

# Lucas Fortier Borden

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## EDUCATION

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### UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, CA

*Master of Science in International and Development Economics, GPA: 4.0*

2022-2024

Coursework: Development Economics, Panel Data Analysis, Advanced Econometrics, Microeconomic Theory for Development Economics, Introduction to Formal Methods, Causal Methods, Spatial Econometrics, Field Research Methods

### BOSTON COLLEGE

Chestnut Hill, MA

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics with a Minor in Hispanic Studies, GPA: 3.50*

2015-2019

Coursework: Econometrics, Game Theory, Economics of Immigration, Geographic Information Systems, Advanced Spanish, Latin American Literature

## AWARDS & LEADERSHIP

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- Recipient of the 2024 Jacques Artus Award for the most outstanding MS Development Economics student at USF
- Passed MS Thesis Defense with honors and the econometrics cumulative exam with distinction
- Board Member at San Francisco Friends School from 2021-2024, on Development and Quaker Life Committees

## SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

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**Programming Languages:** STATA, R, Python, SQL, LaTeX, Bash

**Analysis and Visualization Tools:** ArcGIS, QGIS, Microsoft Suite, Adobe Suite, Looker, Qualtrics

**Languages:** English (fluent), Spanish (advanced)

## WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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### UNIVERSITY OF ZÜRICH

Zürich, Switzerland

*Predoctoral Research Associate | LaTeX, STATA, MS Excel, Bash*

March 2025 - Present

- Working on all stages of economics studies with Professors Dina Pomeranz (public finance) and Ronak Jain (behavioral development economics)
- Using STATA on virtual machines to clean and analyze datasets with thousands of variables and millions of observations
- Gaining experience in the Revise & Resubmit process

### UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, CA

*Research/Administrative Assistant and Field Coordinator | R, STATA, Qualtrics, LaTeX*

May 2024 - January 2025

- Working with distinguished USF economics professors Alessandra Cassar and Bruce Wydick on a multi-country study on intercultural altruism
- Developing USF's new Social Impact Analytics certificate program, creating 40 lectures in LaTeX and a myriad of practice exercises in R specifically for panel data analysis and causal inference

### UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, CA

*Research Assistant and Project Manager | STATA, Bash, LaTeX, Zotero*

September 2023 - April 2024

- Managed Professor Jesse Anttila-Hughes in-progress projects during his sabbatical, most of which use 100,000+ observation datasets from the Demographic Health Survey
- My role consisted of assisting fellow graduate students with their projects, hiring 2 graduate student assistants, data cleaning, empirical analysis, and writing literature reviews

### UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Guatemala

*Field Research Assistant | R, Microsoft Suite*

January 2024

- Field research assistant on an RCT in Guatemala examining the effects of optometry for farmworkers on agricultural yields
- Partnered with NGOs Visualiza, Seva, and AgExport in the field to ensure proper data collection and preservation of research design
- Coordinated and oversaw lab sessions in Spanish at seven farms around the country

### UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Kadaba, India

*Field Research Assistant | MS Excel, STATA*

May 2023 - August 2023

- Helped run an RCT in Kadaba, India on game-based learning, aspirations and financial literacy with rural women
- Managed a team of enumerators hired from a local university and ran many field labs for all treatment arms, assisting in budgeting and coordination with local development NGO, Shri Kshethra Dharmasthala Rural Development Project (SKDRDP)
- Wrote an 170-page book on my experiences detailing the town of Kadaba, its culture and residents, and my experience running an RCT; the book is meant to be a guide of sorts for graduate students doing fieldwork in the social sciences