

# GABRIELA BEST

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## ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Missouri State University,  
August 2010 - present

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Irvine, Economics, 2010  
Thesis Title: *Essays in Monetary Policy and Learning* (Advisor: Fabio Milani)  
M.A. University of California, Irvine, Economics, 2009  
B.A. California State University, Los Angeles, December 2003  
Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Completed 242 units in Economics

## RESEARCH & TEACHING FIELDS

Primary Fields: Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, Time Series Econometrics  
Secondary Field: International Economics

## WORKING PAPERS

"Fear of Floating or Monetary Policy as Usual? A Structural Analysis of Mexico's Monetary Policy" (Revise and resubmit, *The North American Journal of Economics and Finance*)  
"Policy Preferences and Policymakers' Beliefs: The Great Inflation" (Under review)  
"A New Keynesian Model with Staggered Wage and Price Contracts under Learning" (Under review)

## WORK IN PROGRESS

"Private-Sector Expectations, Learning, and the Macroeconomic Implications of Monetary Transparency and Credibility" (with Fabio Milani)  
"Evaluating Alternative Explanations of the Price Puzzle: A Structural Investigation with News Shocks" (with Pavel S. Kapinos)  
"A Time Varying Threshold Output Gap" (with Michael J. Dueker and Michael T. Owyang)  
"The Causes of the Great Inflation in Japan and Germany: Policy Preferences or Policymakers' Beliefs"

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Internship, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Research Division (06/2008 – 09/2008)  
Research Assistant, Professor Fabio Milani (Spring 2007)

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Department of Economics, Missouri State University

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Spring 2011)

Principles of Macroeconomics (Fall 2010 and 2011, and Spring 2011 and 2012)

Applied Econometrics (Fall 2010 and 2011)

Applied Econometrics II (Spring 2012)

Instructor, Department of Economics, UC Irvine

Intermediate Macroeconomics (Summer 2009)

Teaching Assistant, The Paul Merage School of Business, UC Irvine

Business and Government for M.B.A. students (Fall 2009 and Winter 2010)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, UC Irvine (2004–2010)

Intermediate Macroeconomics

International Money

Intermediate Microeconomics

Basic Economics

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

The 48th Annual Meeting of the Missouri Valley Economics Association, Kansas City, MO  
(October 20-22, 2011)

The 2011 Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (May 20-22,  
2011)

20th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Econometrics Group, Washington University, St. Louis,  
MO (October 1-2, 2010)

The 6th DYNARE Conference, Bank of Finland, Helsinki (June 3-4, 2010), (paper accepted)

Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, Tijuana, Baja California Norte, Mexico (May 7, 2010)

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Seminar Series, St. Louis, MO (June and September 2008)

Small Open Economies in a Globalized World Conference, Second International Conference, Wa-  
terloo, Canada (June 12-15, 2008)

Economics Colloquium Series, Department of Economics, University of California, Irvine, CA  
(2006, 2007, 2008, 2009)

## WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

Semi-Annual Workshop for Applied Time Series Econometrics, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis  
(November 2010, March 2011, October 2011)

Master Advisor Workshop, Missouri State University (August 11-12, 2011)

Showcase on Teaching and Learning, Missouri State University (Fall 2010)

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## HONORS & AWARDS

Social Science Merit Fellowship, UC Irvine (Spring 2009)  
Dissertation Internship, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (06/2008 – 09/2008)  
Economics Department Research Fellowship, UC Irvine (Spring 2007)  
Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Economics, UC Irvine (2006 and 2007)  
Departmental Honors, California State University, Los Angeles (2002)  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Member

## OTHER INFORMATION

Computer Skills: Matlab, Stata, EViews, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
Spanish (Native), English, and French (Intermediate)  
Affiliation:  
    American Economic Association  
    Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession  
Citizenship: USA

## REFeree

The Journal of Economics

## COMMITTEE WORK

Department of Economics, Missouri State University:  
    Faculty Research Seminar Organizer (2010-2011)  
    Scholarship Committee member (2010-2011)  
    Student Liaison Committee member (2010-2011)

## REFERENCES

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