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## EDUCATION

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**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
Ph.D., Public Policy (Candidate)

Chapel Hill, NC  
Expected May 2026

*Dissertation:* “Interpersonal Violence in Holistic and Partial Post-Conflict Contexts: Essays on Transitional Violence Incentives and Responses after Intrastate Wars”  
International Studies Association Dissertation Completion Fellow  
Saperstein Research Fellow, Wayne State University

M.A., Global Studies  
Rotary Peace Fellow, The Rotary Foundation

May 2021

**Universidad Nacional de Colombia**  
M.A., Political Studies  
Outstanding Graduate Student Fellowship, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

Bogota, Colombia  
May 2008

B.A., Political Science

June 2003

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International Security, Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding, Transitional Justice, International Development, Governance and Crime, Applied Quantitative Methods, Latin American Politics.

## RESEARCH

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### Peer-Reviewed Publications

“The Economic Spoiler’s Incentive: How Consent-Based Counternarcotics Policy Fueled Violence in Post-Conflict Colombia” *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*. Forthcoming.

“Building Partner Capacity: US Aid to Security Sector Actors” (with Patricia Sullivan and Nathan Marx). *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. October, 2024.

“Rediscovering Europe? The Aid Dilemmas During and After the Plan Colombia” (with Francisco Gutierrez Sanin). *Conflict, Security & Development* 8, no. 1 (2008): 71-107.

### Under Review

“A Dual-Arena: The Divergent Effects of Transitional Justice on Post-Conflict Violence.”

## In Progress

“Dual Arenas of Violence: Elite Bargaining, Local Insecurity, and the Conditions for Comprehensive Peace in Ongoing Civil Wars”

“Peace at the Center, Neglect at the Margins: A Synthetic Control Analysis of International Aid in Post-Agreement Colombia.”

“The Violent Spillover of Peace: Unintended Cross-Border Consequences of Peace Agreements in Colombia and Central America.”

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

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### External

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, The International Studies Association	2025
Research Fellowship, Saperstein Symposium, Wayne State University	2025
Travel Grant ISA Conference 2026, The International Studies Association	2025
Rotary Peace Fellowship, The Rotary Foundation	2019-2021
Peace and Security Top-Level Global Seminar, The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency -SIDA	2009

### Internal

The Philip and Jane Hammer Fund for Public Policy	2025
Experiential Learning Award	2025
The Graduate Student Transportation Grant	2025
Mellon Conference Travel Award, Institute for the Study of the Americas	2024
Stephens Family Fund for Graduate Student Excellence	2022
Professor Award for Outstanding Performance, Universidad Santo Tomas	2009
Outstanding Graduate Student Fellowship, Universidad Nacional de Colombia	2005-2007

## PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

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*“A Dual-Arena: The Divergent Effects of Transitional Justice on Post-Conflict Violence.”*

- Peace Science Society (International), University of Central Florida. November 2025.
- International Studies Association & International Security Studies Section, Johns Hopkins University. October 2025.
- Triangle Institute for Security Studies-New Faces, Duke & University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. September 2025.

*“The effects of Transitional Justice in Post-conflict violence.”*

- Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS-8), University of Kentucky. April 2025.

*“Targeting Peace: Civilian Risk and the Unintended Consequences of Counternarcotics Reform in Colombia.”*

- International Studies Association, University of Pittsburgh. October 2024.
- Carolinas Conflict Consortium, UNC-Chapel Hill. April 2024.

*“Post-Conflict and Murder in Colombia 2012-2020: Local Farmers on the Horns of a Dilemma.”*

- North Carolina Political Science Association, UNC-Wilmington. March 2023.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

#### *Teaching Fellow*

Global Policy Issues      Spring 2025, Spring 2024

#### *Teaching Assistant*

Data Literacy              Fall 2025

Global Policy Issues      Fall 2024, Spring 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021

Making Public Policy      Spring 2022

### Instructor of Record (Graduate and Undergraduate levels in Colombia)

Humanitarian Action, Universidad Nacional de Colombia (G & U)      2011 – 2016

Political Theory and Law, Universidad Santo Tomas (U)      2009 – 2010

Law Enforcement and Policing Policies (G), Escuela de Estudios Superiores de Policía      2009 – 2011

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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RTI International, *International Conflict and Transition Intern*      Summer 2020

USAID | Chemonics International, *Prevention Component Coordinator*      2016 - 2019

United Nations Development Program, *Specialist in Transitional Justice*      2009 - 2016

United Nations Development Program, *Consultant*      2009

Defensoria del Pueblo Colombia, *Research Assistant*      2005 - 2008

Presidencia de la Republica de Colombia, *Research Assistant*      2005

Defensoría del Pueblo Colombia, *Regional Coordinator*      2004 - 2005

Universidad de la Paz-MSD-CREDHOS, *Human Rights Researcher*      2003 - 2004

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

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### Ad Hoc Peer Reviewer

*International Journal of Drug Policy*, Present

### Volunteer Mentor

*American Political Science Association (APSA)*, APSA mentoring program, Present

### University Service:

Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Government, UNC-Chapel Hill (2020-2021).

### Professional Memberships:

American Political Science Association (APSA), International Studies Association (ISA), Peace Science Society (PSS), Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS), Institute for the Study of the Americas (UNC).

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), French (Proficient)

**Quantitative Methods:** Causal Inference (Difference-in-Differences, Synthetic Control), Interrupted Time Series (ITS), Advanced Regression.

**Software:** Stata, R.