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## FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Macroeconomics, and Computational Methods in Economics

## EDUCATION

Ph.D in Economics, Yale University 2024  
Dissertation: Essays on Firms and Workers in an Informal Economy  
Committee: Costas Meghir (Chair), Ilse Lindenlaub and Orazio Attanasio  
M.Phil. in Economics, Yale University 2022  
M.A. in Economics, Yale University 2021  
M.A. in Economics, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile (PUC Chile) 2014  
Graduated with honors (2/33) and class valedictorian  
B.A. in Economics, Universidad del Pacífico (UP) 2009  
Graduated with honors (2/63)

## RESEARCH

### Publication

*Economic growth and demand for higher education in Peru 2004 - 2006*, with Juan Francisco Castro and Rose Lizarzaburu (available in Spanish). This paper received funding from the Economic and Social Consortium (CIES) in 2009. It was published in the 66th edition of Apuntes Magazine and in the December 2010 issue of the CIES Magazine.

### Working Papers

*Job Ladder Consequences of Employment Protection: Theory and Evidence from Peru*, (February 2024), Job Market Paper  
*The Credit-Risk Trade-Off of Loan Guarantees: Evidence from Peru's REACTIVA Program*, with Maria Teresa Sarmiento, (October 2025)

### Previous Work

*On teachers' performance pay systems: the case of SNED program in Chile* (July 2014), Master's Thesis (available in Spanish). This paper was awarded with the highest distinction at PUC Chile

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 Washington and Lee University, *Economic Seminar Series*, Lexington, (TBD).
- 2026 Universidad de Las Américas (UDLA), *IV Annual Congress of The Ecuadorian Economics Association (AEE)*, Quito, June.
- 2026 Central Bank of Peru, *Macroeconomic Seminar Series*, Lima, (TBD).
- 2025 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), *Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Seminar Series*, Paris (virtual), September.
- 2025 Central Bank of the Dominican Republic, *Macroeconomic Seminar Series*, Santo Domingo, July.
- 2025 Universidad de Las Américas (UDLA), *Conference on Trade Policies: Challenges and Opportunities for Latin American Countries*, Quito, May.
- 2025 Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar (UASB), *Economic Seminar Series*, Quito, May.
- 2024 Central Bank of Costa Rica, *Macroeconomic Seminar Series*, San José (virtual), October.
- 2024 Universidad de Las Américas (UDLA), *Summer Economic Seminars*, Quito (virtual), September.

2024 Universidad de Piura (UDEP), *X Workshop for Young Economists*, Lima, August.

**PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor of Economics**, Davidson College

2024 to date Assistant Professor in Economics

**Director of Macroeconomic Forecasts and Scenarios**, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Peru (MEF)

2017 - 2018 Director of Macroeconomic Forecasts and Scenarios

**Economist**, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Peru (MEF)

2016 - 2017 Economic Advisor to Minister Alfredo Thorne

2014 - 2016 Economic Advisor to Minister Alonso Segura

**Economist**, Banco de Crédito del Perú

2013 Graduate Intern in Economic Analysis and Research Department

2010 - 2012 Senior Research Analyst in Economic Analysis and Research Department

2009 - 2010 Junior Research Analyst in Economic Analysis and Research Department

**AWARDS AND  
HONORS**

2024 **First Prize in the Inter-American Development Bank Young Economist Award.** Awarded for outstanding research on *Job Ladder Consequences of Employment Protection: Theory and Evidence from Peru*, recognized for its contribution to the understanding of labor market dynamics in Latin America and the Caribbean. Inter-American Development Bank, 2024

2024 **Teaching Fellow Award.** Awarded for exceptional teaching during Ph.D. Yale University, 2024

2022 **Teaching Fellowship Prize.** Awarded the highest distinction for outstanding teaching performance in courses taught by Professors Kaivan Munshi and William Nordhaus, Nobel Prize laureate in Economics (2018). Yale University, 2021-2022

2017 **Best Lecturer in Economics Department Award.** Highest ranked Lecturer in students' evaluation. UP, Term 2017 - 2. Undergraduate level

2016 **Best practice of Public Service Code of Ethics.** Elected as the public employee with the best practice of Code of Ethics in Cabinet of Advisors of Ministerial Office at MEF. Ministerial Resolution N 163 - 2016 - EF/10

2015 **Best practice of Public Service Code of Ethics.** Elected as the public employee with the best practice of Code of Ethics in Cabinet of Advisors of Ministerial Office at MEF. Ministerial Resolution N 187 - 2015 - EF/10

2014 **Academic Excellence Award**, M.A. in Economics, PUC Chile

2014 **Highest Distinction for Thesis**, M.A. in Economics, PUC Chile

2013 **Special Academic Excellence Scholarship**, M.A. in Economics, PUC Chile

2009 **Prima AFP Excellence Award**, for outstanding undergraduate academic performance

2009 **Academic Excellence Award**, B.A. in Economics, UP

**TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE**

**Assistant Professor**, Davidson College

2024 - 2026 Introduction to Economics (ECO 101, Fall 2024, 2025)  
Economic Growth (ECO 336, Fall 2024, 2025)  
Statistics and Basic Econometrics (ECO 204, Spring 2025, 2026, Fall 2026)  
Senior Session (ECO 495, Spring 2027)

