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*Economist with strong quantitative skills and extensive experience in applied economic research, including management and analysis of economic and social micro-level data, and implementation of social projects and experimental evaluations.*

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## EDUCATION

**Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government** Cambridge, MA  
*Master in Public Administration in International Development* May 2022  
Coursework: Advanced Microeconomics and Macroeconomics, Statistics and Econometrics, Economic Development, Public Management, Politics and Governance.

**Escuela Superior de Economía y Negocios** La Libertad, El Salvador  
*Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Business* Jan 2017  
Magna cum laude; 94th percentile in quantitative reasoning on the GRE

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## EXPERIENCE

**Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)** San Salvador, El Salvador  
*Economic Consultant at Education Division* Jul 2017 – Sept 2020

- Analyzed education statistics, carried out economics literature reviews, identified educational challenges in El Salvador and Latin America to propose public policies.
- Conducted applied research to design early childhood policy interventions in El Salvador.
- Supported the design of an experimental evaluation (RCT) which aims at improving the education of abandoned children in El Salvador.

**Secretariat of Citizen Participation, Transparency and Anti-Corruption** San Salvador, El Salvador  
*Data Analyst* May 2017 – Jun 2017

- Audited, corrected, and performed statistical analyses of public policy indicators developed by the Government of El Salvador.
- Created visual tools to inform external audiences about the existing social challenges in El Salvador.

**Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) – Fomilenio II** La Libertad, El Salvador  
*Economic Consultant* Jun 2016 – Apr 2017

- Conducted statistical analysis to evaluate the economic benefits of public and private investments in El Salvador

**Escuela Superior de Economía y Negocios (ESEN)** La Libertad, El Salvador  
*Teaching Assistant* Jun 2013 – Feb 2017

- Courses: Mathematics II; Algebra I; Microeconomics I and II; Strategic Planning; Economics and Uncertainty.

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- El Salvador: Migration, remittances, and education.* Co-authored, Inter-American Development Bank, forthcoming.
  - The educational costs of the health crisis in Latin America and Caribbean.* Co-authored, Inter-American Development Bank, 2020
  - The role of Central American trade in developing El Salvador's high-value exports.* Repositorio Digital de Ciencia y Cultura de El Salvador, 2020
  - What are the main educational challenges in Mesoamerica?* Co-authored, Inter-American Development Bank, 2019
  - Mesoamerica: Are the schools and their environment safe?* Co-authored, Inter-American Development Bank, 2019
  - El Salvador: Better education to more children its within reach.* Co-authored, Inter-American Development Bank, 2018
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## ARTICLES AND BLOGS

- *Bonus or demographic bill? The pandemic puts the promise of youth in Mesoamerica at risk* – VOX Lacea, 2020
- *Same storm, different ships* – Inter-American Development Bank, 2020
- *Will homicides remain low in El Salvador?* – El Faro, 2020
- *The challenge for Mesoamerica: education* – Inter-American Development Bank, 2019
- *Education is not eaten* – Inter-American Development Bank, 2018

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## HONORS

- Harvard Presidential Scholarship 2020-2022
- Poma Foundation Scholarship for Academic Excellence in El Salvador 2012-2014

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## LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

**Microeconomic Data Research Project** San Salvador, El Salvador  
*Researcher* Oct 2015 – Sep 2016

Developed Python scripts to analyze unstructured real estate, employment, and car sales classified ads to increase the availability of high-frequency data in El Salvador using open-source data analysis tools.

**Vitae** La Libertad, El Salvador  
*Co-founder, Operational Principal* Sep 2012 – Dec 2016

Led environmental projects in student communities; implemented a recycling project in public schools.

**'Fe y Alegría' Foundation** Buenos Aires, Argentina  
*Marketing and Project Assistant* Dec 2014 – Jan 2015

Assisted with a fundraising campaign for programs to increase environmental awareness in underprivileged schools in northern Argentina.

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**Skills** Python (Regular Expressions, Scikit-Learn, Pandas, Geopandas, Plotly, Matplotlib), R (Tidyverse), Stata, Tableau, Power BI, QGIS, Visual Basic

**Training** Project Management for Results (PM4R), *Inter-American Development Bank*  
Data for the effectiveness of public policies, *Inter-American Development Bank*  
Using Python for Research, *HarvardX*  
Foundations of Development Policy, *MITx*

**Languages** Spanish (native), English (proficient)

**Citizenship** Salvadoran

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