

**Rebecca Lee Harris, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor of Instruction in Economics

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. in Economics, The George Washington University, Washington, DC. May 2000.

- Dissertation Title: “Agricultural Policy Reform in Mexico: A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis”
- Recipient of Hsieh Prize in Economics
- University Teaching Fellowship, 1993-1997

B.A. in Economics, *magna cum laude*, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. June 1990

- Member of Phi Beta Kappa and Jesuit National Honors Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Associate Professor of Instruction in Economics, University of South Florida. 2018-present.

- Current courses include: Principles of Microeconomics; Behavioral Economics; Environmental Economics; Economics of Women & Work; Sustainability Capstone; various Honors College Courses in Economics.
- Campus Coordinator for Economics program, St. Petersburg

Assistant Professor of Instruction in Economics, University of South Florida. 2014-2018.

- Courses include: Principles of Microeconomics; Environmental Economics; Economics of Women & Work; Managerial Analysis (MBA); Economic Development; Economics of Women, Men & Work (MBA)
- Research and grant identification, writing and administration
- Co-Lead on Initiative on Women in Leadership

Visiting Assistant Professor in Economics, University of South Florida. 2011-2014.

- Courses include: Principles of Microeconomics; Principles of Macroeconomics; Environmental Economics; International Economics; International Macroeconomics; Public Finance
- Research and grant identification, writing and administration

Assistant Academic Director/ Research Director. Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions (formerly Globalization Research Center), University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Jan. 2002 – July 2011

- Facilitate research on globalization issues: identify researchers; connect researchers within University and in other institutions; design applied research projects; seek funding sources; assist in grant writing; identify University and community needs.
- Promote awareness of globalization issues: organize speakers series and conferences; assist in building globalization curriculum proposals at USF and in Tampa high schools; serve as liaison to Tampa Bay community.
- Plan and administer externally funded projects, including staff recruitment, budget management, final reporting, for both private and public grants

Post-Doctoral Fellow/Research Analyst. International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC. Sept. 1997 - Jan. 2002.

- Build and maintain computable general equilibrium model of Mexico, for use in agricultural and trade policy analysis, social policy reform analysis and environmental impact assessment.
- Perform research, writing, editing, data collection, data maintenance and programming activities, with focus on Latin American economics.

Adjunct Instructor. Economics Department, The University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Sept. 2000 – July 2004.

Graduate Teaching Assistant and Instructor. Economics Department, The George Washington University, Washington, DC. 1993-2000.

Research Assistant. The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC. Oct. 1996 – Oct. 1997

Research Assistant. U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington, DC. Sept. 1993 – Oct. 1996.

#### PUBLICATIONS:

Harris, R.L. & Rosenthal, E. (2018) "Environmental Sustainability and the Nexus of Economic Principles and Jewish Thought." *Ethics & Economics*, 15(2), 46-61.

Harris, R.L. & Dieringer, S. (2017) "The economic impact of rezoning to increase tourism." *Tourism*, 65(1), 103-114.

Harris, R.L. & Ebrahimpour, M. (2015). "Including genocide in corporate social responsibility," *Proceedings from Decision Science Institute Annual Meeting*.

Harris, R.L. & Ebrahimpour, M. (2015). "On Teaching Genocide to Business Students," *Global Education Journal* (3), 68-80.

Amen, M. & Harris, R.L. (2009) "Human-Ecosystem Interdependence in Coastal Cities," in *Management of Environmental Quality*, 20:4:1-10.

Harris, R.L. ed. (2006). *Globalization and Sustainable Development: Issues and Applications*. USF Dr. Kiran C. Patel Center for Global Solutions.

Coady, D.P & Harris, R.L. (2004). Evaluating Transfer Programmes within a General Equilibrium Framework, *Economic Journal* (vol. 114, no. 498), with David P. Coady (October 2004).

"A Standard Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Model in GAMS." (2002). *Microcomputers in Policy Research 5*. International Food Policy Research Institute, with Hans Lofgren and Sherman Robinson, with the assistance of Marcelle Thomas and Moataz El Said.

"Estimation of a Regionalized Mexican Social Accounting Matrix: Using Entropy Techniques to Reconcile Disparate Data Sources," (2002). TMD Discussion Paper No. 97. International Food Policy Research Institute.

"Economy-wide Effects of El Niño/Southern Oscillation (ENSO) in Mexico and the Role of Improved Forecasting and Technological Change," (2001). TMD Discussion Paper No. 83. International Food Policy Research Institute, with Sherman Robinson.

