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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics: Democratic Backsliding, Gender and Politics, Parties and Elections, Institutions, Latin American Politics

Research Methods: Time Series Cross Sectional Analysis, Hierarchical Linear Modeling, Survey Experiments

EDUCATION

Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI)

Ph.D. in Political Science

2020 - Present

Fields: Comparative Politics, Research Methods

Women's and Gender Studies Specialization

Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris - Sciences Po (Paris, France)

M.A. in International Development

2020

Concentrations: Latin American Studies and Human Rights

Intituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) (Mexico City, Mexico)

B.A. in International Relations

2019

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program, Time Series Analysis I

2021

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

“Democratic Backsliding” (with Erica Frantz, *Forthcoming*)

“Cheerleaders for Autocracy: Parliamentary Speech Making During Democratic Backsliding in Malawi and Zambia” (with Nikolaos Frantzeskakis and Michael Wahman, *Under review*)

“Who Supports the Authoritarian Incumbent? Elite Cohesion and Democratic Backsliding”

“Misogynists at Home and Feminists Abroad: How Anti-Democratic Leaders Use Gender Strategically”

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Midwest Political Science Association (paper, discussant)

Expected 2023

International Studies Association (paper)

Expected 2023

Authoritarian Political Systems Group Workshop (paper)

2022

“Cheerleaders for Autocracy: Parliamentary Speech Making During Democratic Backsliding in Malawi and Zambia” (with Nikolaos Frantzeskakis and Michael Wahman)

Wayne State U. Migration, Ethnicity and Race Conference (discussant) 2022

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING

Michigan State University, Department of Political Science

Quantitative Methods Teaching Fellow 2022-2023

Summer Training Grant 2021

Graduate Assistantship 2020 - Present

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

Academic Excellence Scholarship - Awarded to pursue undergraduate studies at ITAM 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University

Quantitative Methods Teaching Fellow 2022-2023

Support for graduate level Quantitative Methods courses.

Organization of a series of Quantitative Methods workshops using R language.

Instructor 2022

Programming in R language for Political Scientists Summer Course (Co-instructor)

Teaching Assistant

Introduction to Political Science, Dr. Erica Frantz 2021, 2022

Politics of Developing Areas, Dr. Erica Frantz 2021

Latin American Politics, Dr. Mariana Medina 2022

Special Topics in Political Science (U.S. Immigration), Dr. Mariana Medina 2020

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

Teaching Assistant

History of International Relations I, M.A. Gisela Adriana Carmona Rodríguez 2018

The Churchill School (Mexico City, Mexico)

Lecturer at the Churchill School Debate Seminar 2019

Mexican Debating Association (Mexico City, Mexico)

Junior Coach 2018

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Ethos Public Policy Lab (Mexico City) 2019

Final Report: "Pago por Resultados: de la promesa a la realidad", Ethos, November 2019

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (proficient), Italian (basic)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, Stata, HLM, LISREL, \LaTeX , Microsoft Office