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Education

Ph.D. in Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2021-Present

M.Sc. in Economics, Universidad del Pacífico, Peru, 2015-2017

B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering, Universidad Católica de Santa María, Peru, 2010-2014

Professional Experience

World Bank, Lima, Peru.

July 2020 - July 2021

Extended Term Consultant (ETC) at the Poverty and Equity Global Practice

- Core team member of the Latin America and the Caribbean COVID High Frequency Phone Surveys (HFPS) as well as the Bolivia and Peru Poverty Groups.
- Responsible for the preparation of relevant household, labor force and other surveys for analysis as well as written inputs to research pieces, documents, briefs and reports.

World Bank, Lima, Peru.

October 2018 - June 2020

Consultant at the Poverty and Equity Global Practice

- Co-author of different flagship reports produced in the unit.
- Responsible for the preparation of relevant household, labor force and other surveys for analysis.
- Responsible for the preparation of different written inputs to research pieces, documents, briefs and reports.

Ministry of Economics and Finance, Lima, Peru.

August 2018 - October 2018

Consultant at the General Office of Public Budget

- Responsible for the analysis of the baseline and first stage of the Impact Evaluation of the National Rural Water and Sanitation Program.

Research Center of Universidad del Pacífico (CIUP), Lima, Peru.

March 2017 - July 2018

Research Assistant at the Macroeconomics and Economic Policy Research Area

- Research Assistant to Professors Nelson Ramírez-Rondán and Bruno Seminario for research papers and consultancies developed in the area. The main ones were:
 - “Uncovered Interest Rate Parity and Global Uncertainty”. with Nelson Ramírez-Rondán.
 - “GDP Estimation of the Peruvian Agriculture Sector for Projections and Policy-making”. Consultancy for the Ministry of Agriculture.

- “Measuring Peruvian Economic Activity using Spacial Data”. CIUP Research Project.
- The main tasks included literature review, theory discussion, data management (Bloomberg, Consensus Forecast, IFS and others) and the estimation of empirical models using econometric techniques.

Research Center of Universidad del Pacífico (CIUP), Lima, Peru.

March 2016 - February 2017

Research Assistant at the Social Policy, Development and Civil Society Research Area

- Research Assistant to Professor Enrique Vásquez. The main projects were:
 - “Analysis of the Social Welfare Programs in Peru between 2010-2016”. CIUP Research Project.
 - “Happiness, Poverty and Values in two Peru(s)”, winner of the 2016 First Research Contest of the Research Vicepresidency of Universidad del Pacífico.
- Analysis and production of papers related to poverty and social welfare programs.
- Responsible for literature review, national household surveys data management and written inputs for a book published by the Universidad del Pacífico Press.

Research

Publications

- Microfinance’s Transformational Potential: Looking Beyond Average Treatment Effects (with Adam Osman and Jamin Speer), 2024, *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, 40.1: 71-81
- An Analysis of the Exchange Rate Pass-through: Nonlinearity and Asymmetry in Mexico and Peru (Spanish), 2018, *Revista Estudios Económicos* No. 35 (55-81), Central Reserve Bank of Peru

Work in Progress

- Labor Market Consequences of Pre-School Construction in Peru
- Beyond the Usual: Understanding the Multidimensional Nature of Job Quality in Bolivia’s Labor Market (with Gustavo Canavire-Bacarreza and Maria Eugenia Dávalos). IZA Discussion Paper Series No. 16806 (February 2024)
- Mining Exploration and the Local Economy (with Jorge De la Roca and Daniel Velásquez)

Working Papers and Policy Work

- The Impacts of COVID-19 on Informal Labor Markets: Evidence from Peru, [World Bank Policy Research Working Paper No. 9675](#), 2021 (with Ximena Del Carpio and Hernan Winkler).
- Poverty and Inequality Projections, [Annex IV in IMF’s Peru 2021 Article IV Consultation](#), 2021 (with Hernan Winkler).
- How to boost the reduction of poverty and inequality in Bolivia? Opportunities to eliminate sources of vulnerability and build resilience (Spanish), [World Bank Document](#), 2020 (with Gustavo Canavire, Maria Eugenia Dávalos, Javier Romero and Julio Velasco).
- 10 Messages about Violence against Women in Peru: An Analysis of Public Investment in this Agenda (Spanish), [World Bank Document](#), 2019 (with Lorena Alcázar and Maria Eugenia Dávalos).

World Bank Flagship Reports

- Bolivia Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) Update: Rebalancing Inclusive and Sustained Growth to continue Reducing Poverty in Bolivia, [World Bank Document](#), 2021.
- Bolivia Country Private Sector Diagnostic (CPSD): Unlocking Private Sector Potential to Achieve a Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery, [World Bank Document](#), Core Team Member, 2021.
- Peru: Strengthening Foundations for Post COVID-19 Recovery, Development Policy Financing (DPF), [World Bank Document](#), Core Team Member, 2021.

Teaching Experience

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Assistant, August 2022 - Present

- Undergraduate: Microeconomics (*List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent)

Universidad del Pacífico

Lecturer, March 2019 - July 2020

- Applied Statistics: Introduction to Eviews and Stata through the application and simulation of statistical concepts and data management.

Universidad del Pacífico

Teaching Assistant, 2016-2018

- Graduate: Advanced Macroeconomics I (x2), Advanced Microeconomics II.
- Undergraduate: Macroeconomics II, Macroeconomics I, Microeconomics II, General Economics II, General Economics I (x2).

Universidad Católica de Santa María

Teaching Assistant, 2014

- Undergraduate: Operations Research I, Engineering of Industrial Organization.

Awards, Honors and Fellowships

2024 Brems Third Year Paper Award

Best Third Year Paper in the Department of Economics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (May 2024).

2020 2020 World Bank Certificate of Appreciation

Outstanding contribution to the World Bank Group's COVID-19 Response - Crisis Knowledge (June 2020).

2014 2014 Academic Excellence Award

First place of academic achievement during the 2014 academic year among the 150 students of the 2014 Industrial Engineering class, UCSM.

2009 U.S. Department of State Scholarship

Full scholarship by the U.S. Department of State given to 10 Peruvian students to participate in the "Youth Leaders Program" by Partners of the Americas. Two month capacity building in leadership and volunteering and visiting student in schools and colleges in the U.S.A.

2009 2009 Academic Excellence Award

Highest GPA among the 2009 graduating class (90 students), Colegio San José, Arequipa.

Presentations

2025 *Scheduled Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev)*, UCLA-USC, March the 8th, Los Angeles, California.

2017 *XXXV Meeting of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru*, October the 24th and 25th, Lima, Peru.

Other

Languages: Spanish (native), English (Fluent), French (Fluent), Portuguese (Advanced)

Software Skills: Stata, Python, ArcGIS, EViews and L^AT_EX.

Courses: Development and its Management (IDB, January 2015, with honors).

Volunteering: Youth Leaders/Youth Ambassadors (Arequipa Coordinator, 2012-2014), Partners of the Americas International Network (Leadership Network 2009, Washington D.C.).