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EDUCATION

PhD in Economics, Boston University (US) Advisor: Marc Rysman. Coursework completed.	2021 - Present
MSc in Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science (UK) Classification obtained: Distinction.	2019 - 2020
Master's Degree in Economics, Universidad del Pacifico (Peru) Dissertation obtained an "Outstanding" mark award.	2014 - 2016
BSc in Economics, Universidad del Pacifico (Peru) Top fifth of graduating class.	2010 - 2015

WORKING PAPERS

Spatial banking competition in the U.S. deposits market (2025)

Countercyclical Capital and Reserve Requirements in a Small Open Economy (2025) with Diego Bohorquez

Competition and Welfare in the Peruvian Deposits Market: A Structural demand approach (2023)

WORK IN PROGRESS

Green Buildings: Aggregate Effects of Housing Carbon Policies with Olivia Bordeu and Santiago Franco

Roadside Infrastructure, Parking, and Electric Trucks, with Sarah Armitage, Frank Pinter and Ron Yang

How do internationally competitive industries emerge in developing countries? Evidence from modern Agriculture in Peru, with Diego Santa Maria

PRE - PHD PAPERS

Reflections on the impact and response to the Peruvian 2017 Coastal El Niño event: Looking to the past to prepare for the future (2023) with Marisol Yglesias-González, Armando Valdés-Velásquez, Stella M. Hartinger, Ken Takahashi, Guillermo Salvatierra, Rodrigo Velarde, Alvaro Contreras, Hugo Santa María, Romanello, Valerie Paz-Soldán, Juan Bazo, Andrés G. Lescano. Published in Plos One. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0290767

Evaluation of the effect of mining canon transfers on educational outcomes: analysis at the level of educational institutions in the regions of Arequipa, Moquegua and Tacna (2016) with Natalia Guerrero and Gonzalo Manrique. Consorcio de Investigación Económica y Social, 1-107.

Effect of metal price cycles: estimation of a general equilibrium model with time to build for the Peruvian economy, 2001-2015 (2016) with Bryan Gutierrez.

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2025: Brown University Economics PhD Conference (Providence, USA), 2025 Latin American Journal of Central Banking (LAJCB) Conference (Mexico City, Mexico).

2023: Latin American and the Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) and the Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (LAMES) (Bogotá, Colombia).

2022: Peruvian Economic Association Annual Congress (Lima, Peru)

2016: Peruvian Economic Association Annual Congress (Lima, Peru), Central Reserve Bank of Peru Annual Research Conference, Consortium of Economic and Social Research Annual Seminar (Lima, Peru).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2023: Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award at Boston University.

2021-Present: PhD Fellowship, Boston University.

2017: APOYO Group Award of "Vocation of Service", given to the employee which distinguished the most for giving key collaborations within the firm and improving relations with clients.

2015: Annual Research Contest of the Consortium of Economic and Social Research (CIES) for the research: *Evaluation of the effect of mining canon transfers on educational outcomes in the regions of Arequipa, Moquegua and Tacna*.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Santiago Franco, Boston University	Fall 2024-Spring 2025
Research Assistant for Sarah Armitage, Boston University	Summer 2024
Research Assistant for Pascual Restrepo, Boston University	Fall 2023
Research Assistant for Marianne Baxter, Boston University	Summer 2023
Research Coordinator in the Department of Financial Planning and Strategy at the Ministry of Economics and Finance, Treasury Department, Peru	Oct 2020 - Jul 2021
Analyst of Strategic Planning at Government's Reconstruction Entity for the Damages of El Niño, Peru	Aug 2017- Oct 2017
Associate (1 year), Analyst (2 years), Intern (6 months) at Area of Economic Research, APOYO Consultoría	Jan 2016 – Jul 2019
Intern of Risk Management at Scotia Fondos, Mutual Funds unit of Scotiabank Peru	Feb 2014 - Aug 2014
Intern at Area of Economic Research, APOYO Consultoría	Jan 2013 - Dec 2013
Research Assistant for Enrique Vásquez, Universidad del Pacífico	Spring 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor for the Boston University Summer Challenge (2023 and 2024), Economics Seminar Introductory course on economics for high school students.
- Teaching Fellow of CAS EC102: Introduction to Macroeconomic Analysis (Fall 2022, Spring 2023 and Spring 2024), Boston University.
- Teaching Assistant of Advanced Macroeconomics (2S2018), Universidad del Pacifico Business School, Peru.
- Teacher Assistant of Mathematics III (2S2017), Principles of Economics I, (2S2014, 2S2015), Mathematics IV (1S2014, 1S2015), Macroeconomics (1S2015) and Microeconomics I (2S2014) at Universidad del Pacifico, Peru.

OTHER TRAINING

Big-Data Initiative in International Macro-Finance (2024), Stanford Graduate School of Business.

Summer School on Structural Estimation in Corporate Finance (2023), Wharton School - University of Pennsylvania.

Summer School in London School of Economics and Political Science (2014): EC321 Money and Banking.