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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) & Innovations for Poverty Action, Mexico (IPA Mexico) Predoctoral Fellow, Political Science	2022-2023
Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (USMEX) Predoctoral Fellow	2021-2022

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego — 2017 – Present
Ph.D Candidate in Political Science
Committee: Sebastian Saiegh (chair), Simeon Nichter, Rafael Fernández de Castro, James Fowler, Federica Izzo, Francisco Cantú (University of Houston)

George Mason University, M.A. International Security — 2017
Southwestern University, B.A. Political Science and Spanish — 2014

RESEARCH

Working Papers

- "From Drug Cartels to Criminal Enterprises: Government Crackdowns and Criminal Diversification Strategies"
- "Organized Crime and Violence Against Migrants in Mexico"
- "Supplemental Online Resources Improve Education in Political Methods" (with Leonardo Falabella, Alex Lange, Nicholas Smith, and Maureen Feeley) *Under review.*
- "Women Politicians Reduce Violence Against Women" (with Rachel Skillman and Angie Torres-Beltran)

Work in Progress

- *Crackdowns, Organized Crime Expansion, and Government Capture* (Dissertation Book-Style Project)
- "When 'El Chapo' Comes to Town: Organized Crime Expansion and Local Government Capture in Mexico"
- "Organized Crime Dynamics and Violence Against Elected Officials in Mexico"
- "Killing the Law: Understanding Why Criminal Organizations Assassinate Law Enforcement Officers"
- "Beyond 'Turf Wars': Understanding Criminal Conflicts as Strategic Warfare"

Original Data/Non-Peer Review

- Signoret, Patrick; Marco Alcocer; Cecilia Farfan-Mendez; Fernanda Sobrino, 2021, "Mapping Criminal Organizations in Mexico: State Panel 2007-2015", https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/N0KGCZ, Harvard Dataverse, V1.
    - In the media: El Financiero, [Mexico Today (by Reforma)](Mexico Today), IMER Noticias, Al Calor Politico, Cuestione

DATA PROJECTS

Mapping Criminal Organizations (MCO) (with Patrick Signoret, Fernanda Sobrino, Cecilia Farfan)
- Co-Founder and Lead Investigator
- *Supported by the Center for U.S.–Mexican Studies at UCSD, the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project, and the Data-Driven Social Science Initiative at Princeton University.*

PROFESSIONAL AND METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	2021
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research	2018
Summer Program on Mexican Political Institutions, Colegio de Mexico	2017
Combating Transnational Organized Crime in the Americas	2016

- *National Defense University, William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Studies*

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

NSF/APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), $9,580	2021-2022
Course Development and Instructional Improvement Program (CDIIP), *UCSD*, $25,000	2020

- with Leonardo Falabella, Alex Lange, and Nicholas Smith

Friends Fellowship, *Friends of the International Center, UCSD*	2019
Predoctoral Fellowship (Honorable Mention), *Ford Foundation*	2019
Conference Travel Grant, *APSA*	2019
Conference Travel Grant, *Universidad de los Andes and CIDE*	2018
Conference Travel Grant, *Society for Political Methodology*	2018
Field Research Grant, *Tinker Foundation and CILAS*	Summer 2018
Conference Travel Grant, *National Science Foundation*	2018
John A. Garcia ICPSR Scholarship, *Society for Political Methodology*	2018
Minority Fellowship Award, *American Political Science Association*	Spring 2018
Paul W. Drake Research Grant, *UCSD Political Science Department*	2018
Dean's Fellowship Merit Scholarship, *George Mason University*	2015-2016
HSF Scholar, *Hispanic Scholarship Fund*	2016

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Latin American Peace Science Society (LAPSS)	2022
Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research (SWMMR)	2021
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2021, 2022
American Political Science Association (APSA)	2019, 2020
Seminario para la Política de Drogas en América Latina, U. de los Andes and CIDE	2018
XXXV Annual Meeting of the Society for Political Methodology (Polmeth XXXV)	2018
11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshop (Polnet)	2018

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Agustina Paglayan and Francisco Garfias, *UCSD*	2019-2020
Enrique Desmond Arias, *Baruch College, CUNY*	Fall 2016, Fall 2019
Justice in Mexico, *University of San Diego*	2018
Center for Security Policy Studies, *Schar School of Government and Policy*	2016-2017
Office of National Drug Control Policy, *Executive Office of the President*	2016

TEACHING

[Foundations of Quantitative Research in Political Science](#) (Online learning resource)
- with Leonardo Falabella, Alexandra Lange, and Nick Smith
- Supported by UCSD's Office of the Executive Vice Chancellor (CDIIP Grant)

Teaching Assistant - Discussion Section Leader
- Political Inquiry (Research design/Intro to statistics)   2018, 2020, 2022
- Analyzing Current Security Problems   2020

Teaching Assistant
- International Politics and Security, *School of Global Policy and Strategy* (Master's Level)   2021
- Policy Making Processes, *School of Global Policy and Strategy* (Master's Level)   2019
- International Human Rights Law: Rights of Migrants   2022
- Corruption in Developing Countries   2021
- American Political Parties   2021
- Religion and Politics   2020
- Latin American Politics   2019
- Weapons of Mass Destruction   2019
- Comparative Politics of Latin America   2018
- US & Latin America: Political and Economic Relations   2018
- Race and Ethnicity in American Politics   2017

SERVICE

President, Graduate Student Council, UCSD Political Science Department   2018-2022
Reviewer, Journal of Illicit Economies and Development

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Computer Languages	R, Stata, QGIS, ArcGis (intermediate), Python (intermediate), LaTeX
Language	English (native), Spanish (native)