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EDUCATION

Bachelor´s in Economics, Universidad del Pacífico   2021-2025
Top 10% of class (2024, 2025), Top third of class (2022)
Relevant coursework: Econometrics & Causal Inference and Machine Learning

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics: Development Economics, Education and Health. As well as experimental and quasi-experimental methods and impact evaluation.

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant   Sep 2024 - Dec 2025
Centro de Investigación de la Universidad del Pacífico (CIUP)   *Lima, Peru*

- Conducted diagnostic analysis of university teaching careers in Peru and contributed to the design of a compensation determination model for public university faculty.
- Supported empirical analysis on the determinants of university dropout during the COVID-19 pandemic to document correlational patterns.
- Estimated return on investment in public health through cost-benefit analysis applied to overweight, obesity, and comorbidity treatment programs.
- Contributed to a policy-oriented report reviewing proposed labor market policies aimed at improving employment outcomes and reducing informality in Peru.
- Contributed to theory of change development and district prioritization using early childhood development indicators for Peru Sostenible's "Juntos por las Personas" intervention.
- Produced reports and presentations on labor informality, business competitiveness and labor market dynamics.

Intern   Jan 2026 - Mar 2026
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)   *Rome, Italy*

- Processed household survey data for Ghana and contributed to the setup of a Stochastic Frontier Analysis (SFA) framework to analyze agricultural production potential and technical efficiency for investment prioritization under FAO's Hand-in-Hand Initiative.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant - Econometrics I   2025-II
Universidad del Pacífico   *Lima, Peru*

RESEARCH

The effect of parental death on early childhood education: evidence from the Peruvian case. Victor Lau, Mauricio Chumbiauca; 2025 (Undergraduate Research Project). *Examined the impact of parental death on Peruvian children's educational outcomes (enrollment, study time, education expenditure) using Callaway and Sant'Anna's staggered difference-in-differences methodology. Found significant negative effects, with evidence suggesting household discrimination rather than wealth constraints or educational return expectations as the primary mechanism.*

SKILLS

Programming Languages	Python, Stata, R
Software	Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel with VBA)
Tools	LaTeX, GitHub
Languages	Spanish (Native), English (Advanced)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Tutor Aug 2024 - Oct 2024

ONG Creeré Perú *Lima, Peru*

- Provided academic support in mathematics, language and english to children and adolescents in Torres de Minas 2000, San Juan de Miraflores.

Volunteer Jan 2025 - Feb 2025

Hogar Betania *Lima, Peru*

- Organized recreational activities for elderly residents at a care center.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Member Aug 2024 - Dec 2024

Acción Sostenible - Universidad del Pacífico *Lima, Peru*

- Supported fundraising activity design and collaborated on organizational budget management.