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Development economist combining structural estimation with high-frequency data. Research Professional with James J. Heckman (U. of Chicago); builder of Qhawarina, a real-time open-data platform for Peru.

Education

University of Chicago, M.A. in Public Policy (Harris School)	2024–2025
Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, B.A. Economics, honors, GPA 3.9/4.0	2013–2017
Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería, Diplomas in Applied Econometrics & Finance	2018

Experience

Research Professional , Center for the Economics of Human Development, U. of Chicago	2024–present
- Work with Prof. James J. Heckman on early-childhood skill formation and economic preferences; structural model (R&R, <i>Journal of Labor Economics</i>). - Build estimation and data pipelines in Stata, R, and Python; present results to academic and policy audiences.	
Research Analyst / Assistant , International Monetary Fund (MCM Department)	2020–2023
- Co-authored IMF Working Paper on ethnic gaps and growth in Peru; built cross-country panels on political instability and macro outcomes (180+ countries). - Supported country missions to Sweden, South Africa, and Caribbean nations.	
Research Consultant , Inter-American Development Bank	2019–2020
Pre-Doctoral Fellow , Georgetown University (McDonough) — ML/NLP on U.S. legislative records	2023–2024

Independent Project

Qhawarina — real-time open-data platform tracking 42,000+ products and daily economic indicators across Peru's 25 regions; nowcasts of GDP and inflation built from web-scraped prices. cesarchavezp29.github.io/projects/qhawarina

Selected Research

- Relating Cognitive Skills and Personality Traits to Economic Preferences (with Feng, Heckman, Yang) — *R&R, Journal of Labor Economics*.
- Commodity Booms and Violent Conflict — *under review, American Journal of Political Science*.
- Electoral Pressure and Political Lying — *under review, World Politics*.
- Import Liberalization, Not Export Expansion — *under review, Journal of International Economics*.
- Peer-reviewed work in *Mineral Economics, Journal of Economics, Race & Policy, Review of Economics, Foreign Trade Review*.

Skills

Programming: Stata, R (advanced); Python, Matlab (proficient). **Methods:** structural estimation, panel econometrics, causal inference, IV, machine learning, NLP. **Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent).