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EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego

2017 – Present

Ph.D in Political Science

Committee: Sebastian Saiegh (chair), James Fowler, Simeon Nichter, Rafael Fernández de Castro, Federiza Izzo, Francisco Cantú (University of Houston)

George Mason University, M.A. International Security

2017

Southwestern University, B.A. Political Science and Spanish

2014

WORKING PAPERS

- “From Drug Cartels to Criminal Enterprises: Government Crackdowns and Criminal Diversification Strategies”

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Mapping Criminal Organizations in Mexico” (with Patrick Signoret, Cecilia Farfán-Méndez, and Fernanda Sobrino)
- *Crackdowns, Organized Crime Expansion, and Government Capture* (Dissertation Book-Style Project)
- “Establishing Criminal Governance in New Territories: Organized Crime and Local Government Capture in Mexico”
- “Seeking Refuge, Finding Exploitation: Organized Crime and Migration Flows”
- “Killing Politicians: Organized Crime Dynamics and Violence Against Government Officials in Mexico”
- “Killing the Law: Understanding Why Organized Crime Assassinate Police Officers”
- “Do Supplemental Online Resources Improve Learning? Evidence from a Randomized Controlled Trial in an Undergraduate Political Methods Course”

DATA PROJECTS

Mapping Criminal Organizations (MCO) (with Patrick Signoret, Fernanda Sobrino, Cecilia Farfan)

- *Supported by the Center for U.S.–Mexican Studies at UCSD, the Empirical Studies of Conflict Project, and the Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice at Princeton University.*

Chicago Elections Project (as collaborator)

PROFESSIONAL AND METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)

2021

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

2018

Combating Transnational Organized Crime in the Americas

2016

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Southwest Workshop on Mixed-Methods Research (SWMMR)	2021
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2021
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
11 th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshop (Polnet)	2018

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

NSF/APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), \$9,580	2021-2022
Center for US-Mexican Studies, Research Fellow	2021-2022
Course Development and Instructional Improvement Program (CDIIP), UCSD, \$25,000	2020
• with Leonardo Falabella, Alex Lange, and Nicholas Smith	
Friends Fellowship, <i>Friends of the International Center, UCSD</i>	2019
Predoctoral Fellowship (Honorable Mention), <i>Ford Foundation</i>	2019
Conference Travel Grant, <i>APSA</i>	2019
Conference Travel Grant, <i>Universidad de los Andes and CIDE</i>	2018
Conference Travel Grant, <i>Society for Political Methodology</i>	2018
Field Research Grant, <i>Tinker Foundation and CILAS</i>	Summer 2018
Conference Travel Grant, <i>National Science Foundation</i>	2018
John A. Garcia ICPSR Scholarship, <i>Society for Political Methodology</i>	2018
Minority Fellowship Award, <i>American Political Science Association</i>	Spring 2018
Paul W. Drake Research Grant, <i>UCSD Political Science Department</i>	2018
Dean's Fellowship Merit Scholarship, <i>George Mason University</i>	2015-2016
HSF Scholar, <i>Hispanic Scholarship Fund</i>	2016

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Agustina Paglayan and Francisco Garfias, <i>UCSD</i>	2019, 2020
Enrique Desmond Arias, <i>Baruch College, CUNY</i>	Fall 2016, Fall 2019
Justice in Mexico, <i>University of San Diego</i>	2018
Center for Security Policy Studies, <i>Schar School of Government and Policy</i>	2016-2017
Office of National Drug Control Policy, <i>Executive Office of the President</i>	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	
• Analyzing Current Security Problems	Fall 2020
• Political Inquiry (Research design/Intro to statistics)	Spring 2020
• Political Inquiry (Research design/Intro to statistics)	Fall 2018
Teaching Assistant	
• International Politics and Security, <i>School of Global Policy and Strategy</i>	Spring 2021
• Policy Making Processes, <i>School of Global Policy and Strategy</i>	Winter 2019
• Corruption in Developing Countries	Fall 2021
• American Political Parties	Winter 2021
• Religion and Politics	Winter 2020
• Latin American Politics	Fall 2019
• Weapons of Mass Destruction	Spring 2019
• Comparative Politics of Latin America	Spring 2018

- US & Latin America: Political and Economic Relations
- Race and Ethnicity in American Politics

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 Winter 2018
 Fall 2017

SERVICE

President, Graduate Student Council, UCSD Political Science Department 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Computer Languages	R, Stata, QGIS, ArcGis (intermediate), Python (intermediate), L ^A T _E X
Language	English (native), Spanish (native)