**Teaching Fellow**, Yale University

2023 - 2024 Introductory Macroeconomics, Professor Fabrizio Zilibotti  
2022 - 2023 Intermediate Data Analysis and Econometrics, Professor Costas Meghir  
2021 - 2022 Fundamentals of Economic Development, Professor Kaivan Munshi  
Intermediate Macroeconomics, Professor William Nordhaus, Nobel Prize laureate  
in Economics (2018)  
2020 - 2021 Introductory Macroeconomics, Senior Lecturer Marnix Amand  
Intermediate Macroeconomics, Professor Fabrizio Zilibotti  
Introductory Macroeconomics, Professors Aleh Tsyvinski and Samuel Kortum

**Lecturer**, Universidad del Pacífico

2016 - 2017 Microeconomics I (×3)

**Lecturer**, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

2013 - 2014 Matlab Workshop for graduate students in Economics (×2)  
2012 - 2014 Stata Workshop for graduate students in Economics (×4)

**Teaching Assistant**, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

2012 - 2014 Mathematical Economics (graduate), Professor Jaime Casassus  
Econometrics I, Professor Tomás Rau (×2) and Professor Jaime Casassus

**Teaching Assistant**, Universidad del Pacífico

2005 - 2009 Econometrics II, Professor Juan Francisco Castro (×2)  
Econometrics I, Professor Juan Francisco Castro  
Microeconomics II, Professor Elsa Galarza (×2)  
Macroeconomics II, Professor Michel Canta (×2)  
Microeconomics I, Professor Joanna Kámiche and Professor Manuel Luy  
Principles of Macroeconomics, Professor Juan Francisco Castro (×6)

**RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE**

**Research Assistant**

2014 Tomás Rau, Associate Professor of Economics, PUC Chile  
*On teachers' performance pay systems: the case of SNED program in Chile*

2007 - 2009 Juan Francisco Castro, Associate Professor of Economics, UP  
*Economic growth and demand for higher education in Peru 2004 - 2006*  
*Panel data and limited dependent variable models: theory and practice*, with Professor Arlette Beltrán  
*Public spending and social development in Guatemala: diagnosis and policy measures*, with Professors Arlette Beltrán, Enrique Vásquez and Gustavo Yamada

<b>COURSES (SELECTED LIST)</b>	<p><b>Causal Inference: Methods and Applications</b>, National Association for Business Economics (NABE). July, 2025</p> <p><b>Machine Learning and Data Science for Economists</b>, National Association for Business Economics (NABE). May, 2025</p> <p><b>Recursive methods and applications</b>, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. October, 2013</p> <p><b>Time series analysis with Tramo Seats Program</b>, Central Bank of Peru. June, 2011</p> <p><b>Time series seasonal adjustment with X-12 Arima Program</b>, Central Bank of Peru. May, 2010</p>		
<b>SERVICE</b>	<p><b>Committee Member</b> <i>International Education Committee, Davidson College (2025-2026)</i>. Elected at-large member.</p> <p><b>Academic Advisor</b> <i>Economics Major, Davidson College</i>. Advisees: Oleksii Klapushynskyi (2027), Ha Nguyen (2027), Edwin Ojeda (2027), Brooke Roumy (2027), Kyra Bruyndoncx (2028), Ceyda Yesillik (2028).</p> <p><b>Graduate and Pre-Doctoral Placement (Letters of Recommendation)</b> <i>Davidson College, Class of 2026</i>. Graduate placements beginning Fall 2026: Sam Sheng (Ph.D. applicant in Economics), Jose Sandoval (Pre-doctoral Researcher, MIT Blueprint Labs), Youngju Han (M.S. in Finance, Claremont McKenna College).</p> <p><b>Academic Referee</b> <i>Young Economists Symposium, Yale University (2020)</i>. Peer review of four research projects of other graduate students at UPenn, Columbia, NYU, Princeton, Yale, among other universities.</p>		
<b>LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES</b>	<p><b>President of Students' Center of Universidad del Pacífico (CEUP)</b> In 2008, I was elected President of CEUP, the primary student organization at UP, gathering 35 students across various majors and academic years. I coordinated diverse extracurricular activities in this role, including cultural events, sports, community service, and social initiatives.</p> <p><b>Member and Editor of Grupo Convergencia</b> Grupo Convergencia is a Peruvian college association focused on analyzing social and economic issues and proposing solutions through its magazine and organized events. I served as the editor for the Economics and Politics sections in the Publications department from 2005 to 2007.</p>		
<b>OTHER</b>	<p>Languages: Spanish (native) and English (fluent)</p> <p>Softwares: Julia, Stata, R, Matlab, Eviews and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</p> <p>Personal Interests: Peruvian folk dances</p> <p>Status: Single; Citizenship: Peruvian</p>		
<b>REFERENCES</b>	<p>Professor Costas Meghir Department of Economics Yale University New Haven, CT 06520 203-432-3558 <a href="mailto:c.meghir@yale.edu">c.meghir@yale.edu</a></p>	<p>Professor Ilse Lindenlaub Department of Economics Yale University New Haven, CT 06520 203-432-3587 <a href="mailto:ilse.lindenlaub@yale.edu">ilse.lindenlaub@yale.edu</a></p>	<p>Professor William Nordhaus (Teaching reference) Department of Economics Yale University New Haven, CT 06520 203-432-6071 <a href="mailto:william.nordhaus@yale.edu">william.nordhaus@yale.edu</a></p>

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