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Research Fields:

Development Economics, Economic Demography and Health, Political Economy.

Education:

- 2013 – Ph.D. in Economics, Duke University. (Expected: May 2019).
- 2014 M.A. in Economics, Duke University.
- 2013 Licenciatura in Economics, Universidad de Piura, Peru. *Luca D'Agliano award for best paper.*
- 2010 B.A. in Economics, Universidad de Piura, Peru. *Highest ranked student.*
- 2010 57th Advanced Course in Economics, Central Bank of Peru. *Graduated with Honors and was offered a permanent position at the bank.*

Relevant Academic and Professional Experience:

- 2016 – Research Assistant to Prof. Erica Field, Economics Department, Duke University.
- 2015 – 2016 Research Assistant to Prof. Robert Garlick, Economics Department, Duke University.
- 2011 – 2013 Research Assistant to Prof. Gabriel Natividad, Economics Department, Universidad de Piura, Peru.
- 2010 – 2011 Economist, Department of Economic Studies, Central Bank of Peru.
- 2009 Research Assistant to Prof. Cesar Calvo. Economics Department, Universidad de Piura, Peru.

Teaching Experience:

College Teaching Certificate (master-level coursework on college teaching), Universidad de Piura, 2013.

Teaching Assistant (undergraduate-level):

- 2015 *Policymaking: People and Poverty*, Economics Department, Duke University.
- 2013, 2007 *Mathematics III*, Economics Department, Universidad de Piura. (2 semesters).
- 2011 – 2012 *Econometrics I*, Economics Department, Universidad de Piura. (3 semesters).
- 2009 – 2010 *Macroeconomics II*, Economics Department, Universidad de Piura. (4 semesters).
- 2008 *Microeconomics I*, Economics Department, Universidad de Piura. (2 semesters).

Summary of Honors, Awards, and Research Grants:

- 2018 – 2020 Government Partnership Initiative (\$75,000, with Erica Field as PI).
- 2018 – 2020 Crime and Violence Initiative (\$125,000, with Erica Field as PI).
- 2018 – 2020 Sexual Violence Research Initiative (\$100,000, with Juan Agramonte as PI).
- 2013 – Full Scholarship, Economics Department, Duke University.
- 2017 Research Travel Grant, Economics Department, Duke University.
- 2017, 2016 International Development Working Group, Duke Center for International & Global Studies (\$1,000 per academic year).

2018, 2017, 2015, 2014	Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University (\$5,500 per summer).
2017	Ronald Coase Institute Workshop Fellowship (\$2,000).
2016	Department of Economics Summer Fellowship, Duke University (\$5,500).
2011	Excellence in academic performance in the field of economics, PRIMA AFP.
2006 – 2010	Scholarship for undergraduate studies, Universidad de Piura.

Research:

Working Papers:

1. Price Shocks and Child Mortality: Evidence from Anti-Drug Policies in Peru (**Job Market Paper**).

Work in Progress:

1. Training Local Leaders to Prevent and Reduce Gender-Based Violence Against Women: Experimental Evidence from Peru (with Ursula Aldana and Erica Field). [[IPA's blog post](#)] *Status: baseline data collection.*
2. Mass Media and Demographic Transitions: Evidence from the Introduction of Television to the U.S.
3. Electing Criminal Politicians for Public Office.
4. Political Violence and Political Preferences: Evidence from Peru.
5. Voting Rights, Marriage Markets, and Fertility: The Enfranchisement of Women in the Early Twentieth Century U.S. (with Erica Field).

Other Research:

1. Informal Risk-Sharing and Poverty Persistence (with Cesar Calvo) [[pdf](#)]. CSAE Working Paper Series 2009-19. University of Oxford.
2. Do Schools Prompt Terrorist Attacks? Evidence from Peru using Spatial Econometrics (with Andrea Salazar) [[pdf](#)]. Bachelor's dissertation (Licenciatura), 2013. *Luca D'Agliano award for best dissertation.*

Presentations:

* = *conferences*

2018	International Population, Health and Development Lunch, Duke University (Apr 20), Labor and Development Seminar, Duke University (Oct 03).
2017	International Population, Health and Development Lunch, Duke University (Apr 06 and Nov 17); Labor Lunch, Duke University (Oct 31); Ronald Coase Institute Workshop (Dec 11)*.
2016	International Population, Health and Development Lunch, Duke University (Mar 25 and Nov 04).
2015	International Population, Health and Development Lunch, Duke University (Feb 27 and Dec 04); GradXTalk, Duke University (Mar 27)*.
2012	Research Seminar, Universidad de Piura (May 29)*; LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting (Nov 02)*.
2011	XXIX Economic Conference, Central Bank of Peru (Oct 14)*.

Other Relevant Experience:

2017 –	Member of the DevLab@Duke (www.devlabduke.com)
2016 –	Co-founder and organizer of Challenges in International Development, a research working group for Ph.D. Students in Development Economics at Duke University.
2014 –	Mentor of first-year Ph.D. students, Mentorship Program, Economics Department, Duke University.

2008 – 2013 Co-founder and project manager at CAPA PERU (www.capaperu.com), a non-profit organization that runs sustainable development projects in rural villages in the Peruvian rainforest.

Other Information:

Programming / Software: Stata (teaching experience), R, MATLAB, ArcGIS, and LaTeX.

Languages: Spanish (native) and English.

U.S. Census Bureau: Special Sworn Status Researcher.

References:

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