

# Omar Robles

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## Education

**Ph.D. Economics**, Harvard University, Cambridge MA Expected June 2009  
**M.B.A. Management Information Systems**, DePaul University, Chicago IL June, 2003  
**B.B.A. Finance and Economics**, University of Wisconsin-Madison Aug, 2000

## Prizes

**Graduate Prize Fellowship**, Harvard University, Cambridge MA 2004, 2005, 2008  
**Warburg Fund Recipient**, Harvard University, Cambridge MA 2006, 2008

## Publications

“The Cognitive Link Between Geography and Development: Iodine Deficiency and Schooling Attainment in Tanzania,” March 2008, with Erica Field and Maximo Torero, *NBER working paper 13838*  
“Short-term Achievement effects of Bilingual Education Programs,” *In progress*  
“Predicting Default in Microfinance,” with Sendhil Mullainathan and Dean Karlan, *In progress*

## Work Experience

**Harvard University, Teaching Fellow, Grader, Research Assistant**, Cambridge MA

- Grader, Harvard Business School, Strategy Unit 2007, 2008
- Head Teaching Fellow, Introductory Econometrics 2007, 2008
- Head Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory 2006, 2007
- Teaching Fellow, Economics of World Migration 2006
- Research Assistant, Kaushik Basu, Visiting Economics Professor, Cornell University 2004

**Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Formative Research Consultant**, Boston MA March 2007 - Present

- Define the Massachusetts Hispanic population at greater risk of Cancer for future targeted Public Health research and programs
- Ensure medical programs are acceptable and feasible to the population
- Improve relationship between community medical institutions and the population

**DePaul University, Management Trainee**, Chicago IL Aug 2000 – May 2004

Rotated through 5 financial units of the University’s Financial Affairs Office through a full-time management training program: Office of Financial Planning; Office of Financial Systems; Treasurer’s Office; Student Financial Accounts; and Controller’s Office.

- Prepared pro forma financial statements of DePaul University to analyze financial implications of strategic expansion decisions such as the acquisition and reorganization of international satellite campuses for M.B.A. programs.
- Reduced total preparation time of budget summary reports for Executive officers by more than 80% and improved accuracy to within the last hour of transactions by tying processes together
- Created illustrative testing procedure guides for novice users of the PeopleSoft Client-Server Financial system following system implementation
- Prepared the University’s annual IRS filings for tax-exempt entities and automated report generation to reduce preparation time by 35%
- Standardized reconciliation process for all credit card deposits to increase transparency and reduce reconciliation period across three departments

## Interests

**Junior Girl Scout Troop, Volunteer**, Cambridge MA

Spring 2008

- Helped the troop prepare for their pillow fundraising event by teaching them the principles of supply and demand, break-even analysis, and benchmark pricing. The girls reported a 20% profit margin and earned their “Business-Wise” badges.

**Cambridge Youth Soccer, Assistant Coach**, Cambridge MA

Fall 2007

- Assisted the coach with practice games and drills. The team finished 4th in the season.

## Languages

Fluent in English and Spanish. Currently working in Spanish as a consultant for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.