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Biography

Rubén Hernández-Murillo is a senior policy economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He received a MA and a PhD in economics from the University of Rochester in 1998 and 2001, respectively, and a BA in economics from ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México) in 1995. His research interests include Public Finance, Public Economics, Real Estate Economics, Regional and Urban Economics, Industrial Organization, and Political Economy.

Education

2001	PhD in Economics. University of Rochester.
1998	MA in Economics. University of Rochester.
1995	BA in Economics <i>summa cum laude</i> . ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México).

Appointments Held

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

2015–Present Senior policy economist.

Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

2005–2015 Senior economist.

2000–2005 Economist.

Washington University in St. Louis

2013 (summer) Adjunct Lecturer. Olin Business School.

ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México)

2002 (spring) Visiting assistant professor. CIE (Centro de Investigación Económica).

1994–1995 Research assistant. CAIE (Centro de Investigación y Análisis Económico).

1994 Instructor: Introductory Microeconomics.

1992–1994 Teaching assistant. Department of Economics.

University of Rochester

1999, 2000 Research assistant to professor Per Krusell.

1998, 1999 Instructor: Intermediate Microeconomics.

Areas of Interest

Public Finance, Public Economics, Real Estate Economics, Regional and Urban Economics, Industrial Organization, and Political Economy.

Writings and Publications

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