesta, L.**, & Cancian, M. The effect of child support on the labor supply of custodial mothers participating in TANF. Presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 1-3, 2014, and the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Albuquerque, NM, USA, November 6-8, 2014.
22. **Cuesta, L.**, Cancian, M., & Noyes, J. Child maltreatment among families experiencing father's incarceration. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington D.C., November 7-9, 2013.
23. **Cuesta, L.**, & Meyer, D.R. The role of child support in the economic wellbeing of custodial-mother families in less developed countries: The case of Colombia. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 7-9, 2012.

24. Berger, L., Collins, M.J., & **Cuesta, L.** Household debt and adult depressive symptoms. Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Baltimore, MD, November, 7-9, and the Center for Financial Security Graduate Student Symposium, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, June 4, 2012.

### **Peer-Reviewed Presentations at International Professional Meetings**

1. **Cuesta, L.**, & Bucheli, M. How much should fathers contribute when children live with low-income mothers? New evidence from Colombia, Peru, and Uruguay, with comparisons to Finland and the United States. To be presented at the European Network for Social Policy Analysis Annual Conference, Tampere, Finland, August 28-30, 2024.
2. **Cuesta, L.**, Guarin, A., & Eickmeyer, K. Family complexity among children in Colombia: Patterns and implications for policy and research. Presented at the European Network for Social Policy Analysis Annual Conference, Warsaw, Poland, September 7-9, 2023.
3. **Cuesta, L.**, & Reynolds, S. Child support policy and child poverty among custodial-mother families in Chile and Colombia: A longitudinal analysis. Presented at the International Workshops on Public Policy 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Budapest, Hungary, June 28-30, 2022.
4. **Cuesta, L.**, Hakovirta, M., Haapanen, M., & Meyer, D.R. Child support policy in middle and low-income countries: Current approaches and policy dilemmas. Presented at the International Workshops on Public Policy 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Budapest, Hungary, June 28-30, 2022.
5. **Cuesta, L.**, & Mogollon, M. Multiple-Partner Fertility in Colombia: Incidence, Predictors, and Implications for Child Support Policy. Presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Public Policy, Barcelona, Spain, July 5-9, 2021.
6. **Cuesta, L.**, & Guarin, A. “We are not washing our family’s dirty laundry in public”: Prevalence and predictors of child support arrangements in Colombia. Presented at the Virtual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, May 13-16, 2020.
7. **Cuesta, L.**, Bucheli, M., & Ríos-Salas, V. A comparative analysis of hybrid and court-based child support policy schemes in Latin America. Presented at the XXXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Boston, MA, May 24-27, 2019.
8. **Cuesta, L.** Child support policy schemes in Latin America and their potential consequences on the economic well-being of children and families. Presented at the XXXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Boston, MA, May 24-27, 2019.
9. **Cuesta, L.**, & Guarin, A. Parents or government: who makes decisions about child support arrangements in Colombia, the United States and the United Kingdom? Presented at the European Network for Social Policy Analysis Annual Conference, Vilnius, Lithuania, August 30-September 1, 2018.

10. **Cuesta, L.**, Jokela, M., Hakovirta, M., & Malerba, H. Who receives child support in Latin America? A comparative analysis of six countries. Presented at the XXXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain, May 23-26, 2018.
11. **Cuesta, L.**, & Meyer, D.R. Child poverty and child support policy: A comparative analysis of Colombia and the United States with implications for Europe. Presented at the European Network for Social Policy Analysis Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, September 14-16, 2017.
12. **Cuesta, L.**, Ríos-Salas, V., & Meyer, D.R. The impact of family change on income poverty in Colombia and Peru. Presented at the IV Symposium-I International Congress on One-Parent Families, Valencia, Spain, February 5-6, 2015.
13. **Cuesta, L.** Do child maintenance policies improve children's economic well-being in both developing and developed countries? The case of Colombia and the US. Presented at the International Society for Child Indicators 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference, York, United Kingdom, July 27-29, 2011.

### **Presentations at Rutgers University**

1. **Cuesta, L.** The regularity of child support and its contribution to family self-sufficiency. Presented at the School of Social Work Faculty Research Colloquium. New Brunswick, NJ, November 4, 2019.
2. **Cuesta, L.**, Jokela, M., Hakovirta, M., & Malerba, H. Who receives child Support in Latin America? A comparative analysis of seven countries. Presented at the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) research symposium. April 5, 2019.
3. **Cuesta, L.** Child support and young children's nutritional status. Presented at the Social Contexts and Health Research Group seminar. Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, & Aging Research, October 22, 2015.

