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## Experience

<b>Escuela de Gobierno y Transformacion Publica (ITESM)</b> Research Professor of Economics and Public Policy	<i>Monterrey - Mexico</i> Aug. 2024 - Present
<b>University of Minnesota</b> Graduate Instructor	<i>Minneapolis - USA</i> Sep. 2022 - Jun. 2024
<b>Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis</b> Research Analyst	<i>Minneapolis - USA</i> Sep. 2020 - Aug. 2022
<b>University of Minnesota</b> Graduate Teaching Assistant	<i>Minneapolis - USA</i> Sep. 2018 - Jun. 2020
<b>Superintendencia de Banca, Seguros y AFP</b> Insurance Analyst	<i>Lima - Peru</i> May. 2013 - Dec. 2015

## Education

<b>University of Minnesota</b> PhD in Economics	<i>Minneapolis - USA</i> Sep. 2018 - May. 2024
<b>University of Minnesota</b> MA in Economics	<i>Minneapolis - USA</i> Sep. 2018 - Jun. 2020
<b>Instituto Tecnologico Autonomo de Mexico (ITAM)</b> MA in Economic Theory	<i>Mexico City - Mexico</i> Jan. 2016 - Dec. 2017
<b>Universidad del Pacifico</b> Master in Economics	<i>Lima - Peru</i> Aug. 2014 - Dec. 2015
<b>Universidad Nacional de Ingenieria</b> Bachelor of Science in Economic Engineering	<i>Lima - Peru</i> Mar. 2009 - Dec. 2013

## Technical Skills

<b>Programming</b>	Matlab, Stata, Latex
<b>Languages</b>	English (Fluent), Spanish (Native)

## Working Papers

<b>Health Dynamics and Annuitization Decisions: the case of Social Security</b> Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Carrasco, Alex
<b>On the Dynamics of Mental Health Over the Life Cycle (<i>under review</i>)</b> Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Velasquez, Christian
<b>On the Welfare Gains of Housing Affordability</b> Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Rose, Tomas; Schmitz, James

## Work in Progress

<b>Demographic changes and the interplay of health and pension systems</b> Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Carrasco, Alex
<b>Mental health disparities by gender, race, and education: a dynamic approach</b> Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Velasquez, Christian

**Mortgage access expansion and land regulations: the case of the Manufactured Housing industry**

Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Celi, Juan; Mamani, Diego; Velasquez, Christian

**Optimal Retirement Financing in the Presence of Annuity Markets**

Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego

**Opioids and Inequality**

Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Pedtke, Joseph

**Too Risky or Too Nimby? Accounting for the Rise and Fall of the American Affordable Housing Industry**

Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Rose, Tomas

**Policy Analysis** 

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**Dependency Rates in Latin America: Scenarios and Alternatives to Address the Demographic Transition through 2060 (in Spanish)**

Diego D. Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Méndez, Judith; Rivera de Jesús, César; Villarreal Páez, Héctor

**Seminars and Conferences** 

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**2025:**

Essen Health Conference

**2024:**

University of Houston, ITAM, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Grinnell College, Bank of Mexico, Universidad del Pacifico

**2023:**

Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings

**Awards and Honors** 

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Jan. 2024	<b>Honorary Title:</b> “Distinguished Instructor”	<i>U of Minnesota</i>
Aug. 2018-2019	<b>Fellowship:</b> “Kurt Winkelmann and Janine Gleason”	<i>U of Minnesota</i>
Jan. 2016-2017	<b>Scholarship:</b> “Full Scholarship”	<i>ITAM</i>
Jan. 2015	<b>Scholarship:</b> “Partial Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Performance”	<i>Universidad del Pacifico</i>

**Students** 

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**Master in Applied Economics**      Alberto Heredia (Committee Member)

**Master in Public Administration**      Lorena Lechuga (Main Advisor)