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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**  
*Master in Public Administration in International Development*

Cambridge, MA  
May 2022

**Escuela Superior de Economía y Negocios**  
*Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Business, Magna Cum Laude*

La Libertad, El Salvador  
Jan 2017

## EXPERIENCE

**Princeton University**  
*Research Assistant for Prof. Maria Micaela Sviatschi*

Princeton, NJ  
Feb 2021 – Now

**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

- *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, R, 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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