### **Special Honors and Awards**

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1. Outstanding Professor for Innovative and Creative Teaching. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. May, 2023.
2. International Student Academic Achievement Award. Graduate Level. University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. May, 2015.
3. Irving Piliavin Award for “demonstrating commitment to studying ‘real life problems’ through the use of advanced statistical techniques and research methodology”. University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. April, 2014.

4. Ph.D. Candidacy Exam Passed with Distinction. University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. August, 2013.
5. Institute for Research on Poverty Graduate Research Fellows Program. University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA. 2010-2015.
6. Specialization in Social Economics Outstanding Student. Universidad de los Andes, Colombia. 2006.

## **Service**

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### **Professional Service**

#### *Ad-hoc Reviewer*

1. 2022-ongoing: *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*
2. 2022-ongoing: *Social Service Review*
3. 2021-ongoing: *Journal of Youth Studies*
4. 2021-ongoing: *Family Relations*
5. 2018-ongoing: *World Development*
6. 2018-ongoing: *Children and Youth Services Review*
7. 2018-ongoing: *Journal of Family Issues*
8. 2017-ongoing: *Social Work Research*
9. 2016-ongoing: *Journal of Marriage and Family*
10. 2015-ongoing: *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*
11. 2015-ongoing: *Journal of Family Studies*
12. 2013-ongoing: *Social Science Research*

#### *Program, Panel, and Symposium Organizer; Chair, Discussant, Reviewer*

1. Program sub-committee reviewer. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Family and Child Policy Sub-committee, National Harbor, MD, November 21-23, 2024.
2. Panel chair. Fatherhood beyond residence: Policies and practices for promoting non-resident father involvement and child and family well-being. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 9-11, 2023.
3. Program sub-committee co-chair. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Family and Child Sub-committee, Washington, DC, November 17-19, 2022.
4. Reviewer. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Phoenix, AZ, January 11-15, 2023.



5. Panel chair. State policies to support low-income fathers and families and their impact. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Austin, TX, March 27-29, 2022.
6. Panel chair. How do social and policy contexts impact parental employment, economic circumstances, and parental investments? Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Austin, TX, March 27-29, 2022.
7. Program sub-committee reviewer. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Poverty and Income Policy Sub-committee, Austin, TX, March 27-29, 2022.
8. Symposium organizer. Intended and unintended consequences of child support policy in the United States. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington, DC, January 15-19, 2020.
9. Panel chair. Policies and children's living arrangements: A closer look at shared custody, extended and skipped-generation households. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Denver, CO, November 7-9, 2019.
10. Panel chair. Policies and children's living arrangements: A closer look at shared custody, extended and skipped-generation households. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Denver, CO, November 7-9, 2019.
11. Panel chair. Contemporary issues in child support policy. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C., November 8-10, 2018.
12. Discussant. International Network of Child Support Scholars workshop. Vilnius, Lithuania, August 29, 2018.
13. Panel organizer. International perspectives on child support policy. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C., November 3-5, 2016.
14. Panel organizer. Noncustodial fathers' contributions: recent trends and consequences of child support policy in the United States. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference, Washington, D.C., November 3-5, 2016.
15. Symposium organizer. Children's nutritional status: Malnutrition, obesity, and food insecurity in the U.S., Colombia, and China. Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Washington D.C., January 13-17, 2016.

### **University Service**

1. 2023-2024: Member, Dean's Search Committee

2. 2023-2026: Member, Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) Executive Committee
3. 2019-2022: Member, Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) Executive Committee
4. 2016: Presenter, Rutgers University New Faculty Orientation

### **School of Social Work Service**

1. 2023-ongoing: Member, Ph.D. Executive Committee
2. 2023-2024: Reviewer, Ph.D. Qualifying Exam
3. 2023: Host, International Scholars: Dr. Marisa Bucheli, Wilson Hernandez
4. 2022-2023: Member, DSW Executive Committee
5. 2020-ongoing: Course Coordinator, Economic Justice for Families and Communities
6. 2019-ongoing: Member, BASW Curriculum Committee
7. 2019: Host, International Scholars: Dr. Marisa Bucheli, Dr. Vanessa Ríos-Salas.
8. 2018-ongoing: Member, Research Curriculum Specialization Group
9. 2018-ongoing: Member, Management and Policy Curriculum Specialization Group
10. 2018-2020: Course Co-coordinator, Social Welfare Policy & Services II
11. 2016: Host, International Scholars: Dr. Raquel Mendez, Dr. Mia Hakovirta
12. 2015-2020: Co-coordinator of Latino Initiatives for Service, Training and Assessment (LISTA)

