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### EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Government, Cornell University, expected May 2017.  
Major field: Comparative Politics  
Minor field: Political Theory  
Dissertation Committee: Kenneth M. Roberts (chair), Sidney Tarrow, Gustavo Flores-Macías, and Thomas Pepinsky.
- M.A. Government, Cornell University, September 2014.
- B.A. Political Science and International Relations. Centro de Investigación y  
(Licenciatura) Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico. (With honors).

### DISSERTATION

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#### **“Uneven Strength of the Leviathan: Political Contention and Statebuilding in Mexico and Colombia”**

Why do states develop more effective authority in some parts of their territory and domains of governance than in others? My dissertation examines the historical origins of state (in)capacity in Mexico and Colombia from a subnational perspective. It presents a theoretical framework to explain variation in the state’s ability to perform core functions within its territory, centered on the sociopolitical composition of state-building coalitions and associated patterns of societal resistance during formative periods of the state. I test the argument using novel historical datasets compiled through extensive archival research in both countries and multiple qualitative secondary sources. Analysis of original, municipal-level data demonstrates that insurgent activity after the Mexican Revolution has had an enduring effect on the postrevolutionary state’s ability to exercise fiscal authority and monopolize violence. It also reveals that patterns of state capacity development in Colombia followed a partisan logic, with decisive periods of statebuilding under the Liberal Party leaving a legacy of lower institutional capacity in more Conservative areas. The study has important implications for our understanding of the process of statebuilding across geographic space, the origins of state capacity, and the political roots of institutional weakness.

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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“Authoritarian Legacies and Party System Stability in Mexico,” in Scott Mainwaring (ed.) *Party Systems in Latin America: Institutionalization, Decay, and Collapse*. Forthcoming. Cambridge University Press. (With Kenneth F. Greene).

“The Political Economy of the Minimum Wage: the United States and Latin America in Comparative Perspective.” In *From the Minimum Wage to a Decent Wage*. Edited by Miguel A. Mancera. Distrito Federal: Cal y Arena, 2016. (In Spanish)

“A Necessary Constitutional Change.” In *Social Fairness and Parliamentarism*. Edited by Ricardo Becerra. Distrito Federal: Siglo XXI Editores, 2012. (In Spanish)

## **WORK UNDER REVIEW OR IN PROGRESS**

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“Building the Modern State in Developing Countries: Understanding the Relationship between Order and Taxes with Evidence from Mexico.” (With Gustavo Flores-Macías)

“Insurgency, Partisan Cleavages, and the Geography of Taxation: Historical Evidence from Mexico and Colombia.”

“Conceptual and Empirical Approaches to the Uneven Strength of the State.”

“Order After Civil War: New Evidence on the Role of Rural Defense Militias in Postrevolutionary Mexico.”

“Strong States, Durable Regimes? A Reexamination with Evidence from Latin America.”

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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*Fletcher Jones Foundation*. 2016. Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship for the research project “Funding the Modern Leviathan: Understanding the Link between Public Safety and Taxation.” (With Professor Gustavo Flores-Macías).

*Mexico National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT)*. 2014-2016. Doctoral Fellowship.

*Cornell University, Department of Government*. 2015. The George Kahin Prize to the best beginning dissertation in the area of International Studies.

*Cornell University, Graduate School*. 2015. Research Travel Grant for field research in Mexico and Colombia.

*Social Science Research Council*. 2014. Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship.

*Fulbright U.S.-Mexico Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange*. 2011-2014. Fulbright Garcia-Robles Grant.

*Cornell University – Fletcher Jones Foundation*. 2013. Houston I. Flournoy Fellowship (with Professor Gustavo Flores-Macías).

*Tinker Foundation – Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University*. 2012. Tinker Foundation Grant to conduct field research in Mexico.

*Cornell University*. Sage Graduate Fellowship. 2011-2012 and 2016-2017.

*Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)*. 2004-2008. Seven Academic Excellence Prizes (based on GPA).

*Mexican Ministry of Public Education – IDP Education Australia.* 2007. Peace Scholarship Program, merit based award to study abroad. La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia.  
*La Trobe University, Australia – La Trobe Politics Society.* 2007. Annual Essay Prize for the most outstanding essay in the field of politics.

*Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE).* 2004. Best Admission Exam. Political Science and International Relations Program.

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## CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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*American Political Science Association Annual Conference.* 2016. “Uneven Strength of the Leviathan: Political Contention and State-Building in Mexico and Colombia.” Philadelphia, PA.

*American Political Science Association Annual Conference.* 2015. “State Unevenness and Political Order in Mexico.” San Francisco, CA.

*4th Annual Conference of the Sociology of Development Section of the American Sociological Association, Transformative Possibilities in the Global South.* 2015. “State Formation in Mexico and Colombia: Conceptual and Empirical Approaches to the Uneven Strength of the State.” Watson Institute, Brown University.

*Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress.* 2015. “The Historical Roots of Uneven State Capacity in Mexico and Colombia.” San Juan, PR.

*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference.* 2014. “Market Liberalism, Social Protection, and Traditional Party Survival in Latin America.” Chicago, IL.

*Friedrich Ebert Foundation and Instituto de Estudios para la Transición Democrática.* 2013. “Party Systems and Coalition Government in Latin America.” Invited speaker. Mexico City.

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant, *Comparative Politics of Latin America.*  
Faculty Instructor: Gustavo Flores-Macías, Cornell University, Spring 2014.

Teaching Assistant, *Politics and Markets.*  
Faculty Instructor: Thomas Pepinsky, Cornell University, Fall 2013.

Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Comparative Politics.*  
Faculty Instruction: Andrew Mertha, Spring 2013.

Teaching Assistant, *American Political Thought: Madison to Malcolm X.*  
Faculty Instructor: Isaac Kramnick, Fall 2012.

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## REVIEW SERVICE

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*Política y Gobierno*

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR). Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York. Summer 2014.

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR). Summer 2013.

## **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Research Assistant. 2013. Professor Gustavo Flores-Macías. Cornell University.

Research Assistant. 2008-2009. Professor Gabriel Negretto. Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE).

## **SKILLS**

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Languages: Spanish (native language); English (fluent); French (reading)

Software: STATA, ArcGIS

## **SELECT NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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“¿Why is vote-buying undemocratic?” 2012. *Revista Folios* 27. Reprinted in *Voz y Voto* 234. (In Spanish)

“The fate of the 2011 political reform.” 2011. *Voz y Voto* 222. (In Spanish)

“The oversight of political campaign spending in the 2009 federal elections.” 2010. *Voz y Voto* 210. (In Spanish).

“Choosing Presidents: Consequences of presidential election formulas in Latin America.” 2009. *Voz y Voto* 206. (In Spanish)

## **NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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Federal Electoral Institute (IFE), Mexico. 2009-2011. Office of the Executive Secretary. Advisor to the Executive Secretary.

Federal Electoral Institute (IFE), Mexico. 2009. Preliminary Electoral Results Program, 2009 federal elections. Deputy Director of Analysis and Communications.

Federal Electoral Institute (IFE), Mexico. 2009. Preliminary Electoral Results Program, 2009 federal elections. Chief of Statistical Analysis.

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