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Recent Research Grants

2015-2017 National Institute of Health (with Erica Field)

2016-2017 National Science Foundation (with Angelino Viceisza)

- 2014-2016 European Commission (EU\$ 2.5 million). Improving the Effectiveness of Policies and Strategic Investments in the Fertilizer Supply Chain for Some African Countries Taking into Account the Global- and Country-Level Market Structure and Constraints
- 2014-2016 European Commission (EU\$ 2 million). Assessing Regional Food Reserves to Increase Resilience: Their Role in Safety Nets and in Reducing Price Volatility
- 2014-2016 CGIAR Policy Institutions and Markets (US\$ 5 million)
- 2014-2016 USAID (US\$ 3 million). Latin American Strategy
- 2013-2016 European Commission (US\$ 4 million). Food security
- 2013-2016 Swiss Development Cooperation (US\$ 2.2 million). Food Security India
- 2013-2017 Millennium Challenge Corporation (US\$ 1 million). Impact Evaluation of Rural Electrification and Roads in El Salvador
- 2012-2015 DFID (US\$ 1 million). Aflatoxin and Child Stunting
- 2013-2014 IADB (US\$ 600K). Impact of Rust Coffee in Central America
- 2013-2014 CAF (US\$ 600K). Rural Development and Poverty Reduction in Andean Countries: The Case of Peru

Professional Experience

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- 1999- **Associate Professor** (Currently on leave). Universidad del Pacífico Economics Department, Postgraduate School. Industrial Organization and Uncertainty and Risk.
- 1994-1997 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Economics, UCLA. Graduate Level Econometric Software Applications. Intermediate Microeconomics, Econometrics.
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Research

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- 2019- *Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*
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- 2010- *Center for Development Research, University of Bonn (ZEF)*
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- 1997- *Group of Analysis for Development (GRADE)*
- Member of the Board of Directors
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- 2001-2003 *Georg Foster von Humboldt Fellow*

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- 1998-2000 *Center for Development Research (ZEF)-University of Bonn (Invited Fellow)*
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Professional Associations and Advisory Councils

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- 2014 Chevalier de l'Ordre du M'erite Agricole
- 2002 Award for Outstanding Research on Development given by The Global Development Network (GDN). The selection committee was chaired by

- Nicolas Stern, and consisted of Francois Bourguignon, Mashiro Kawai, Nancy Birdsall, Jose Maria Fanelli y Fernando Loayza
- 2000 Award for Outstanding Research on Development given by The Global Development Network (GDN). The selection committee was chaired by Joseph E. Stiglitz, and consisted of Nancy Birdsall, Francois Bourguignon, Takatoshi Ito and Amartya Sen
- 2000-2001 Georg Foster Research Fellowship of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation
- 1997-1998 University of California Dissertation Year Fellowship 1997-98
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- 1990 Honorific Mention on Bachelors and Licenciatura Dissertations
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In Latin America: Bolivia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay, Dominic Republic, Chile, Argentina, and Brazil

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