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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles Ph.D. in Economics	2021 - 2027
Pontifical Catholic University of Peru B.A. in Economics	2013 - 2018

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Main: Development Economics, Industrial Organization
Secondary: Labor Economics, Political Economy

RESEARCH PAPERS

Small Firms and the Pandemic: Evidence From Latin America (with J.E. Humphries, C. A. Neilson, N. Shimberg, G. Ulyssea) *Journal of Development Economics*, 155, (2022), 102775

The effects of fiscal windfalls on corruption and selection into politics: Evidence from the Peruvian commodity boom (2003 - 2014). PUCP undergraduate thesis, awarded the *Best Thesis in Economics* prize.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Regulating quality in the higher education sector: the case of licensing (with Federico Llarena)

Market power in developing countries (with **David Henning**)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

UCLA, Department of Economics <i>Research Assistant</i>	October 2022 - July 2024 <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
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- PI: Natalie Bau
- Projects: Foreign Capital Liberalization, Structural Change, and the Economic Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups; Human Capital Investment in the Presence of Child Labor.

Yale University, Tobin Center for Economic Policy <i>Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow</i>	September 2019 - August 2021 <i>New Haven, CT</i>
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- PIs: Christopher Neilson, John Eric Humphries
- Projects: Private Childcare in Connecticut; Information Frictions and Access to the Paycheck Protection Program.

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab - LAC <i>Research Associate</i>	September 2018 - August 2019 <i>Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic</i>
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- PI: Christopher Neilson
- Projects: Equilibrium Effects of Public Provision in Education Markets; Evaluating the impact of personalized provision of information on earnings and financial aid in the Dominican Republic.

Innovations for Poverty Action Peru <i>Research Intern</i>	February 2016 - August 2016 <i>Lima, Peru</i>
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- PI: Christopher Neilson
- Project: *Choosing a Better Future: Information to Reduce School Drop Out and Child Labor Rates in Peru*

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

UCLA Lewis Clarke Data Collection Award - USD 2,800	2024
IGC Research Grant (with David J. Henning) - GBP 20,000	2024
UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program - USD 6,000	2023
PUCP Best undergraduate thesis in economics	2019
Title: <i>The effects of fiscal windfalls on corruption and selection into politics: evidence from the Peruvian commodity boom (2003 - 2014)</i>	
DGI PUCP Research grant for B.A. thesis - USD 1,500	2018

OTHER COURSEWORK & ACTIVITIES

<i>Introduction to Data Science in Python</i>	
Coursera MOOC offered by the University of Michigan	<i>completed July 2018</i>
<i>Applied Text Mining in Python</i>	
Coursera MOOC offered by the University of Michigan	<i>completed August 2018</i>

SKILLS

Programming Languages	Stata, Matlab, Python
Survey Tools	SurveyCTO, Qualtrics
Other	Git, L ^A T _E X

OTHER

Citizenship: Peruvian
Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent, Cambridge C2/TOEFL 119), French (basic)