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EDUCATION

Emory University

Ph.D. in Economics

Coursework: Microeconomics I & II, Macroeconomics I & II, Probability Theory and Statistical Inference, and Econometrics I.

Atlanta, GA

08/2023–

Universidad Nacional de San Antonio Abad del Cusco - UNSAAC

B.A. in Economics (First-generation college student)

Cusco, Peru

04/2012–02/2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applied Microeconomics, Labor Economics, and Spatial Economics.

WORK IN PROGRESS

— *Human Capital Formation and Migration*, joint with Krzysztof (Chris) Karbownik and Anthony Wray.

— *Natural Disasters Uncertainty and Labor Market Outcomes*, joint with Chris Karbownik and Anthony Wray.

PRE-DOCTORAL WORK

— “*Minimum Wages and the Labor Market in Peru*” (2021), joint with Diego Winkelried.

Presented at the 2021 Labor Economics Summer School at Barcelona School of Economics (BSE), and the 2021 Virtual Seminar Series on Minimum Wages and Low Wage Policies at Institute for Employment and Research (IAB) & Labor and Socio-Economic Research Center (LASER) of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (FAU).

— “*Explaining the Educational Achievement Gap Between Public and Private School Students in Peru*” (2018) (in Spanish), joint with Lucia Gomez.

Presented at the 2018 *Seminario Nacional de Investigacion Educativa y Coloquio Iberoamericano de Educacion Rural* at Sociedad de Investigacion Educativa Peruana (SIER).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Chris Karbownik
Emory University

Fall 2024

Research Assistant to Alejandro Sanchez
Emory University

Summer 2024

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant to Chris Karbownik
Econ 485-3: Causal Inference (Undergraduate)
Emory University

Fall 2024

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2023–2028 Graduate Fellowship for Doctoral Studies, Emory University.
- 2022 Duke Economics Mentorship Program.
- 2020–2021 Opportunity Funds Scholarship.
- 2017 10th higher in the cohort at undergrad.

ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Workshops and Reading Groups participant

- Micro & Macro Perspectives of the Labor Market (remote, UDuke) 06/2023–
- Seminario de Microeconomía Aplicada (remote, UDEP) 02/2021–
- Labor, Firms, and Macro Reading Group (remote, UPenn) 08/2022–06/2024
- Economics and Diversity Reading Group (remote, EconThaki) 2022

Research Assistance to

- Leonardo D'Amico (Harvard University) 01–06/2023
- Miriam Artiles (Universitat Pompeu Fabra) 05–06/2020
- Prof. Cesar del Pozo (UNSAAC) 05–06/2018
- Prof. Jean Paul Benavente García (UNSAAC) 04/2017–12/2018

Teaching Assistant for

- Foundations of Econometrics, Undergraduate (Prof. Fernando Fernandez) 08/2020–12/2021
 - Equilibrium and Market Power, Undergraduate (Prof. Cristian Troncoso)
 - Principles of Macroeconomics, Undergraduate (Profs. Samuele Bibi and Harry Patron)
- Universidad de Piura (UDEP)

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Jean Paul Benavente

- Undergraduate courses: Econometrics, Macroeconomics, and Economic Growth Models 2016-2018
- Universidad Nacional de San Antonio Abad del Cusco

Additional Studies

- Bogota Summer School of Economics - Real Analysis (Bogotá, Colombia) 2022
- BSE Barcelona Summer School of Economics - Labor Economics (remote) 2022
- UDEP Lima Summer School of Economics (Lima, Perú and remote resp.) 2020,2021
- Central Reserve Bank of Peru - LXVI Summer Course in Economics (Lima, Perú) 2019
- GRADE Young Lives Workshop (Lima, Perú) 2018
- OSIPTEL University Extension Program (Lima, Perú) 2016

OTHER INFORMATION

Programming Languages and Software: Full command of Stata, L^AT_EX, and Beamer. Good command of R and Python.

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Proficient), French (Basic).

Other Activities: Co-founder of [EconThaki](#) from 10/2021 (leading Voces, organized the 2022 reading group, and provided office hours for Ecomienza 2024).

Sport Practiced: Swimming, Soccer.