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Experience

School of Government and Public Transformation (Monterrey Institute of Technology) Research Professor & Director of the Master's Program in Applied Economics	<i>Monterrey - Mexico</i> Aug. 2024 - Present
University of Minnesota Graduate Instructor	<i>Minneapolis - USA</i> Sep. 2022 - Jun. 2024
Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis Research Analyst	<i>Minneapolis - USA</i> Sep. 2020 - Aug. 2022
University of Minnesota Graduate Teaching Assistant	<i>Minneapolis - USA</i> Sep. 2018 - Jun. 2020
Superintendency of Banking and Insurance Insurance Analyst	<i>Lima - Peru</i> May. 2013 - Dec. 2015

Education

University of Minnesota PhD in Economics	<i>Minneapolis - USA</i> Sep. 2018 - May. 2024
University of Minnesota MA in Economics	<i>Minneapolis - USA</i> Sep. 2018 - Jun. 2020
Universidad del Pacifico Master in Economics	<i>Lima - Peru</i> Aug. 2014 - Dec. 2015
Universidad Nacional de Ingenieria Bachelor of Science in Economic Engineering	<i>Lima - Peru</i> Mar. 2009 - Dec. 2013

Technical Skills

Programming	Matlab, Stata, Latex
Languages	English (Fluent), Spanish (Native)

Working Papers

Health Dynamics and Annuitization Decisions: the case of Social Security Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Carrasco, Alex
On the Dynamics of Mental Health Over the Life Cycle (<i>Reject and Resubmit - Review of Economic Dynamics</i>) Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Velasquez, Christian
On the Welfare Gains of Housing Affordability (<i>Under Review</i>) Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Rose, Tomas

Work in Progress

Optimal Design of Pension and Health Systems in Dynamically Inefficient Economies Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Carrasco, Alex
Mental health disparities by gender and race: a dynamic approach Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Velasquez, Christian
Mortgage access expansion and land regulations: the case of the Manufactured Housing industry Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Velasquez, Christian

Opioids and Inequality

Ascarza-Mendoza, Diego; Pedtke, Joseph

Policy Analysis

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

2025:

Essen Health Conference

2024:

University of Houston, ITAM, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Grinnell College, Bank of Mexico, Universidad del Pacífico

2023:

Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings

Conference and Research Proposal Reviewer

2026:

Essen Health Conference (Scientific Committee)

Awards and Honors

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

Teaching Experience

Government School and Public Transformation (Tec of Monterrey):

Macroeconomics for MPP (Spring 2025), Microeconomics for MPA (Spring 2025), Reinforcement Learning (Fall 2025)

University of Minnesota

Labor Economics (2022-2024), Principles of Microeconomics (Fall 2019 - TA), Principles of Macroeconomics (Spring 2020 - TA)

Students

Master in Applied Economics	Alberto Heredia (Committee Member)
Master in Public Administration	Lorena Lechuga (Main Advisor)

References

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