

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Development Economics, Global Health Economics, Labor Economics

EDUCATION

- **University of Michigan**
 - *Ph.D. Candidate in Economics* 2023–Present
- **University of Michigan**
 - *M.A. in Economics (Pathway to Ph.D.)* 2025
- **Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP)**
 - *B.Sc. in Economics* 2013–2018

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **University of Michigan**
 - *Research Assistant* 2024–2025
 - PI: Emma Riley. Project on adolescent girls’ economic and social empowerment in Tanzania (2025).
 - PI: Elisa Maffioli. Projects on malaria vaccines and fake drugs in Africa (2024–2025).
- **Duke University**
 - *Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow* 2020–2023
 - PIs: Erica Field, Robert Garlick, and Katherine Vyborny. Projects in Peru and Pakistan on health, gender, labor markets, and survey methodology.
- **Innovations for Poverty Action**
 - *Senior Research Associate* 2018–2020
 - Peru. PIs: Erica Field, Livia Schubiger, and Javier Romero. Projects on health and gender-based violence.
 - Paraguay. PI: Nathan Fiala. Projects on poverty and financial inclusion.

WORKING PAPERS

- Imprecise Beliefs About Malaria Infection Risk and Vaccine Protection in Ghana (Third-Year Paper). Draft available upon request.
- Are Insiders or Community Leaders Effective in Identifying Intimate Partner Violence? With Erica Field. Draft available upon request.
- Text Messaging for Mental Health Management During the COVID-19 Pandemic. With Erica Field, Daniel Hurtado, and Javier Romero. Draft available upon request.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Enhancing Women’s Safety in Public Spaces: Training Community Volunteers to Reduce Gender-Based Violence in Peru. With Marcia Ruiz and Guiliana Campos. Fieldwork preparation.
- Sustaining Public Infrastructure: A Gender-Informed Behavioral Intervention for Housing Maintenance in Peru. With Marcia Ruiz and Emily Saavedra. Baseline completed.
- Targeting Men to Reduce Domestic Violence: An Evaluation of Men for Equality. With Erica Field. Endline fieldwork preparation.
- Sustaining Shared Urban Sanitation in Uganda. With Marcia Ruiz and Laston Manja. Fieldwork preparation.
- Higher Education Reforms and Political Outcomes. With Leah Lakdawala and Fabiola Alba.
- The Price of Safety: The Effects of Extortion on Small-Scale Entrepreneurship in Peru. With Gabby Lecaro.
- Formal Savings Adoption Among Vulnerable Populations in Colombia: Evidence from Banca de las Oportunidades Intervention. With Tommaso Crosta. Fieldwork preparation.
- Providing Real-Time, Accurate Data to Increase Malaria Vaccine Completion Rates in Ghana. With Jessica Cohen and Elisa Maffioli. Baseline stage.
- Mitigating the Impact of Health and Climate Shocks on School Performance in Malawi: The Role of School Management Structures. With Laston Manja.
- Evaluating OCP Nigeria’s Farm & Fortune Hubs and OCP School Lab. With Nilesh Fernando. Desing stage.
- School Feeding and Human Capital Development in Peru. With Muchin Bazan and Shahadath Hossain.

PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

- Acosta, G. and P. Francke. 2021. “Impact of the Qali Warma School Feeding Program on Chronic Child Malnutrition.” *Apuntes*.
- Acosta, G. and P. Francke. 2020. “Impact of Micronutrients ‘Sprinkles’ on Chronic Childhood Malnutrition in Peru.” *Revista Médica Herediana*.

