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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles Ph.D. in Economics	2021 - 2026
Pontifical Catholic University of Peru B.A. in Economics	2013 - 2018

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Main: Development Economics, Industrial Organization
Secondary: Labor Economics, Political Economy

RESEARCH PAPERS

Small Firms and the Pandemic: Evidence From Latin America (with J.E. Humphries, C. A. Neilson, N. Shimberg, G. Ulyssea) *Journal of Development Economics*, 155, (2022), 102775

The effects of fiscal windfalls on corruption and selection into politics: Evidence from the Peruvian commodity boom (2003 - 2014). PUCP undergraduate thesis, awarded the *Best Thesis in Economics* prize.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

UCLA, Department of Economics <i>Research Assistant</i>	October 2022 - present Los Angeles, CA
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- PI: Natalie Bau
- Projects: Foreign Capital Liberalization, Structural Change, and the Economic Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups; Human Capital Investment in the Presence of Child Labor.

Yale University, Tobin Center for Economic Policy <i>Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow</i>	September 2019 - August 2021 New Haven, CT
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- PIs: Christopher Neilson, John Eric Humphries
- Projects: Private Childcare in Connecticut; Information Frictions and Access to the Paycheck Protection Program.

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab - LAC <i>Research Associate</i>	September 2018 - August 2019 Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
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- PI: Christopher Neilson
- Projects: Equilibrium Effects of Public Provision in Education Markets; Evaluating the impact of personalized provision of information on earnings and financial aid in the Dominican Republic.
- Worked in-house at the Social Security Treasury of the Dominican Republic (TSS), analyzing income and employment data from half of all college and vocational training graduates in the country, which served as input for a **personalized college search platform**.
- Trained over 300 government social workers to carry out a nationwide survey about educational plans of conditional cash transfer beneficiaries in the Dominican Republic.

Innovations for Poverty Action Peru <i>Research Intern</i>	February 2016 - August 2016 Lima, Peru
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- PI: Christopher Neilson
- Project: **Choosing a Better Future: Information to Reduce School Drop Out and Child Labor Rates in Peru**, an experimental intervention carried out in partnership with the Ministry of Education's policy innovation lab.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

IGC Research Grant (with David J. Henning) - GBP 18,000	2024
UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program - USD 6,000	2023
PUCP Best undergraduate thesis in economics	2019
Title: <i>The effects of fiscal windfalls on corruption and selection into politics: evidence from the Peruvian commodity boom (2003 - 2014)</i>	
DGI PUCP Research grant for B.A. thesis - USD 1,500	2018
Academic Merit Award (7th/ \approx 1000 sophomores, PUCP)	2014
Beginning of Academic Life Award (4th/ \approx 500 freshmen, PUCP)	2013

OTHER COURSEWORK & ACTIVITIES

<i>Introduction to Data Science in Python</i>	
Coursera MOOC offered by the University of Michigan	<i>completed July 2018</i>
<i>Applied Text Mining in Python</i>	
Coursera MOOC offered by the University of Michigan	<i>completed August 2018</i>
<i>Applied Machine Learning in Python</i> (ongoing)	
Coursera MOOC offered by the University of Michigan	

SKILLS

Programming Languages	Stata, Matlab, Python
Survey Tools	SurveyCTO, Qualtrics
Other	Git, L ^A T _E X

OTHER

Citizenship: Peruvian
Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent, Cambridge C2/TOEFL 119), French (basic)