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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D. in Economics

2027 (*expected*)

M.A. in Economics

2023

Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

B.A. in Economics

2018

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Supply Side Effects of Targeted Financial Aid: Evidence from Colombia (with Esteban Álvarez-Arango and Federico Llarena).

Regulating Quality in Higher Education through Inputs-based Licensing (with Federico Llarena)

Dispersion and Evolution of Markups in Uganda: Evidence from 10 Years of Administrative Tax Data (with [David Henning](#))

RESEARCH PAPERS

[Small Firms and the Pandemic: Evidence From Latin America](#) (with J.E. Humphries, C. A. Neilson, N. Shimberg, G. Ulyssea) *Journal of Development Economics*, 155, (2022), 102775

The effects of fiscal windfalls on corruption and selection into politics: Evidence from the Peruvian commodity boom (2003 - 2014). PUCP undergraduate thesis, awarded the *Best Thesis in Economics* prize.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

UCLA, Department of Economics

Research Assistant

2022-2024

Los Angeles, CA

· PI: Natalie Bau

Yale University, Tobin Center for Economic Policy

Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow

2019-2021

New Haven, CT

· PIs: Christopher Neilson and John Eric Humphries

Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab - LAC

Research Associate

2018-2019

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

· PIs: Christopher Neilson and Michael Dinerstein

Innovations for Poverty Action Peru

Research Intern

2016

Lima, Peru

· PI: Christopher Neilson

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

UCLA Lewis Clarke Data Collection Award - USD 2,800 (x2)	2024, 2025
IGC Research Grant (with David J. Henning) - GBP 22,000	2024
UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program - USD 6,000	2023
PUCP Best undergraduate thesis in economics	2019
DGI PUCP Research grant for B.A. thesis - USD 1,500	2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UCLA, Department of Economics <i>Instructor</i>	Summer 2025 <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
· Econ 1: Principles of Microeconomics	
UCLA, Department of Economics <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	2022-2026 <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
· Econ 1: Principles of Microeconomics (x5)	
· Econ 11: Microeconomic Theory 1 (x4)	
· Econ 101: Microeconomic Theory 2 (x2)	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Refereeing	<i>Journal of Development Economics, World Development</i>
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SKILLS

Programming Languages	Stata, Python, Matlab
Survey Tools	SurveyCTO, Qualtrics
Other	Git, $\LaTeX$

OTHER

Citizenship: Peruvian
Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (basic)