POLICY NOTES

- Acosta, G., E. Field, H. Khan, and K. Vyborny. 2023. *Lockdowns and Learning Outcomes: Insights from 10th Grade Examination Results in Pakistan*. C-19 Notes, PEDL.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative (CVI), Pre-Approval, *Sexual Harassment in Peru*. Lead PI with Marcia Ruiz — USD \$50,000 (2026)
- Sexual Violence Research Initiative (SVRI), *Sexual Harassment in Peru*. Lead PI with Marcia Ruiz and Pedro Francke — USD \$100,000 (2026).
- Weiss Fund, *Sexual Harassment in Peru*. — USD \$25,000 (2025).
- University of Michigan PACLSHR, *Sexual Harassment in Peru*. — USD \$6,000 (2025).
- Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, *Sexual Harassment in Peru*. — USD \$1,500 (2025).
- Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, *Extortion in Peru*. Co-PI with Gabby Lecaro— USD \$1,500 (2025)
- Sylff Research Grant, *Sustaining Public Infrastructure in Peru*. Lead-PI with Marcia Ruiz — USD \$10,000 (2025).
- Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, *Sustaining Public Infrastructure in Peru*. Co-PI with Marcia Ruiz— USD \$1,500 (2025).
- Marshall Weinberg Population, Development and Climate Change Fellowship, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, *Sustaining Public Infrastructure in Peru*. Lead- PI with Marcia Ruiz — USD \$8,500 (2025).
- International Growth Centre (IGC) Grant, *Sustaining Shared Urban Sanitation in Uganda*. Lead PI with Marcia Ruiz and Laston Manja — USD \$28,500 (2025).
- Unlock Aid Bridge Fund, *Ghana Malaria Vaccine Adherence RCT*. Co-Investigator with Jessica Cohen and Elisa Maffioli — USD \$50,000 (2025).
- Open Road Alliance Loan, *Ghana Malaria Vaccine Adherence RCT*. Co-Investigator with Jessica Cohen and Elisa Maffioli — USD \$170,000 (2025).
- Anonymous Foundation, *Ghana Malaria Vaccine Adherence RCT*. Co-Investigator with Jessica Cohen and Elisa Maffioli — USD \$1,390,000 (2025).
- Economic and Social Research Consortium (CIES/USAID), *Peruvian Public Health System: A Machine Learning Approach*. With Pedro Francke — USD \$5,000 (2020).
- National Institute of Statistics and Information (INEI), *The Effects of Social Programs on Malnutrition* — USD \$7,000 (2019).
- Superintendence of Banks, Insurance and PFAs, Scholarship for Advanced Economics Program (2018).
- PUCP Economics Department, First Place in Research Paper Thesis Competition (2018).
- International Student Exchange Program Scholarship, Australian National University — AUD \$5,000 (2017).

PRESENTATIONS

- University of Ghana School of Public Health Seminar. “Imprecise Beliefs About Malaria Infection Risk and Vaccine Protection in Ghana.” October 2025.
- Empirical Study of Gender (EGEN) Pakistan Workshop II, CERP. “Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Labor Market: Pakistan.” March 2022.
- DevLab Seminar, Duke University. “Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Labor Market: Pakistan.” November 2021.
- Presentation of pilot results of a group-based treatment to Peru’s Minister of Women. Lima, Peru. February 2020.
- CIES Annual Research Seminar. With Pedro Francke and Diego Quispe. “At the Other Extreme: Does the Qali Warma Program Increase the Incidence of Overweight and Obesity in Boys and Girls Between the Ages of 3 and 5?” November 2020.

CURRENT COLLABORATIONS

- Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations, Peru, 2018–Present
- Ministry of Housing, Construction, and Sanitation, Peru, 2024–Present
- Ministry of Housing, Construction, and Sanitation, Peru, 2024–Present
- Ghana Health Services, Ghana, 2025–Present
- Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development, Uganda, 2025–Present
- Kampala Capital City Authority, Uganda, 2025–Present
- Banca de las Oportunidades, Colombia, 2026–Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **University of Michigan**
 - *Teaching Assistant, Economics 101* 2024–2026
- **Pontifical Catholic University of Peru**
 - *Adjunct Professor, Thesis Seminar I* 2026
- **Pontifical Catholic University of Peru**
 - *Teaching Assistant, Macroeconomics* 2018

SKILLS

- **Software:** Stata, R, Julia, Python, Matlab, SurveyCTO, Qualtrics, L^AT_EX
- **Languages:** Spanish (native), English (professional proficiency), Chinese (basic proficiency)