"Comparison of Two Models of the Economic Benefits from Improved Climate Forecasting in Mexico," (2001). Note prepared for Feasibility Study on the Prediction and Amelioration of Socioeconomic Impacts of El Niño / Southern Oscillation (ENSO) in Latin America and the Caribbean, sponsored by the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Meteorological Organization.

"Economy-Wide Effects of ENSO in Mexico and the Role of Improved Forecasting and Technological Change," (2001). Project paper prepared for Feasibility Study on the Prediction and Amelioration of Socioeconomic Impacts of El Niño / Southern Oscillation (ENSO) in Latin America and the Caribbean, sponsored by the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Meteorological Organization.

"A Regional General Equilibrium Analysis of the Welfare Impact of Cash Transfers: An

Analysis of PROGRESA in Mexico,” (2001). Trade and Macroeconomics Division Discussion Paper No. 76. International Food Policy Research Institute, with David P. Coady.

"Evaluating Transfer Programs Within a General Equilibrium Framework," Food Consumption and Nutrition Division Discussion Paper No. 110, with David P. Coady (June 2001).

“A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis of Mexico’s Agricultural Policy Reforms,” Trade and Macroeconomics Division Policy Paper No. 65. International Food Policy Research Institute (January 2001).

“A General Equilibrium Analysis of the Welfare Impact of Transfers: Simulations of Mexico's Progresas Cash Transfers,” in *The Impact of Mexico’s Education, Health, and Nutrition Program (Progresas) at the Community Level*, Food Consumption and Nutrition Division Research Report. International Food Policy Research Institute (April 2000), with David Coady.

“Estimation of a Regionalized Mexican Social Accounting Matrix: Using Entropy Techniques to Reconcile Disparate Data Sources,” Proceedings from the Seminario Internacional Insumo-Producto: Regional y Otras Aplicaciones (International Input-Output Seminar: Regional and Other Applications) in Guadalajara, Mexico, September 2-4, 1999.

“The Distributional Impact of Macroeconomic Shocks in Mexico: Threshold Effects in a Multi-Region CGE Model,” Trade and Macroeconomics Division Policy Paper No. 44. International Food Policy Research Institute (June 1999).

"Private Capital Flows to the Andean Region," *The Andean Community and the United States: Trade and Investment Relations in the 1990s*. Organization of American States (1998), with Jorge Daly.

“Estimating Income Mobility in Colombia Using Maximum Entropy Econometrics,” Trade and Macroeconomics Division Policy Paper No. 26. International Food Policy Research Institute (May 1998), with Samuel Morley and Sherman Robinson.

*Financial Markets in Latin America and the Caribbean*. U.S. Agency for International Development (1995), with Jorge Daly and David Tacker.

## GRANT AWARDS

“Land Use Mix for Fiscal Sustainability in Beachfront Communities,” Land Economics Foundation, May 2016, \$21,061. Principal Investigator.

“Economic Analysis of Proposed Planned Development Zoning District in Treasure Island,” City of Treasure Island, December 2014, \$4,016. Principal Investigator.

“Group Study Visit to Germany,” German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), May 2014. \$8,300. Prepared submission.

“Leading in a Civilian Context: A Socially Responsible MBA for Returning Veterans,” Graduate Management Admissions Council, April 2012, \$409,500. Prepared submission and Project Manager.

“Export Markets for Alternative Energy: Preparing Small Business Enterprises, Faculty and Students for a Global Green Energy Future,” U.S. Department of Education,

Business and International Education, July 2009, \$100,000. Prepared submission and Co-Principal Investigator with Mark Amen.

“Interactive Teaching in a Globalizing World,” The Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program, The International Research & Exchange Board, December 2009, \$176,000. Prepared submission and managed.

“Toward Democracy and Diversity: Increasing the Content Knowledge and Pedagogical Skills of Caribbean Social Studies Educators,” U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, August 2008, \$371,050. Prepared submission and managed.

“The Global Schools Project,” The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations, \$125,480. April 2005. Prepared submission and managed.

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS/SEMINARS:

"The Economic Impact of Domestic Violence in Pinellas County," presentation at USFSP for University and community, November 2018.

"Land Use Mix for Fiscal Sustainability in Beachfront Communities," presentation to Board of Land Economics Foundation, Philadelphia, PA, April 2017.

“Planners and Economists Unite!” presentation to American Planners Association Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, April 2016.

“The ‘Silent Tsunami’: The World Food Crisis of 2008 and Beyond”, lecture to *Globalizations* undergraduate course (for USF Government in International Affairs Department), Tampa, FL, April 2010.

