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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.

EDUCATION

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government
Master in Public Administration in International Development

Cambridge, MA
May 2022

Escuela Superior de Economía y Negocios
Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Business

La Libertad, El Salvador
Jan 2017

Magna cum laude; 94th percentile in quantitative reasoning on the GRE

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Prof. Maria Micaela Sviatschi, Princeton University
Summer Research Assistant for Lelys Dinarte, World Bank

Feb 2021 – Now
May 2021 – Now

PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
Economic Consultant at Education Division

San Salvador, El Salvador
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.
- Planned events for the dissemination of knowledge and discussion of public policies.

Secretariat of Citizen Participation, Transparency and Anti-Corruption
Data Analyst

San Salvador, El Salvador
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
Economic Consultant

La Libertad, El Salvador
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)
Teaching Assistant

La Libertad, El Salvador
Jun 2013 – Feb 2017

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

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

- *Education Caught COVID 19* – Latin American Policy Journal, 2021
- *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

HONORS

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

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.

Skills Python, R, Stata, Tableau, Power BI, QGIS, Visual Basic, LaTeX

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
