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## EMPLOYMENT

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2012 - Senior Research Economist, Research Department, Inter-American Development Bank  
2006 – 2012 Teaching Assistant, The Pennsylvania State University  
2000 – 2006 Assistant Researcher, Grupo de Análisis para el Desarrollo (GRADE)

## EDUCATION

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2006 – 2012 Ph.D. in Economics, The Pennsylvania State University  
1997 – 2002 B.A. in Economics, Universidad del Pacífico (Peru)

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

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Development Economics and Applied Econometrics

## PUBLICATIONS

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“[The Impact of Financial Education for the Youth](#)” (forthcoming at the *Economics of Education Review*).

“[Retaking in High Stakes Exams: Is Less More?](#)”, with Kala Krishna and Sergey Lychagin, *International Economic Review*, Vol. 59(2): 449-477, 2018.

“[Better Luck Next Time: Learning through Retaking](#)” with Kala Krishna, Sergey Lychagin, and Cemile Yavas, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, Vol. 125: 120-135, 2016.

“[Affirmative Action in Higher Education in India: Targeting, Catch Up, and Mismatch](#)” with Kala Krishna, *Higher Education*, Vol. 71(5): 611-649, 2016.

“[State-Level Labor Reform and Firm-Level Productivity in India](#)” with Sean Dougherty and Kala Krishna, *India Policy Forum* (2013-2014), Vol. 10.

“[Signaling Creditworthiness in Peruvian Microfinance Markets: The Role of Information Sharing](#)”, *The B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis & Policy*, Vol. 12(1) (Advances), Article 44, 2012.

“[International Migration and the Education of Children: Evidence from Lima, Peru](#)” with R. S. Oropesa, *Population Research and Policy Review*, Vol. 30(4): 591-618, 2011.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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“Adolescence: Difficult Challenges at a Difficult Age”. In [Learning Better: Public Policy for Skills Development](#), Matias Busso, Julian Cristia, Diana Hincapie, Julian Messina, and Laura Ripani (ed), New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

“The State of Saving in Latin America and the Caribbean.” In [Saving for Development: How Latin America and the Caribbean Can Save More and Better](#), Eduardo Cavallo and Tomas Serebrinski (ed), New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

“Saving Begins at Home”. In [Saving for Development: How Latin America and the Caribbean Can Save More and Better](#), Eduardo Cavallo and Tomas Serebrinski (ed), New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016.

## WORKING PAPERS

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“[Perceived Ability and School Choices](#)”, with Matteo Bobba (under review).

“Peer Effects and Academic Achievement: Experimental Evidence from Tracking and Bimodal Classrooms”, with Matias Busso.

[“Misreporting in Sensitive Health Behaviors and its Impact on Treatment Effects: An Application to Intimate Partner Violence”](#), with Jorge Agüero, IDB Working paper 853 (under review).

[“Reducing Violence Against Women in Microfinance”](#), with Jorge Agüero, IDB Technical note 1387.

[“The Impact of School-Based Financial Education on High School Students and their Teachers: Experimental Evidence from Peru”](#), IDB Working paper 871.

[“Learning About Oneself: The Effects of Performance Feedback on School Choice”](#), with Matteo Bobba, IDB Working paper 728.

[“Business Training for Microfinance Clients: How it Matters and for Whom?”](#) with Dean Karlan and Martin Valdivia, Poverty and Economic Policy Research Network Working Paper No. PMMA-2008-11.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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“Aspirations and Representation: The Effect of Female Leaders on Young Girls’ Human Capital Investments”, with Evi Pappa and Chiara Santantonio.

“Financial diaries for the youth”, with Silvia Prina.

“The Effect of Programmed Saving Products in the Dominican Republic”, with Dean Karlan and Martin Valdivia.

“Measurement Error in Self-Reported Data and Solutions: Experimental Evidence for Intimate Partner Violence”, with Jorge Agüero, Ursula Aldana, Erica Field, and Javier Romero.

“Soft Skills and Occupational Choices Among Female Microentrepreneurs”, with Suzanne Duryea and Martin Valdivia.

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

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Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Initiative Competitive Fund Grant, Innovations for Poverty Action, July 2019.

EduFin Reserach Grant, Center of Financial Education and Capability, BBVA, May 2019.

Fernand Braudel Fellow, Department of Economics, European University Institute, September -December 2019.

Visiting scholar, Department of Economics, Universidad Carlos III, October-December 2018.

Financial Literacy Research Award, 4th Cherry Blossom Financial Education Institute, April 2018.

Conference Grant, Royal Economics Society, June 2011.

## **ADVANCED COURSES AND WORKSHOPS**

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“Econometric Analysis of Network Data”, Bryan Graham, May 2017, Georgetown Center for Econometric Practice, Washington, DC.

“Machine Learning for Treatment Effects and Structural Equation Models”, Victor Chernozhukov, September 2016, Georgetown Center for Econometric Practice, Washington, DC.

Asian Forum on Global Governance. ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius, and the Observer Research Foundation, November 2014, Delhi.

Mini course in “Computation of Economics”, Kenneth Judd, April 2011, Penn State University.

Stanford Workshop on Formal Demography, May 2008, Palo Alto.

Impact Evaluation of Population, Health and Nutrition Programs (workshop). MEASURE Evaluation and Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública de México (INSP), July-August 2004, Cuernavaca.

Population and Development, with emphasis on reproductive Health (workshop). PARTNERS and Consejo Nacional de Población de México (CONAPO), May 2003, Hidalgo.

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), Portuguese (Intermediate)

Citizenship: Peruvian