“The Market Economy and the Role of Democracy and Diversity”, lecture in the *Towards Democracy and Diversity Increasing the Content Knowledge and Pedagogical skills of Caribbean Social Studies Educators* program, Tampa, FL, July 2009.

“The Global Food Crisis”, presentation at the International Studies Schools Association, Tampa, FL, January 2009.

“Globalización y el Ambiente” and “Globalización y el Ecoturismo” (“Globalization and the Environment” and Globalization and Ecotourism”), two lectures to the Model United Nations, Dominican Republic, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, April 2005.

“Globalization and the Environment,” presentation to the Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater, January 2005.

"Economy-wide Effects of El Niño / Southern Oscillation (ENSO) in Mexico and the Role of Improved Forecasting and Technological Change," Crises and Disasters: Measurement and Mitigation of Their Human Costs. Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC, November 13-14, 2001.

"A General Equilibrium Analysis of the Welfare Impact of Transfers: Simulations of Mexico's Progresa Cash Transfers," International Monetary Fund, June 2000.

“A General Equilibrium Analysis of the Welfare Impact of Transfers: Simulations of Mexico's Progresa Cash Transfers,” Progresa Workshop, Mexico City, November 11, 1999.

“Estimation of a Regionalized Mexican Social Accounting Matrix: Using Entropy Techniques to Reconcile Disparate Data Sources,” International Input Output Workshop, Guadalajara, Mexico, September 2-4, 1999.

“The Distributional Impact of Macroeconomic Shocks in Mexico: Threshold Effects in a Multi-Region CGE Model,” 2nd Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis, Denmark, June 20-22, 1999.

## REVIEWS

*Globalizations*. “Globalization of Markets, Global Consumers, and Consumers’ Paradox,” Fall 2013.

*Environment and Development Economics*. “Development Strategy, Poverty and Deforestation in the Philippines.” 2002.

The George Washington University, Dissertation Defense. “A General Equilibrium Analysis of Value-Added Tax Reform in the Philippines.” 2001.

Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología, Mexico. “Diseño y aplicación de modelos de multisectoriales para analizar el impacto de las políticas económicas en las regions rurales de Sonora” (Design and Application of Multisectoral Models for Analyzing the Impact of Economic Policies in Rural Regions of Sonora) 2000.

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

College of Arts & Sciences Leadership Team, St. Petersburg campus (2022-present)  
Faculty Advisory Council to Persistence Committee, St. Petersburg campus (2023 – present)

College of Arts & Sciences Diversity, Equity & Inclusion committee (2022-2024)

Women and Leadership Initiative, co-Leader (2017 – 2021)

University Scholarship Review committee (2018 –2021)

Faculty Development Committee (Fall 2017 – Spring 2020)

Beta Gamma Sigma, Faculty Advisor (Fall 2015 – Spring 2020)

Undergraduate Curricula and Assessment Committee, Member, (Fall 2014 – Spring 2017, Fall 2018 – Spring 2020)

MBA Students’ Faculty Advisor (Spring 2016 – Spring 2018)

Center for Science, Policy and Coastal Environments (C-SPACE), Board Member (Fall 2012 – Fall 2016)

Green Energy Living Systems (GELS), Board member (Fall 2013 – Spring 2015)

Student Environmental Awareness Society (SEAS), Faculty Advisor, (Spring 2014- Fall 2015)

## CIVIC LEADERSHIP:

Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Association of Tampa Bay. Board member. 2019-present.

Temple Beth-El, St. Petersburg, FL. May 2009 - present

Chair, Religious Life Task Force (2021 – present); Member, Board of Directors (2010-2021); Adult Hebrew Instructor (volunteer), Sept. 2013-present; Student Tutor (volunteer), Aug. 2014 – Present; Search Committee member for Rabbi (2023); Search Committee member for Executive Director (2022-2023); Search Committee member for Rabbi (2020-2021); Search Committee for Religious School Director, Spring 2015; Vice President of Board of Directors (May 2012 – Aug. 2014); Chairperson, Social Action Committee (May 2009- May 2013); Rabbinic Corps (May 2016-present).

LiFT Academy, Parent Volunteer. Aug. 2016 - May 2022.

Brighton Preparatory School, Parent Volunteer. Aug. 2012 – May 2016.  
Parent Volunteer

Hillels of the Florida Suncoast, Tampa, FL June 2003 – May 2010  
Member, Board of Directors; President of the Board, 2005-2008