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EMPLOYMENT

Universidad del Pacífico, Lima, Perú

Assistant Professor, Department of Economics

Since Jan. 2026

EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA

Ph.D. in Economics

2018-2025

Dissertation: “Essays in International Macroeconomics and Sovereign Default”

Committee: Gaetano Antinolfi and Mark L.J. Wright (co-chairs),

Costas Azariadis, Ana Babus, and Paulina Restrepo-Echavarría

M.A. in Economics

2018-2020

Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia

B.A. in Economics (Excellence Diploma)

2011-2014

B.A. in Business Administration

2009-2015

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Primary: International Macroeconomics, Sovereign Debt and Default

Secondary: Quantitative Macroeconomics, Structural Estimation

PUBLICATIONS

- “Opportunistic Sovereign Default under a Credible Peg,” *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, 2026, article 105401 ([DOI](#))

WORKING PAPERS

- “Institutional Investment and Multilateral Debt Relief” ([SSRN](#))

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Sovereign Default Over the Business Cycle” *with David Benjamin, Todd Messer, and Mark L.J. Wright*
- “Sovereign Default: Some Default Measures” *with Todd Messer and Mark L.J. Wright*
- “Fiscal Support for Exchange Rate Targets” *with Joseph Kachovec and Cameron McLoughlin*
- “The Impact of Complexity in Firm Context on PCAOB Inspection Outcomes” *with Mahendra Gupta and Richard Palmer*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Universidad del Pacífico — Assistant Professor

International Macroeconomics (Sections A and B)

2026

Washington University in St. Louis — Instructor of Record

Economic Analysis with Excel

2023-2024

Introduction to Stata

2024

Introduction to Macroeconomics

2022-2023

Washington University in St. Louis — Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Econometrics; Computational Macroeconomics; International Macroeconomics; Financial Markets and Analysis; Great Transformation

2019-2025

Universidad del Rosario — Teaching Associate

Monetary Policy Theory; Macroeconomics III

2014-2018

SERVICE

Universidad del Pacífico

Undergraduate thesis juror

Since 2026

Undergraduate admissions interviewer

Since 2026

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Missouri Valley Economic Association

Distinguished Graduate Student Paper

2023

Washington University in St. Louis

University Fellowship

2018-2023

Universidad del RosarioExcellence Diploma (2014); *Colegial de Número* (2012-2014); Semester Highest

2009-2014

Honor (2012); Merit-Based Full Scholarship (2009-2014)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Referee

Macroeconomic Dynamics

2024

Conference Presentations

Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (scheduled)

2026

Missouri Economics Association; Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association

2025

Economics Graduate Students Conference; Missouri Valley Economic Association;

2023

Midwest International Trade Conference

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA

Post-Graduate Research Assistant to Prof. Mahendra Gupta

Fall 2025

Research Assistant to Prof. Mahendra Gupta

Spring 2025

Research Assistant to Profs. Costas Azariadis and Richard Palmer

Summer 2024

Banco de la República, Bogotá, Colombia

Specialized Professional, Macroeconomic Modeling Department

2017-2018

Professional, Macroeconomic Modeling Department

2014-2017

SKILLS

Programming: Matlab, Python, Julia, Stata, R, LaTeX**Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Portuguese (beginner)