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Education:

Post Doctorate in 1999 at University of California at Los Angeles, Institute of Social Science Research

Ph.D. received September 1998, University of California at Los Angeles, Department of Economics;

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Professional Associations and Advisory Councils:

- (a) Member of the American Economic Association (1998-today)
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- (c) Member of the Western Economic Association (1998-2000)
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- (e) Member of the Latin American Econometric Society (1998-today)
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Awards

- 2002 Award for Outstanding Research on Development given by The Global Development Network (GDN). The selection committee was chaired by Nicolas Stern, and consisted of Francois Bourguignon, Mashiro Kawai, Nancy Birdsall, Jose Maria Fanelli y Fernando Loayza.
- 2000 Award for Outstanding Research on Development given by The Global Development Network (GDN). The selection committee was chaired by Joseph E. Stiglitz, and consisted of Nancy Birdsall, Francois Bourguignon, Takatoshi Ito and Amartya Sen.
- 2000-2001 Georg Foster Research Fellowship of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.
- 1997-1998 University of California Dissertation Year Fellowship 1997-98
- 1997-1998 Ford-Foundation-ISOP Interdisciplinary Program for Students of Development Areas
- 1996-1997 Latin American Center, UCLA Research Grant "Diffusion of Technical Change in Traditional Agriculture in Peru".

1996 Department of Economics, UCLA, Travel grant for diffusion of research
1995-1997 British Foundation Fellowship
1994-1997 Department of Economics, UCLA, Teaching Assistant Position
1992-1994 Fulbright Fellowship
1992-1995 Inter-American Development Bank Fellowship
1992-1994 Ford Foundation Fellowship
1992 National Award for the Best Bachelors Dissertation
Peruvian Economic Consortium and IDRC, Canada.
1990 Honoric Mention on Bachelors and Licenciatura Dissertations
Universidad del Pacifico, Lima, Peru.

Publications:

Books

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Abstracts/Summaries

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Professional experience

Teaching

- 1999- **Associate Professor.** Universidad del Pacífico
Economics Department, Postgraduate School.
Industrial Organization and Uncertainty and Risk.
Currently on leave
- 1994-1997 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Economics, UCLA.
Graduate Level Econometric Software Applications.
Intermediate Microeconomics, Econometrics.
- 1990-1992 **Lecturer** Department of Economics, Universidad del Pacifico, Peru
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Research

Senior Researcher

- 2006- *International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)*
Division Director of the Markets, Trade and Institutions Division.
- 2005-2006 *International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)*
Senior Research Fellow if the Markets, Trade and Institutions Division.
Research on Infrastructure, and Institutions for rural development. Leader of a
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- 2003-2005 *International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)*
Research Fellow if the Markets, Trade and Institutions Division.
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- 1997- *Group of Analysis for Development (GRADE)*
- Member of the Board of Directors
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2001-2003 *Georg Foster von Humboldt Fellow*

Associate Researcher

1998-2000 *Center for Development Research (ZEF)-University of Bonn (Invited Fellow)*

1994-2003 *Institute for Social Science and Research, University of California at Los Angeles.*

Countries of Expertise

Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Mozambique, Nicaragua, Peru, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, and Vietnam.

Languages

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