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EDUCATION

Boston University, Ph.D. in Economics Expected May 2027
Committee: Marc Rysman, Jihye Jeon, and Gaurab Aryal

London School of Economics and Political Science, M.Sc. in Economics 2020
Distinction

Universidad del Pacífico, M.A. Degree in Economics 2016

Universidad del Pacífico, B.Sc. in Economics 2015

FIELDS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Fields: Empirical Industrial Organization, Financial Economics
Research Interests: Banking, Financial Intermediation, Spatial Competition

WORKING PAPERS

Branch Closures and Spatial Competition in Retail Banking
Job Market Paper

Outsourcing and Competition in the Banking Sector: The Rise of Cloud Service Providers
with Peter Eccles and Paolo Siciliani

Countercyclical Capital and Reserve Requirements as Macroprudential Stabilizers
with Diego Bohórquez

WORK IN PROGRESS

Roadside Infrastructure, Spatial Complementarities, and Transportation Efficiency
with Sarah Armitage, Frank Pinter, and Ron Yang

Green Buildings: Aggregate Effects of Housing Carbon Policies
with Olivia Bordeu and Santiago Franco

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Fellow, Harvard University Fall 2026
EC10: Principles of Economics

Instructor, Boston University Summers 2023–24
Summer Challenge: Economics Seminar

Teaching Fellow, Boston University Fall 2022; Spring 2023, 2024
EC102: Introduction to Macroeconomic Analysis

Teaching Assistant, Universidad del Pacífico Business School Fall 2018
Advanced Macroeconomics (graduate level)

Teaching Assistant, Universidad del Pacífico 2014–17
Principles of Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, Intermediate Macroeconomics, Mathematics for Economists

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026** Columbia University–Bank Policy Institute Research Conference on Bank Regulation
Southern Economic Association Conference (*upcoming*)
- 2025** Brown University Economics Ph.D. Conference
Latin American Journal of Central Banking (LAJCB) Conference (Mexico City, Mexico)
- 2023** LACEA-LAMES (Bogotá, Colombia).

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, Boston University 2023 – 2026
Santiago Franco (Fall 2024–Spring 2026); Sarah Armitage (Summer 2024); Pascual Restrepo (Fall 2023); Marianne Baxter (Summer 2023)
- Ph.D. Research Intern, Bank of England July – October 2025
Research on cloud outsourcing, bank competition, and financial stability
- Research Coordinator, Department of Financial Planning and Strategy, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Peru September 2020 – July 2021
Research and quantitative modeling for Treasury asset and liability management
- Associate and Analyst, Economic Research, APOYO Consultoría 2015 – 2019
Economic research, forecasting, and sector analysis

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Best Teaching Fellow Award at the Boston University Economics Department 2023
- Ph.D. Fellowship, Boston University 2021 – 2026

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Referee, *Latin American Journal of Central Banking*

SELECTED TRAINING

- Big Data Initiative in International Macro-Finance, Stanford Graduate School of Business 2024
- Summer School on Structural Estimation in Corporate Finance, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

- Technical Skills:** R, Python, Stata, Julia, SQL, MATLAB/Dynare, EViews, Excel, Visual Basic
- Languages:** Spanish (native); English (fluent)
- Citizenship / Visa:** Peru / F1

REFERENCES

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