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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ph.D. in Economics

Illinois, US

Expected 2022

BGSE - Universitat Pompeu Fabra

M.Sc. in Economics

Barcelona, Spain

2014

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

B.Sc. in Economics

Lima, Peru

2007

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Education, gender, political economy, and health

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Assistant

2017 - Present

- Economics of Innovation and Technology (2021)
- Women in Economics (2020)
- Macroeconomic Principles (2017 - 2019)

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Macroeconomics Teaching Assistant

2009 - 2010

General Economics Teaching Assistant

2008

PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

Central Reserve Bank of Peru

Fiscal Policy Senior Specialist

2014 - 2015

- Prepared reports about the referential gasoline prices in Peru

Social Policy Specialist

2012 - 2013

- Analyzed the targeting of social programs using the Peruvian Household Survey

Economic Activity Specialist

2008 - 2011

- Developed a simple one-quarter leading economic indicator based on expectations response and electricity consumption
- Increased the Economic Expectations Survey's sample

TP Consulting Peru

Transfer Pricing Intern

2007

RESEARCH

Work in Progress

- "Do unannounced visits to schools affect student performance?: Evidence from a large-scale monitoring system in Peru" (Job Market Paper)
- "Effects of Political Corruption on Political Attitudes: Evidence from the Odebrecht Scandal"
- "Effect of Women's Protest in Latin America on gender-violence incidence" (with Anahid Bauer)
- "Do political female leaders increase female political participation? Evidence from close elections in Brazilian municipalities" (with Rodrigo Schneider)

- “Untold Stories: Gender gap in STEM and Female Role models” (With Giannina Vaccaro and Mahouan Yedomiffi)
One of the eight winning innovations selected by MineduLab (Educational Innovation Laboratory - Peru)

Publications | *Spanish*

- “Focalización de los programas sociales en el Perú: 2007 – 2011”, Revista Moneda, issue 155, p. 18-22. 2013
- “Depth of outreach in the context of microfinance commercialization in Peru”(translated title). Revista Economía. Departamento de Economía - Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Vol. XXXIV, N° 68, pp. 33-63. December, 2011

Working papers | *Spanish*

- “Assets and Economic Context - Factors related to poverty in Peru”(translated title). Central Reserve Bank of Peru. Working Paper Series N° 2013-013. November, 2013

HONORS & AWARDS

Graduate Image of Research <i>Semifinalist</i> University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2019, 2021
Graduate Summer Course <i>Distinction Award (Ranked 2nd)</i> Central Reserve Bank of Peru	2008

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Economics Department Conference Travel Fellowship University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2018
Economics Department Fellowship University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	2015 - 2016
Master Studies Scholarship Central Reserve Bank	2013 - 2014

CONFERENCES

“Effects of Political Corruption on Political Attitudes: Evidence from the Odebrecht Scandal” Annual Meeting of the Missouri Valley Economic Association (MVEA)	2018
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TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Stata (advanced), R (intermediate), Python (beginner)
Methods: Causal Inference

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (beginner), Japanese (beginner), Quechua (beginner)

LEADERSHIP

Students Advising on Graduate Education (SAGE) Student Advisory Board Member	2021 -
Economics Graduate Student Organization (EGSO) Membership and Social Media Director	2019 -
Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program Graduate Mentor	2019
Peruvian Student Association Founder, President, Treasurer	2017-2019