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## Education

Ph.D. Economics, Brown University 2025-2031  
MA in Public Policy Studies with a Certificate in Research Methods (Honors), University of Chicago 2023-2025  
Apprenticeship under Prof. Steven N. Durlauf  
Bachelor of Economics (Honours), The University of Queensland 2022  
First Class Honours in Econometrics  
Advisor: Prof. Rigissa Megalokonomou  
Bachelor of Economics, The University of Queensland 2019-2021  
Major in Quantitative Methods  
Associate degree, Universidad Nacional de Música (Peru) 2016-2017  
Major in Musical Performance with a Specialization in Oboe  
Under the Guidance of Maestro Carlos Otarola

## Research Experience

Research assistant for Prof. James J. Heckman and Dr. Sadegh Eshaghnia *August, 2023 - June, 2025*  
Research assistant for Prof. Christopher Blattman and Prof. Scott Gehlbach *March, 2024 - January, 2025*  
Inequality Working Group, Stone Center, UChicago *October, 2023 - May, 2025*  
Research assistant for Prof. Ricardo Nieva *November, 2022 - February 2023*

## Teaching

Inequality: Theory, Methods, and Evidence (PhD level), Prof. Steven Durlauf, *Kenneth C. Griffin Department of Economics* *Spring 2025*  
Applied Econometrics III (PhD level), Prof. Koichiro Ito, *Harris School of Public Policy* *Spring 2025*  
Applied Econometrics II (PhD level), Prof. Ingvil Gaarder, *Harris School of Public Policy* *Winter 2025*  
Applied Econometrics I (PhD level), Prof. Steven Durlauf, *Harris School of Public Policy* *Fall 2024*

## Publications

### Working Papers

*“When Excellence Backfires: The Impact of Superstars on Peers”* with Rigissa Megalokonomou (Monash)

*“Neighborhoods, Family and Intergenerational Mobility”* with Goya Razavi (NHH)

### Work In Progress

*“The Persistent Economic Cost of Genocide: An Intergenerational Study of the Stolen Generations”*

*“School Meals and Childhood Anemia in Peru”* with Cesar Chavez (UChicago) and Jorge Ochoa (Brown)

*“From Myth to Trial: Unbundling the Blood Libel in Medieval Europe”*

*“Rigorous Sequential Inference in Economic Field Experiments: An E-process Approach”*

## Conferences

Center for The Economics of Human Development, UChicago (2025); Inequality Working Group, Stone Center, UChicago (2025); Education Economics Workshop, Applied Young Economist Webinar, Warwick (2024)

## Honors & Awards

Graduate Student Scholarship, Brown University	2025-2031
Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program	2025
Merit award, Harris School of Public Policy, The University of Chicago	2023-2025
I.S.E.O. Summer School Scholarship, Institute for Studies on Economics and Occupation	2024
Summer School Scholarship, Center for Monetary and Financial Studies	2023
Lima Summer SE Scholarship, Lima School of Economics	2023
Thomas A. Plein Endowed Scholarship, from University of Queensland	2022
Dean’s Commendation for Academic Excellence, from The University of Queensland	2021, 2022
UQ Future Leader, from The University of Queensland	2021
Latin America Global Leaders Scholarship, from The University of Queensland	2019

## References

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