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EDUCATION

Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Master of Public Policy

June 2023

- Certificates in Data Analytics & International Policy and Development.
- Coursework: Data Science, Qualitative Methods, Data Analytics I and II (R studio), Machine Learning (Python)
- Honors and Awards: Fulbright Scholar, Irving B. Harris Fellowship, DKG World Fellowship, P.E.O International Peace Scholarship, and Peruvian Government Bicentennial Generation Scholarship

Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru

Lima, Peru

Bachelor of Management minor in Business Management

July 2017

- Honors and Awards: R.P. Jorge Dintilhac SS.CC full-tuition scholarship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Inter-American Development Bank

Remote

Digital Transformation Consultant at Regional Malaria Elimination and Salud Mesoamerica Initiative

July 2023 - Present

- Develop an application for vaccine registration in CommCare platform, transitioning from paper-based records and non-digital tracking to a synchronized digital system. Used by 54 nurses nationwide, with over 11,000 entries to date.
- Troubleshoot, improved, and updated various CommCare applications to meet evolving requirements, ensuring that the applications continued to operate effectively and were adapted to new needs and features.
- Designed and implemented Tableau Dashboards for different health initiatives, driving data-informed decision-making for Ministries of Health.
- Developed a WhatsApp bot using Python and flows to streamline malaria sample collection for rural health workers in Colombia, enhancing data tracking and improving the efficiency of the malaria surveillance system.
- Delivered training (virtual and in-person) and developed custom materials.
- Led exploratory trips to analyze the technological landscape in Belize, Paraguay and Costa Rica, assessing how digital tools could enhance the malaria information system and maternal and child health care.
- Participated in the design and implementation of digital health tools in Mexico and El Salvador.
- Prepared and presented proposals at the ministerial level and to other IDB partners.

University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

Teaching Assistant at Harris School of Public Policy

September 2022 – June 2023

- Courses: Cost-Benefit Analysis; Economic Analysis II: Introduction to Cost-Benefit Analysis; Statistics for Data Analysis II; Principles of Microeconomics I; Coding Lab for Public Policy

Research Assistant at Behavioral Insights and Parenting Lab

March 2022 – July 2022

- Assisted with data collection and systematization for a randomized controlled trial (RCT) by collecting data from local early childhood centers and Chicago Public Schools, ensuring the accuracy and completeness of data sets.
- Utilized R programming to clean data from the RCT.

United Nations Development Programme

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Intern at Regional Service Center for Africa

July 2022 - September 2022

- Conducted comprehensive analysis of SDG acceleration models implemented by African Member States through their National Development Plans, identifying opportunities for the UNDP to provide added value and accelerate SDG adoption.
- Developed strategic recommendations and presented them to senior management for consideration.

Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru

Lima, Peru

Teaching Assistant

August 2018 - August 2021

- Courses: Financial Mathematics and Management Accounting

Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations

Lima, Peru

Consultant at General Directorate of Girls, Boys and Adolescents

April 2021 - July 2021

- Provided valuable insights to the director-general by advising on the ministry's policy performance in priority areas such as women's and vulnerable populations, public health, education, and urban planning.
- Successfully managed and led a highly skilled technical team responsible for developing the National Policy for Girls, Boys, and Adolescents. The policy consisted of 32 services and will be implemented nationwide to significantly improve outcomes for children and adolescents.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Policy and Sectoral Plans Specialist at Planning and Budget General Office April 2019 - April 2021

- Led and technical support team in successfully developing three national policies in the Women and Vulnerable Populations sector, including policies: [for the Elderly](#), [girls, boys, and adolescents](#), and [people with disabilities](#), by conducting extensive research, analysis, and consultation.
- Examined, validated, and provided normative recommendations (rules, directives, guidelines, protocols, etc.) about national policies in the field of women and vulnerable populations.
- Utilized Stata programming to analyze large datasets and conduct analysis to inform policy recommendations.

Social Security and Health Insurance Program, EsSalud

Lima, Peru

Management Advisor at Central of Supply of Strategic Goods

April 2018 - February 2019

- Developed and managed monthly roundtable discussions with suppliers to reduce the response time for public bids for medical equipment and devices, representing EsSalud before the Lima Chamber of Commerce
- Formulated and led the implementation of the Overseas Procurement of Strategic Goods Directive, enabling EsSalud to make its first international acquisitions of medicaments.
- Established a comprehensive system for tracking pharmaceutical and medical equipment needs, including purchase phases and production indicators, resulting in a 55% reduction in purchase times.

Athletic Depor SAC

Lima, Peru

Finance Coordinator

September 2017 - April 2018

- Developed and prepared detailed budget indicators and financial reports to analyze revenue and cost execution, resulting in a 15% reduction in monthly expenses for the company.

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

Lima, Peru

Credit and Collections Analyst

January 2017 - May 2017

- Conducted weekly visits to debtor clients' businesses to ensure compliance with payment agreements and resolve outstanding issues
- Implemented a system for continuous monitoring and control of bad debts, resulting in a significant reduction of outstanding debts and improved financial stability for the company's portfolio of clients.

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

InnovaG

Lima, Peru

Founder & President

September 2015 - July 2017

- Led a student organization aimed at promoting management research among undergraduate students and launched [InnovaG](#).

Annual Executive Conference, CADE

Lima, Peru

Representative

June 2017

- Represented Pontificia Universidad Catolica University at the Annual Executive Conference.

Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru

Lima, Peru

Student Representative

October 2014 - October 2015

- Elected to represent 2,000 students on the School Council for a year.

Transparency Civil Association

Lima, Peru

Electoral Observer

January 2020 - June 2021

- Led a team of 10 election observers in monitoring the electoral process at a designated polling station
- Conducted thorough observations of the opening of 100 polling tables, vote casting, counting, and tabulation of results

University Pastoral Counseling Center PUCP

Lima, Peru

Logistics Coordinator & Events Leader

March 2012 - July 2015

- Designed and executed up to eight annual educational programs for children in public schools and orphanages, promoting literacy, creativity, and personal development.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Quechua (intermediate), Chinese (basic)
- Technical Skills: Proficient in R, Python; working knowledge of Stata, HTML and CSS, JavaScript, C++, XPath.
- Other Awards: Botin Foundation Scholarship for public servants; Carolina Foundation Scholarship for Young Ibero-American leaders; IAP Scholarship.
- Hobbies: Running, open water swimming, skiing, and learning new languages.