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Appointments	Wake Forest University Assistant Professor of Economics	2024–
Affiliations	Faculty Affiliate, Latin American and Latino Studies, Wake Forest University Fellow, Center for Development Economics and Policy, Columbia University	2025– 2025–
Education	Columbia University Ph.D. in Economics and Education M.Phil. in Economics and Education Brown University M.A. in Economics Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú B.A. in Economics	2024 2023 2019 2014
Fields	Primary: Development Economics, Labor Economics and the Economics of Education Secondary: Gender, Health and Urban Economics	
Working Papers	“Opportunity Bound: Transport and Access to Higher Education in a Megacity” (<i>R&R American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i>) “College Licensing and Reputation Effects on the Labor Market” (with Jose Flor and Matteo Magnaricotte) “Empowering the Future of Science: Experimental Evidence on STEM Skills and Attitudes in Peru” (<i>under review</i>) “Citizenship Policy and the Spread of Communicable Diseases: Evidence from the Dominican Republic” (<i>under review</i>) (with Eduardo Campillo and Jose Flor Toro) “Spillover Effects of School Infrastructure Upgrade: Evidence from Peru” (with Sarita Ore-Quispe) “The Political Economy of University Licensing: Evidence from Peru’s Higher Education Reform” (with Gustavo Acosta, Leah Lakdawala and Diego Mestanza) “Student Mobility and Academic Performance: Evidence from College Students in Peru” (with Isabel Guerrero, Luis Bendezu and Andrea Leon)	
Work in Progress	“Femicides and Human Capital Investment in Latin America” (with Carolina Concha, Marcela Mello, Maria Padilla-Romo, and Fernanda Sobrino)	
Policy Work	“What is the Impact of Infrastructure Investments on Educational Markets?” (with Sarita Ore, Denys Casiano, and Juan Cisneros). <i>Revista Economía y Sociedad</i> , CIES, Dec. 2023. “Factors Limiting the Transition to Higher Education: Current Situation and Recommendations for Public Policy”	

(with Jose Flor and Matteo Magnaricotte). Peruvian Ministry of Education, December 2020.

Fellowships, Awards, and Grants	Kuznets Visitor Fellowship, Yale Economic Growth Center	2026
	REStat NBER SI Fellowship	2025
	Education Policy Dissertation Fellowship, EPSA at Teachers College	2023
	XXVI Concurso Anual de Investigación CIES (~\$20,000)	2022
	Student Research Grant, CDEP, Columbia University	2022
	Student Research Grant, EPSA at Teachers College	2022, 2023
	Roe L. Johns Award, Association for Education Finance & Policy	2021, 2022, 2023
	Seed Grant for Creating Female Scientists Project, Rutgers (\$6,000)	2020
	Seed Grant for Teenage Pregnancy Project, Overdeck and Princeton (\$5,000)	2017
	Outstanding Teaching Evaluation, Social Sciences Department at PUCP	Spring 2022
	Best Teaching Assistant, Business Department Distinction, PUCP	2013
	Best Undergrad Research Paper, Social Sciences Department Award, PUCP	2012
Seminars (sched.*)	2026: University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (<i>online</i>); PUCP; Yale Economics*, Vassar College*, Hamilton-Colgate College Joint Seminar*	
	2025: Barnard College; Montana State University; Duke University (IPHD); University of Delaware; PPGE – Universidade Federal da Paraíba (<i>online</i>); University of Chicago Crime and Education Lab; Davidson College; Tecnológico de Monterrey – Escuela de Gobierno; UNC Greensboro; CIUP (Universidad del Pacifico)	
	2024: PUC Chile; Bucknell University; Oberlin College; Tecnológico de Monterrey (<i>online</i>); Wake Forest University; Rutgers University	
	2023: Columbia University	
Conferences (sched.*)	2026: ASSA; DevSouth (Duke); RIDGE Humans Migration Network (Barbados); IV Workshop on Public Policies (IEB – Universitat de Barcelona), LAC-Dev*, MPI/ECONtribute Workshop on Human Capital and Education*, LACEA-LAMES (PUCP, Lima)*	
	2025: MWIEDC (Urbana-Champaign); SEED (Georgia Tech); RIDGE Gender (Lima); LSE CEP Education; NBER SI Labor Studies (attendee); NBER SI Children (attendee)	
	2024: ifo Institut Munich; World Bank Urbanization and Poverty Reduction Research Conference; World Bank Conference on Transport Economics; SOLE; NBER SI Education (attendee); NBER SI Health (attendee); APE (Universidad de Lima, <i>online</i>); CREED (UNC Charlotte); NEUDC (Northeastern); LACEA-LAMES (Uruguay); SEA	
	2023: ASSA (discussant); AEFPP; UNMSM; Seminario MAP; WEAI Grad. Student Workshop; UEA North America (Toronto); PUCP; NEUDC (Harvard); SEA; LAUrban LACEA (FGV, Rio de Janeiro)	
	2022: AEFPP; 9th UDEP-UBC Workshop for Young Economists; LACEA-LAMES (Peru); NEUDC (Yale)	
	2021: AEFPP; PUCP	
Teaching	Wake Forest University	
	Applied Econometrics, Instructor	Fall 2024, 2025; Spring 2026
	Economic Growth and Development, Instructor	Fall 2024; Spring 2025, 2026
	School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University	
	Economics of Education Policy, TA	Spring 2024
	Macroprudential Policies and Regulations, TA	Spring 2022
	Macroeconomic Policy Management, TA	Fall 2021, 2022
	Teachers College, Columbia University	
	Education and Economic Development, TA	Spring 2022
	Microeconomic Theory Applications to Education, TA	Fall 2021
	Barnard College, Columbia University	
	Empirical Development Economics, TA	Spring 2023

	Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú Education and Development Economics, Instructor Spring 2022; Summer/Fall 2023 Thesis Seminar, Undergrad Advisor Spring 2022–Spring 2024 Applied Economics I, II and Introduction to Economics, TA Spring 2013, 2014
Referee Service	Review of Economics and Statistics; Journal of Public Economics; Journal of Human Resources (2x); Economics of Education Review (5x); Journal of Policy Analysis and Management; Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization (2x); Contemporary Economic Policy; Feminist Economics, PLOS Mental Health; Transportation Safety and Environment; NSF (Grant Proposal)
Conference Organization	2026–2027: LACEA-LAMES Scientific Committee (Lima, PUCP) 2025–2026: Seminario MAP - Organizing Committee 2024–2025: SREE - Program Reviewer; APE (Universidad de Lima) Scientific Committee; Seminario MAP - Organizing Committee
Ph.D. Supervision	Columbia Economics: Akanksha Vardani (<i>Dissertation Committee</i>)
Undergraduate Students	Wake Forest: Sophie Gunn (Thesis Advisor, Economics '26); Jeremiah Wilder (RA, Economics '26); Micaela Creo (RA, Economics and Sociology '26); Pedro Vaz (RA, Economics '26); Mia Annunziata (RA, Economics '25) PUCP: Ariana Orderique (Thesis Advisor, Economics '26), Giacomo Marinelli (Thesis Defense Committee, Economics) Andrea Leon (RA, Economics '25); Alonso Taipe and Lucia Ochoa (Thesis Advisor, Economics '24)
Research tants	Assis- Ashley Ccanto (IPA, RA); Diego Mestanza (Chicago Booth, predoc); Roberto Mendoza (UBC MA); Lucia Gomez Llactahuamani (Bonn MA); Denys Aldair Casiano Inga (BCRP); Cindy Rojas Alvarado (IADB, RA) (<i>*first placement</i>)
Academic Service	2026–2027: GAIN Mentor 2025–2026: Peruvian Job Market Candidates Mentor 2024–2025: AMIE Mentor
Media	“How Can Improvements in Public Transport in Peru Boost Access to Education?” <i>IGC Blog</i> . Published 11 Nov 2024. “Commuting to Opportunity? How Transport Infrastructure Shapes Students’ College Decisions in Peru.” <i>VoxDev</i> . Published 13 June 2024.
Work Experience	Graduate Research Assistant 2020–2023 Prof. Laura Boudreau Summer 2023 Prof. Alex Eble 2020, 2022–2023 Prof. Micaela Sviatschi 2021 Senior Research Specialist 07/2015–07/2018 Industrial Relations Section, Dept. of Economics, Princeton University RA to Prof. Ilyana Kuziemko, Suresh Naidu, and Hank Farber RA to Prof. Chris Neilson Research Associate 08/2014–06/2015 Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL), Latin America and the Caribbean, Peru
Others	Citizenship: Peruvian Languages: Spanish (native), English (professional), Italian (intermediate), Quechua (basic) Software: Stata, R, Python, MATLAB, L ^A T _E X

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