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CURRENT POSITION AND AFFILIATIONS

2016- Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University
2016- Associate Researcher, Center for Mining and Sustainability Studies, Peru

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC AND VISITING POSITIONS

2010-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Simon Fraser University
Fall 2016 Visiting Researcher, University of Maryland, Agricultural and Resources Economics
Fall 2016 Visiting Researcher, George Washington University, Economics
Dec 2016 Visiting Researcher, Universidad del Pacifico, Peru.

EDITORIAL SERVICE

2017-2018 Associate Editor, *Resources Policy*.

EDUCATION

2010 PhD Economics, London School of Economics
2006 MRes Economics, London School of Economics
2005 MSc Economics, London School of Economics
2001 BSc Economics, Universidad del Pacífico, Lima, Perú

RESEARCH FIELDS

Environmental and Resource Economics, Development Economics, and Political Economy

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

1. Can public policies change risk aversion? The unexpected effects of a property titling program (with Oswaldo Molina and Ingo Leon-Outes), forthcoming at *World Development*
2. National vs. Local parties: does it matter? (with Ricardo Pique and Alexey Makarin), forthcoming at *Journal of Development Economics*
3. Credit Lines in Microfinance: Evidence from an Indian Field Experiment (with Alex Karaivanov and Karuna Krishnaswamy) forthcoming at the *Journal of Development Economics*

4. Climate Change and Agriculture: Farmer Responses to Extreme Heat (with Juan Pablo Rud and Francisco Oteiza), forthcoming at the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*
5. Better the Devil You Know? Re-elected Politicians and Policy Outcomes Under no Term Limits, *Public Choice* 82, pp.1-16, 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11127-019-00665-9>
6. Property rights on First Nations' reserve land, forthcoming at the *Canadian Journal of Economics* (with Anke Kessler)
7. "Mining, local employment, and gender: evidence from the closure of UK coal mines", *Labour Economics* 52, pp. 54-67, 2018 (with Juan Pablo Rud and Gerhard Toews)
8. "Particulate matter and labor supply: the role of caregiving and non-linearities", *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management* 86, pp. 295-330, 2017 (with Juan Jose Miranda and Paulina Oliva)
9. "Polluting Industries and Agricultural Productivity: Evidence from Mining in Ghana", *Economic Journal* 126 (527) pp. 1980-2011, 2016 (with Juan Pablo Rud),
10. "Do better property rights improve local income?: evidence from First Nations' treaties", *Journal of Development Economics* 116, pp. 43-56, 2015
11. "Why do parties use primaries? Political selection versus candidate incentives?", *Public Choice* 160(1), 2014.
12. "Natural Resources and Local Communities: Evidence from a Peruvian Gold Mine", *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy* 5(2), May 2013. (with Juan Pablo Rud)
 - Re-printed in F.Van der Ploeg and A. Venables eds. *The Economics of Resource Rich Economies* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar), 2015.
13. "Local Spending, Transfers, and Costly Tax Collection", *National Tax Journal* 66(2), 343-370, June 2013
14. "Candidate Nomination Procedures and Quality of Government", *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy (contributions)* 13(2), 783-810, 2013

WORKING PAPERS

15. Are small farms really more productive than large farms? (with Diego Restuccia and Juan Pablo Rud), NBER working paper w26331, *submitted*

WORK IN PROGRESS

16. Weather, Productivity and Factor Misallocation: Evidence from Ugandan Farmers (with Juan Pablo Rud)
17. The unexpected effects of traffic controls: evidence from the "Pico y Placa" program (with Juan Jose Miranda and Rodrigo Azuero)

18. The Greta Thunberg Effect: does environmental awareness promote `green` behavior? (with Shirleen Manzur and Boxi Yang)
19. No need to work under the heat: how does extreme temperature affect time allocation decisions? (with Minoru Higa)
20. Does diversification reduce the costs of resource exhaustion? Evidence from the collapse of the UK coal mining industry (with Juan Pablo Rud and Gerhard Toews)
21. Misallocation of labor on First Nations' reserves.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

22. "The Local Economic Impacts of Resource Abundance: What Have We Learned?" (with Punam Chuhan-Pole and Bryan C. Land), in *Socioeconomic Impact of Mining on Local Communities in Africa*, World Bank Group, Report No. ACS14621, June 2015
23. "Capacidades técnicas y gasto local: el caso de las municipalidades peruanas", *Perspectivas* 7(1) pp. 89-113, Bogota: Andean Development Corporation (CAF), 2009 [Title in English: Local Governments' Technical Capacity and Performance: Evidence from Peruvian Municipalities]. (with Carlos Casas)
24. *Aterrizaje minero. Cultura, conflicto, negociaciones y lecciones para el desarrollo desde la minería en Ancash, Peru*, by Vladimir R. Gil. Reviewed in: *Apuntes* 37(68), 2011, Lima: Universidad del Pacifico, pp. 283-285 [Title in English: Mining landing. Culture, conflict, negotiations and lessons for development: the case of mining in Ancash, Peru.]
25. "The Effect of First Nations Modern Treaties on Local Income", E-brief, policy report, C.D. Howe Institute, October 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Natural Resource Economics, 3rd year undergraduate level, SFU
- Intermediate Microeconomics, 2nd year undergraduate level, SFU
- Development Economics, 4th year undergraduate and graduate level, SFU
- Political Economy, 4th year undergraduate level, SFU
- Directed readings on Environment and Development.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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| 2015- | Short term consultant, World Bank |
| 2007 | Consultant, Oxera Consulting, UK |
| 2005 | Project Manager, APOYO Consultoria, Peru |
| 2003-2004 | Senior Consultant, APOYO Consultoria, Peru |
| 2002-2003 | Junior Economist, Secretariat of Public Management, Office of the Prime Minister of Peru |
| 2001-2002 | Research Assistant, Group of Analysis for Development, Peru |

HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS:

- 2018-2021 SSHRC Insight Grant, main applicant, CAD 81,454
- 2017 Small SSHRC grant, main applicant, CAD 7,000
- 2014 SSHRC-SFU VPR 4A grant, main applicant, CAD 9,100
- 2014 Small SSHRC grant, main applicant, CAD 7,000
- 2013 Albert Berry prize, granted by the Canadian Development Economics Study Group (CDESG) for the paper “Polluting Industries and Agricultural Productivity: Evidence from Mining in Ghana”.
- 2011 International Growth Centre (IGC) Research Grant, “Mining and Living Standards in Ghana”, co-applicant with Juan Pablo Rud, GBP 23,650
- 2011 Metropolis Grant, “Initial Housing Conditions and Immigrants Integration”, main applicant, CAD 15,000
- 2010 Endowed Research Fellowship, SFU, CAD 5,000
- 2010 President’s Research Start-Up Grant, SFU, CAD 17,500
- 2007 Departmental Teaching Prize, Department of Economics, LSE
- 2006-2010 Dorothy Hodgkin Postgraduate Award, scholarship awarded every year to 2 PhD students of any field at LSE
- 2005-2006 LSE Research Studentship
- 2005 Michio Morishima Grant
- 2004-2005 Chevening Scholarship, granted by UK Foreign Office
- 2000 Jan Tinbergen Scholarship, granted by Nuffic

LANGUAGES

English (fluent spoken and written), Spanish (native), French and Italian (basic).

INVITED CONFERENCES/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS (including scheduled)

- 2019 Canadian Economic Association meeting, Universidad del Pacifico
- 2017 Weatherhead Centre –Harvard, Northwest Development Conference, Project on Resources, Development, and Governance (PRDG) Conference at UCLA, Northwest Development Workshop (SFU)
- 2016 WEAI meetings, University of Delaware, University of Houston, Southern Methodist University, World Bank (Poverty and Applied Micro), George Washington University, Universidad del Pacifico, Northwest Development Workshop (Seattle)
- 2015 University of Toronto, York University, McMaster University, NEUDC (Brown), University of British Columbia (Food and Land)
- 2014 University of British Columbia, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, CEA meeting, Pompeu Fabra, Carlos III Madrid, University of Victoria, NEUDC (Boston)
- 2013 BREAD/World Bank, CEA meeting, University of Washington

- 2012 CEA meeting, NEUDC (Dartmouth), University of Calgary, Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE)-World Bank (discussant). PACDEV (UC Davis)
- 2011 ASSA Meeting, Canadian Economic Association meeting, Centrum Catolica, NEUDC (Yale), University of British Columbia, University of Victoria.
- 2010 University of Alicante, University Pompeu Fabra, SITE, Notre Dame, University of Houston, Simon Fraser University, LACEA Political Economy Group meeting, Public Economics UK Workshop, Erasmus Workshop in Political Economy, LACEA meeting, University of Miami.
- 2009 EEA Meeting (Barcelona), Universidad de Piura.
- 2008 ASSET Conference (EUI), LACEA Meeting, Nordic Conference in Development Economics (Stockholm University), Public Economic UK workshop.
- 2005 LACEA meeting (Paris).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Graduate thesis supervision (main supervisor)

- Ongoing Minoru Higa, Boxi Yang and Shirleen Manzur (PhD),
- 2020 Jacquelyn Draper (Master)
Placement: Queens University (Economics), PhD program
- 2015 Catherine Michaud-Leclerc (Master)
Placement: University of Toronto (Economics), PhD program

PhD Thesis committees (external or internal members)

- 2019 Shiqu Zhou (SFU), internal member.
- 2017 Natt Hongdilokkul (SFU), internal member.
- 2017 Juan Morales (Universidad of Toronto, Economics), external examiner.
- 2016 Tenzin Yindok (SFU), internal member.
- 2014 Yunrong Li (Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Economics), external member.
- 2014 Ideen Riahi (SFU), internal member.

External committees and conference organization

- 2017 Local organizer of the Northwest Development Workshop.
- 2013- Executive Committee Member, Canadian Development Economics Study Group (CDESG).
- 2013 Scientific Committee of the Research in Economic Development (RECODE) meetings
- 2012 Scientific Committee of the LACEA meetings.

Departmental committees

- 2019-2020 Seminars Committee, Simon Fraser University
- 2017-2018 Tenure and Promotion Committee, Simon Fraser University
- 2016-2017 Nominations Committee, Simon Fraser University
- 2014-2015 Seminars Committee, Simon Fraser University
- 2013-2014 Appointments Committee, Simon Fraser University
- 2011-2012 Tenure and Promotion Committee, Simon Fraser University
- 2010-2011 Appointments Committee, Simon Fraser University

Referee for: *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Public Economics, Economic Journal, Science, Scandinavian Journal of Economics, Journal of Environmental Economics and Management, Public Choice, World Development, Economics Letters, International Tax and Public Finance, Public Budgeting and Finance, Estudios Económicos, Economics and Business Letters, Economic and Politics, International Review of Administrative Sciences, Extractive Industries and Society, Canadian Journal of Economics, Food Policy.*

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