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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EXPERIENCE

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

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Ph.D in Economics	Minneapolis - USA Sep 2018 - May 2024
University of Minnesota MA in Economics	Minneapolis - USA Sep 2018 - Jun 2020
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) MA in Economic Theory	Mexico City - Mexico Jan 2016 - Dec 2017
Universidad del Pacífico Master in Economics	Lima - Peru Aug 2014 - Dec 2015
Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería Bachelor of Science in Economics Engineering	Lima - Peru Mar 2009 - Dec 2013

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Macroeconomics, Health Economics, Household Finance

WORKING PAPERS

"On the Dynamics of Mental Health (Reject and Resubmit - Review of Economic Dynamics)" - joint with Christian Velasquez

"Health Dynamics and Annuity Decisions: the case of Social Security" - joint with Alex Carrasco

"On the Welfare Gains of Housing Affordability (Under Review)" - joint with Tomás Rosé

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Optimal Design of Pensions and Health Systems in Dynamically Inefficient Economies" - joint with Alex Carrasco

"Mental Health Disparities by Gender and Race: a Dynamic Approach" - joint with Christian Velasquez

"Mortgage Access Expansion and Land Regulations: the Case of the Manufactured Housing " - joint with Christian Velasquez

"Is Trade War also a Gender War? Gender-specific Income Shocks and the Dynamics of Violence Against Women" - joint with Qinyou Hu and Xiongfei Li

POLICY ANALYSIS	Dependency Rates in Latin America: Scenarios and Alternatives to Address the Demographic Transition through 2060 (in Spanish) joint with Judith Méndez, César Rivera de Jesús, Héctor Villarreal	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Government School and Public Transformation (Tecnológico de 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)	
HONORS AND AWARDS	Research Grant: “Demographic Transition and Development in LATAM”, IDB (\$24,000) Nov 2025 Honorary Title: “Distinguished Instructor”, University of Minnesota Jan 2024 Fellowship: “Kurt Winkelmann and Janine Gleason”, University of Minnesota Aug 2018- Aug 2019 Scholarship: “Full Scholarship”, ITAM Jan 2016- 2017 Scholarship: “Partial Scholarship for Outstanding Academic Performance”, Universidad del Pacífico Jan 2015	
CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS	2025: Essen Health Conference, Bates White 2024: University of Houston, ITAM, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Grinnell College, Bank of México, Universidad del Pacífico 2023: Midwest Macroeconomics Meetings	
CONFERENCE REVIEWER	2026: Essen Health Conference (Scientific Committee)	
STUDENTS	Master in Applied Economics Alberto Heredia, Ingrid Galicia, Liduvina Cisneros, Ruben Ortega Master in Public Administration Lorena Lechuga	
REFERENCES	Anmol Bhandari Carter-Schawb Associate Professor of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis - Minnesota bhandari@umn.edu (612) 624-2816 Kjetil Storesletten Fink Professor of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis - Minnesota kstoresl@umn.edu (612) 624-6084 Larry E. Jones Professor of Economics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis - Minnesota lej@umn.edu (612) 624-4553	
OTHER INFORMATION	<i>Software:</i> Matlab, Stata, L ^A T _E X <i>Languages:</i> Spanish (native), English (fluent)	