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PERSONAL INFORMATION Place of birth: Tarija, Bolivia
Date of birth: April 15th, 1988
ID number/Passport: 3452306
Civil Status: Single

EDUCATION **The University of Nottingham**, Nottingham, United Kingdom
2015-2016
MSc in Economics and Development Economics (Merit)
Dissertation: Inter-household transfers for the elderly and crowding out: evidence from a natural experiment

Bolivian Catholic University, La Paz, Bolivia
2008-2012
Licenciatura in Economics
Thesis: Pro poor growth in Bolivia, An Approximation to Changes in Poverty as Measured by Household Consumption Data 2005-2009 (Honours Mention)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE **Researcher and lecturer**
JAN/2017-present

Institute for Social and Economic Research-Bolivian Catholic University

- Give lectures on welfare economics and social choice.
- Coordinate the research line on social justice, poverty and inequality.
- Manage research projects.

UNDP volunteer

NOV/2016-JAN/2017

UNDP Bolivia-Human Development Index Project

- Wrote a manuscript about informality measurement, defining further categories that could bring a better description of the informal workers and a separation criteria between voluntary and involuntary self-employment.
- Contributed to the analysis of poverty transition using a methodology based on synthetic panels.

Junior researcher

JAN/2013-SEP/2014 and JAN/2015-APR/2015

Institute for Advanced Development Studies (INESAD), La Paz, Bolivia

- Provided research assistantship to the senior researcher on welfare and labour economics.

- Co-authored papers on labour market topics.
- Evaluated NGO's programs in public health.

**Economist III- macroeconomic analyst, short-term consultant in the study
“Population vulnerability to the risk of disaster in Bolivia”**

OCT/2014-DEC/2014

Economic and Social Policy Analysis Unit (UDAPE) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), La Paz, Bolivia

- Provided assistance with the literature review and the report redaction on social vulnerability to disasters.

Assistant researcher

APR/2012 - DEC/2012

ARU Foundation, La Paz, Bolivia

- Supervised survey data collection for the randomized evaluation of two government programs:
 - (i) Adult alphabetization program “*Yo si Puedo*” in the department of Chuquisaca, Bolivia
 - (ii) Productive Individual Loans Program of the Bank for Productive Development (BDP) in the department of Cochabamba, Bolivia

Intern

FEB/2011-NOV/2011

Development Strategies and Public Policy Vice Presidency (VEDPP), CAF Latin American Development Bank, La Paz, Bolivia

- Supplied the country economist and the representative director with information about the politic, social and economic situation in Bolivia, Chile and Paraguay.
- Processed debt sustainability indicators for Bolivia, Chile and Paraguay.
- Assisted the redaction of monthly and biannual institutional reports for Bolivia, special context notes, special sector reports (social and financial sector) for Bolivia, Chile and Paraguay.

**FELLOWSHIPS
AND AWARDS**

Chevening Scholarship

SEP/2015-SEP/2016

Scholarship for study at Masters level in the United Kingdom.

Teaching assistantship

first semester 2010

Macroeconomics I, economics department, Bolivian Catholic University, La Paz, Bolivia.

Teaching assistantship

First and Second Semester 2010

Macroeconomics II, economics department, Bolivian Catholic University, La Paz, Bolivia.

**WRITTEN
RESEARCH
WORK**

Gonzales R., López R. and Mariscal M. (2015) [Part of the support team] Population

vulnerability to the risk of disaster in Bolivia (in Spanish). UNFPA/UDAPE, La Paz.
http://www.udape.gob.bo/portales_html/doc_maroco/vulnerabilidad/doc%20UNFPA%202016_lite.pdf

Muriel, B. and Vera H. (2015) Cycles versus Trends: The Effects of Economic Growth on Earnings in Bolivia. Development Research Working Paper Series 08/2015. INESAD, La Paz <http://www.inesad.edu.bo/index.php/es/publicaciones/documentos-de-trabajo/1303-wp08-2015>

Vera D. and Rocha P. (2014) [Research assistantship] When the women are the ones who rule: the role of savings in female empowerment (in Spanish). Development Research Working Paper Series 06/2014. INESAD, La Paz http://www.inesad.edu.bo/pdf/wp2014/wp06_2014.pdf

Vera H. (2012) Pro-Poor Growth in Bolivia (in Spanish). Presented in the BCDE 2012 http://www.inesad.edu.bo/bcde2012/papers/59.%20Vera_CrecimientoProPobreBolivia.pdf

Vera H. (2009) The orientation of public holiday politics in the government of the Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (in Spanish). In: Bridikhina E. coord. *public festivities: construction of public spirit and festive politics*. IEB/ASDI, La Paz.

OTHER SKILLS **Software**

AND Stata, Eviews, Matlab, R, L^AT_EX, Office (Word, Power Point, Excel, Outlook).

INTERESTS OS: Microsoft Windows.

Languages

Spanish, Native

English, Fluent

TOEFL (Oct/2013) SP 23 WR 24 LI 30 RE 28

IELTS (Jun/2015) SP 7.0 WR 6.0 LI 7.5 RE 7.5

French, Elementary

DELF A1 (2010)

Research Interests

Development microeconomics, agricultural economics, household economics, labour economics, behavioural economics, micro-econometrics, randomized control trials, experimental methods.