# Claude Lopez, PhD

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## Dynamic Leader in Strategic Transformation | Expertise in Economic Analysis and Policy

I have a proven track record of driving innovative analytical and policy programs, building high-performing multidisciplinary teams, and leveraging data to inform strategic decisions. I excel in building relationships, motivating teams, and inspiring confidence in diverse stakeholders. I am passionate about articulating a clear vision and developing data-driven strategies to accomplish organizational goals.

## **Core Competencies**

- Multi-disciplinary Team Building & Leadership
- Program Development & Strategy
- Change Management
- Agile Critical Thinking

- Data-Driven Strategies & Decisions
- Persuasive Communication
- Top-Level Public & Private Sector Relationships
- Economic Policy Analysis

## **Key Achievements**

- Program Innovation and Leadership: Designed and implemented innovative analytical and thematic programs, driving organizational success through effective team building and leadership.
- **Organizational Transformation:** Restructured workflows and operations to align with the institutions' evolving goals, enhancing effectiveness in the US, France, and Australia.
- Data-Driven Impact: Delivered actionable insights influencing global and national policy decisions.
- **Strategic Collaboration**: Built productive partnerships with key stakeholders across public and private sectors, fostering mutual success.

## **Professional Experience**

Reserve Bank of Australia, Sydney, NSW, Australia, 2023 - present Head of the Research Department (Acting).

Deputy Head of the Financial Stability Department.

As a member of the Bank's executive team, my focus is on enhancing the policy decision-making process through strategic leadership, relevant analysis, and effective communication. I have led a transformative shift within the Financial Stability Department and, now, the Research Department, concentrating on:

• Establishing clear visions and priorities for the departments while developing tailored analytical and policy work programs. This has resulted in significant improvements in workflows and strengthened analytical capabilities and economic reasoning.

#### Key accomplishments include:

- Leading the RBA's biannual Financial Stability Review (FSR), transforming the overall
  process and content so it is fit for purpose. This included reducing its production time and
  length by 50%, while enhancing the economic narrative and improving the accuracy of
  media coverage.
- Fostering a culture of trust, open-mindedness, and empowerment, which helped the FS
  department achieve the highest scores in the 2024 public service employee engagement
  survey for the RBA.

#### Milken Institute (Think Tank), Santa Monica, CA, USA, 2014-2023

Head of the Research Department and Chief Research Officer Head of International Finance and Macroeconomics Research

Enhanced the role of research across the Institution and its impact, internally and externally, leading to new sponsorships, and analysis-driven engagement and outreach programs. I revitalized the Research Department by introducing a comprehensive strategic vision encompassing the Institute's three core areas: international finance and macroeconomics, health and regional economics. I led this transformation by:

- Building high-performing teams leveraging advanced analytics, such as machine learning and econometrics
- Developing innovative and pragmatic approaches to systemic risks and macroprudential policy, ESG investing, public health inequities, and the digital divide, combining in-depth analysis, engagements with thought-leaders, business executives and regulators, and public discussions at MI events.
- Communicating strategically depending on the targeted audiences, leveraging data visualization and adapted messaging.
- Revamping the Institute's two flagship publications and their analysis: the Global Opportunity Index and Best Performing Cities.

### Banque de France (Central Bank of France), Paris, France, 2010-2014

Division Deputy Head, Structural Policy Analysis Section Head, International Macroeconomics Senior Research Economist. International Macroeconomics Led economic research on national and global policy issues and provided policy recommendations. I enhanced the contribution of the analytical work to policy discussions on fiscal policy and structural reforms, labor markets, global imbalances, international trade, financial flows, exchange rates, competitiveness, global liquidity, international policy coordination, cross-border spillovers, and commodities. My efforts concentrated on:

- Uplifting the teams' research programs and analytical skills
- Representing the Bank at high-level international forums (ECB, G7, G20, IMF).
- Leading policy-relevant research and model developments to monitor economic trends.
- Coordinating task forces with IMF, ECB, OECD, and European institutions

## University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, USA, 2003-2010

Professor of Economics (tenured)

Expert in international finance, macroeconomics, and time series econometrics. My focus was on:

- Developing new statistical tools for small samples for improved assessment precisions when dealing with macroeconomic data
- Publishing numerous sole-authored articles in top academic journals and presenting at academic conferences,
- Teaching undergraduate and graduate classes and advising the UC Economic Association

#### **Additional Roles**

Co-Chair, T20 task force on financial stability and innovation, an G20 engagement group *Mentor*, Women in Banking and Finance, RBA, MI/Chief, BdF and UC

#### **Education**

**Doctor of Philosophy in Economics,** University of Houston, Houston, TX **Master of Science in Econometrics,** Toulouse School of Economics, Toulouse, France