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Research Interests	Environmental, Labor, Development, and Urban Economics		
Doctoral Studies	Simon Fraser University (SFU) Ph.D. in Economics		Canada (Expected completion 2023)
Prior Education	University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) Tilburg University (cum laude) Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru (PUCP)	M.A. in Economics MSc. in Economics BSc. in Economics	2015 2011 2008
References	Prof. Fernando Aragon faragons@sfu.ca +1(778)782-9107	Prof. Hendrik Wolff h.wolff@lse.ac.uk +1(510)220-7961	Prof. Kevin Schnepel kevin_schnepel@sfu.ca +1(303)520-6816
Publications	<p>“The Persistent Effects of COVID-19 on Labor Outcomes: Evidence from Peru” with Carlos Ospino and Fernando Aragon. <i>Applied Economics Letters</i>, 2022.</p>		
Research in Progress	<p>“Traffic Congestion and Labor Supply: Evidence from Smartphone Big Data in Mexico.” JOB MARKET PAPER.</p> <p>“Who Works Outdoors? Implications for Climate Change and Pandemics using Machine Learning and Text-as-Data” with Jose Incio and Carlos Ospino.</p> <p>“Unexpected Population Growth and Environmental Quality: Evidence from Facebook Data in Colombia” with Pablo Ordonez and Julieth Santamaria.</p> <p>“COVID-19 and the Amazon Rainforest” with Jerico Fiestas and Javier Montoya.</p> <p>“Is it Too Hot to Work? Evidence from Peru.”</p>		
Prior Research Experience	SFU , Research Assistant (Prof. F. Aragon, Prof. P. Mouganie) Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) , Research Consultant IDB and GRADE , Research Consultant International Labor Organization (ILO) , Research Consultant Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA) , Intern Ministry of Labor , Research Advisor to the Deputy Minister Carleton University , Research Assistant (Prof. A. Dammert) PUCP , Research Assistant (Prof. J. Rodriguez)		2018 – 2021 2016 – 2017 2013 – 2014 2012 – 2013, 2014 2012 2011 – 2012 2009 – 2010 2008 – 2010
Teaching Experience	Instructor , <i>Simon Fraser University</i> • ECON260: Environmental Economics		2022

Teaching Assistant, Simon Fraser University

2017 – Present

- ECON836: Applied Econometrics
- ECON334: Data Visualization and Economic Analysis
- ECON333: Statistical Analysis of Economic Data
- ECON383: Environmental Economics and Policy
- ECON260: Environmental Economics
- ECON220W: Communications in Economics
- ECON201: Microeconomic Theory I: Competitive Behavior
- ECON103: Principles of Microeconomics

Presentations at Conferences	CREEA Annual Conference, TWEEDS.	2022
	UNU-WIDER Development Conference, NAREA Annual Meeting, Canadian Economics Association (CEA) Annual Meeting, CIREQ conference for Climate Change.	2021
	Environment for Development (EfD) Annual Meeting, SEEDS Annual Workshop.	2020
	UC Berkeley/Sloan Summer School in Environmental and Energy Economics (Egg-timer presenter).	2019
Honors, Grants and Scholarships	Shiva and Elizabeth Nanda Fellowship, <i>SFU</i>	2022
	GSS Professional Development Grant, <i>SFU</i>	2022
	SFU Data Fellowships: AI Essentials Grant, <i>SFU</i>	2021
	Lang Wong Memorial Endowment Scholarship, <i>SFU</i>	2020
	Student Community Engagement Competition Grant, <i>SFU</i>	2020, 2022
	Travel and Research Award, <i>SFU</i>	2020, 2022
	Graduate Fellowship, <i>SFU</i>	2017 – 2022
	Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship, <i>SFU</i>	2017
	Departmental Andron Fellowship, <i>UCSB</i>	2014 – 2015
	Departmental Block Grant Fellowship, <i>UCSB</i>	2014 – 2015
Tilburg University Scholarship	2010 – 2011	
Annual Research Grant Contest, <i>1st place, CIES and IDRC</i>	2009	
Young Environmental Envoy, <i>thesis finalist, UNEP-Bayer</i>	2008	
Computing Skills	R, Python, SQL, GIS, Amazon AWS, Stata, and LaTeX	
Languages	English (fluent), Spanish (native)	
Volunteering and Engagement	Mentor: Econthaki 's mentoring program to promote diversity in economic research in LAC.	2022
	Co-organizer and grant writer: Math Walks , Empowering the village , Connecting to Indigenous Culture .	2020, 2022
	Diverse roles: mentoring microentrepreneurs of scarce resources (<i>Accion Emprendedora</i>), help spreading scholarship information for low-income students (<i>Ankay</i>), building dwellings for poor families in Chile (<i>Techo</i>).	Before Ph.D.