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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Economics, Universidad del Pacífico

Expected 2026

Top 10% of class (2024)

Relevant Coursework: Econometrics I & II, Impact Evaluation, Causal Inference and Machine Learning

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Behavioral Economics, Impact Evaluation, Development Economics, Causal Inference, Education, Health, Poverty

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Sept 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 under Professor Pablo Lavado.
- Supported impact evaluation of the Emergency Bonus implemented by the Dominican Republic Government following Hurricane Fiona (2022) using causal inference methods.
- Estimated return on investment in public health through cost-benefit analysis applied to overweight, obesity, and comorbidity treatment programs.
- Contributed to theory of change development and district prioritization using early childhood development indicators for Peru Sostenible's "Juntos por las Personas" intervention.
- Produced technical reports and presentations on labor informality, business competitiveness, and labor market dynamics.

Research Intern

Jan 2025 - Mar 2025

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

Rome, Italy

- Upcoming internship in the Research Department.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant - Econometrics I

2025-II

Universidad del Pacífico

Lima, Peru

- Assisted students with econometric concepts, problem sets, and statistical software applications.

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, Julia

Software

Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel with VBA)

Languages

Spanish (Native), English (Advanced)

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Tutor ONG Creeré Perú	Aug 2024 - Oct 2024 <i>Lima, Peru</i>
• Provided academic support in mathematics, communication, and English to children and adolescents in Torres de Minas 2000, San Juan de Miraflores.	

Volunteer Hogar Betania	Jan 2025 - Feb 2025 <i>Lima, Peru</i>
• Organized recreational activities for elderly residents at a care center.	

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Member Acción Sostenible - Universidad del Pacífico	Aug 2024 - Dec 2024 <i>Lima, Peru</i>
• Supported fundraising activity design and collaborated on organizational budget management.	