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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: Peruvian, U.S. Permanent Resident

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics, Political Economy

EDUCATION

2016- Ph.D. in Public Policy, University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

present Thesis title: Essays on Political Economy in Developing Countries

Expected Completion Date: June 2022

Core Exams: Microeconomics, Econometrics, Political Economy

2015-2016 M.A., Public Policy, University of Chicago
 2010-2012 M.Sc., Economics, Universidad del Pacifico
 2006-2010 B.Sc., Economics, Universidad del Pacifico

PUBLICATION

"How Effective Are Monetary Incentives to Vote? Evidence From a Nationwide Policy" (with Luis R. Martinez and Gianmarco León). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, forthcoming

<u>Abstract:</u> We study voters' response to marginal changes to the fine for electoral abstention in Peru, leveraging variation from a nationwide reform. A smaller fine has a negative effect on voter turnout, partly through irregular changes in voter registration. However, representation is largely unaffected. We also show that the effect of an exemption from compulsory voting is substantially larger than that of a full fine reduction, suggesting that non-monetary incentives are the main drivers behind the effectiveness of compulsory voting.

JOB MARKET PAPER

"Politics never end: Public Employment Effects of Increased Transparency"

Abstract: Transparency that provides voters with negative information about politicians leads to electoral penalties. Do politicians strategically respond when confronted with this type of potential electoral backlash? I answer this question using exogenous variation generated by randomized audits to local governments in Brazil. I show that the execution of an audit leads to an increase in the number of public employees hired by the mayor. This effect is greater in municipalities where auditors uncovered higher levels of corruption. I find evidence consistent with mayors hiring more employees as a form of patronage to compensate for the loss of electoral support resulting from the audit. I closely examine the education sector using additional detailed data and find that hiring more school employees does not improve student outcomes, revealing limited direct consequences of audits on public goods production. Moreover, I show that an audit increases the share of payroll expenditures but decreases

capital investment and that this substitution translated into a deterioration in the quality of school assets. These results suggest that patronage enables politicians to offset the potential electoral penalty of an audit by hiring employees who do not contribute much to public goods production.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

"Natural Resource Shocks and Support for Left-wing Parties: Evidence from Peru"

"The Effects of Climate Change on Coca Leaf Planting: Evidence from Colombia" (with Tamma Carleton and Juliana Helo)

ACADEMIC SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021	CREI – IPEG Workshop on Political Economy (scheduled), NEUDC (scheduled), LACEA-RIDGE First Job Market Showcase (scheduled), MWEPS (scheduled), PhD EVS (scheduled), RIDGE Political Economy Workshop, UChicago Development Lunch Seminar, Uchicago Political Economy Lunch (scheduled)
2020	UChicago Ph.D. workshop
2019	NEUDC, PacDev, H2D2 Research day, APPAM Fall Conference,
	UChicago Development Lunch Seminar
2018	APPAM Fall Conference, UChicago EPIC Lunch & Learn,
	Banco Central de Reserva del Perú
2017	UChicago Ph.D. workshop, UChicago EPIC Student talks

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016-present	Chicago	Harria	Dh D	Followchin
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2010 Universidad del Pacifico M.Sc. in Economics Fellowship

RESEARCH GRANTS

2020	CLAS Tinker Field Research Grant (\$2,500)
2019	The Becker Friedman Institute for Economics (\$520)
2019	The Becker Friedman Institute for Economics (\$2,000)
2019	Pearson Institute Research Fund, University of Chicago (\$5,395)
2017	Pearson Institute Research Fund, University of Chicago (\$5,000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at University of Chicago (master's students)

2021, 2017	Poverty and Economic Development, Professor Alicia Menendez
2017-2020	Advanced Microeconomics for Public Policy II, Professor Yana Gallen
2018-2019	Advanced Microeconomics for Public Policy I, Professor Steven N. Durlauf
2018	Political Economy of Natural Resources, Professor Luis R. Martinez
2016-2017	Advanced Microeconomics for Public Policy I, Professor Dan Black
2017	Analytical Politics II: Developing World, Professor Luis R. Martinez

Instructor at Universidad del Pacifico (undergraduate students)

2013, 2015 Microeconomic Principles

2014 Programming Languages for Economic Research

Teaching Assistant at Universidad del Pacifico (undergraduate students)

2010-2011 Industrial Organization 2009-2010 Microeconomics I & II 2009-2010 Mathematics III

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2019, 2017	Research Assistant for Professor Luis R. Martinez, University of Chicago
2014-2015	Economic Advisor, Ministry of Transport and Communication (Lima, Peru)
2011-2014	Senior Analyst in the Department of Economic Studies, APOYO Consultoria (Lima, Peru)

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, R Studio, Python, ArcGIS, Visual Basic Application in Excel, EViews, LaTeX

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native. English: Fluent. Portuguese: Intermediate (speaking, reading, writing).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2018 Ph.D. Admissions Review Committee at University of Chicago Harris School

of Public Policy

REFERENCES

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