### **Community Service**

1. 2022: Member, Princeton University’s Center for Research on Child Wellbeing’s Working Group of Researchers and Practitioners to Develop State-Level Policy Proposals to Promote Father Wellbeing and Involvement
2. 2022: Member, The World Bank’s Colombia and Venezuela Human Development Group’s Advisory Committee, Human Capital Review for Colombia

### **Professional Affiliations**

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2019-ongoing: Red Latinoamericana de Análisis de la Política Social (PolSoc)  
 2018-ongoing: Latin American Studies Association (LASA)  
 2016-ongoing: Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)  
 2014-ongoing: Population Association of America (PAA)  
 2014-ongoing: Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR)  
 2014-ongoing: International Network of Child Support Scholars (INCSS)  
 2012-ongoing: Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

### **Professional Development**

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1. “Moving the Field Forward: Understanding Latinx Populations in Communities with Low-Income.” Organized by Institute for Research on Poverty and National Research Center on Hispanic Children. Child Trends, Washington D.C., May 4-5, 2023.

2. “LIS summer workshop.” University of Luxembourg, Belval Campus, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg, July 1-6, 2018.
3. “Summer Workshop in Formal Demography.” University of California at Berkeley, June 4-8, 2018.
4. “Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID) Data User Workshop.” Organized by Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, June 12-16, 2017.
5. “Causal Inference in Social Sciences.” Organized by Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). University of California-Berkeley, July 9-13, 2012.

## **Professional Employment**

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**Project Assistant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP). August 2010-May 2015. Assisted with the following projects:

- “National Child Support Noncustodial Parent Employment Demonstration (CSPED)”
- “Intersection of the Criminal Justice and Child Protective Services Systems”
- “Holding Child Support Orders of Incarcerated Payers in Abeyance”
- “Consumer Debt and Adult Depressive Symptoms in the United States”
- “Family Support Study”

**Consultant**, The International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) and Global Development Network, May-August 2010. Research work for a paper on sharing experiences in impact evaluations in Colombia.

**Researcher**, National Consulting Center, Bogotá, D.C. (Colombia), September 2007-August 2010. Administration and research work on two large-scale evaluations:

- “Impact Evaluation of the Conditional Cash Transfers Program for Displaced Populations” Funded by the Presidential Agency for Social Action and International Cooperation (\$384,615)
- “Evaluation of the System of Intergovernmental Transfers”. Funded by the Colombian National Planning Department, the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank (\$1,287,338)

**Advisor**, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, General Directorate of Planning, Bogotá D.C. (Colombia), August 2007–December 2008. Work on the design of a monitoring and evaluation scheme for the social protection system (In charge of the job training sector).

**Advisor**, Ministry of Finance and Public Debt, General Directorate of the National Budget, Bogotá D.C. (Colombia), December 2006–August 2007. Assisted with the process of designing and passing a constitutional amendment on the system of intergovernmental transfers.

**Researcher**, Universidad de los Andes, Center for Economic Development Studies–CEDE, Bogotá D.C. (Colombia), August 2004–October 2006. Assisted with the following projects:

- “Evaluation of the Nursery Program *Hogares Comunitarios de Bienestar*”
- “Evaluation of the Food Security Program *Bogotá without Hunger*”
- “Effects of Teenage Childbearing on Mothers’ and Children’s Well-being in Colombia”
- “Colombian National Strategy Against Poverty”
- “Determinants of Poverty in Colombia”
- “Academic Performance, School Attendance and Risk of Child and Youth Labor in Bogotá”
- “Determinants of Dropouts from Higher Education in Colombia”

**Advisor**, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Technical Vice Ministry, Bogotá D.C. (Colombia), March 2003–May 2004. Assisted with the design of the national policy for populations with disabilities and the design and implementation of an unconditional cash transfer program to low-income elderly.

**Research Assistant**, National Planning Department, National Program of Human Development (NPHD), Bogotá D.C. (Colombia), January–July 2002. Assisted with the preparation of the United Nations Human Development report for Colombia as well as policy documents and presentations due to NPHD’s funders.