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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Government, Cornell University, 2017
Dissertation: “States Divided: History, Conflict, and State Formation in Mexico and Colombia.” 2018 William Anderson Award, American Political Science Association.
Committee: Kenneth M. Roberts (chair), Gustavo Flores-Macías, Thomas Pepinsky, and Sidney Tarrow
- M.A. Government, Cornell University, 2014
- B.A. Political Science and International Relations. Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico
(Licenciatura)

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Fall 2018- Assistant Professor, Politics Department, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)
- Fall 2017- Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Harvard University

PUBLICATIONS

“The Political Economy of NAFTA/USMCA.” 2019. In *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latin American Politics*. (Accepted). (With Gustavo Flores-Macías)

“Mexico’s Party System Under Stress.” 2018. *Journal of Democracy* 29, n. 4 (October). (With Kenneth F. Greene)

“Authoritarian Legacies and Party System Stability in Mexico.” 2018. In Scott Mainwaring (ed.) *Party Systems in Latin America: Institutionalization, Decay, and Collapse*. New York: Cambridge University Press. (With Kenneth F. Greene)

“Elections and the Economic Cycle.” 2018. In *The State of Mexican Democracy in an Era of Broken Expectations*. Mexico City: Siglo XXI Editores. (In Spanish)

“Clientelism and Voter Coercion.” 2018. In *The State of Mexican Democracy in an Era of Broken Expectations*. Mexico City: Siglo XXI Editores. (In Spanish)

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

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

BOOK REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“[Worse than NAFTA](#).” October 1, 2018. *The New York Times*. (With Gustavo Flores-Macías)

Review of *Violence and Crime in Latin America: Representations and Politics*, David Carey Jr. and Gema Santamaría (eds.). 2018. *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 37, n. 5 (November).

“[Los Derechos Cuestan: Debilidad Fiscal y Límites de la Cuarta Transformación](#).” Enero 18, 2019. *Primer Saque*. Blog de revista *Política y Gobierno* y Oraculus.

“[NAFTA’s Overhaul: From Stability to Uncertainty](#).” September 2018. *Foreign Policy Research Institute*. (With Gustavo Flores-Macías)

“[The Future of Mexico Under AMLO](#).” July 2018. *Foreign Policy Research Institute*.

“El panorama electoral en América Latina en 2018,” *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica* 18: 1 (Jan-March). (With Gustavo Flores-Macías)

“The 2018 Mexican Elections: What is at Stake?” *Misión de Observación Electoral*, Colombia. (In Spanish)

“¿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)

WORK UNDER REVIEW, REVISE & RESUBMIT, AND IN PROGRESS

“One Eyed-State: The Politics of Legibility and Property Taxation.” 2019. Revise & Resubmit. *Latin American Politics and Society*.

“Building the Modern State: Understanding the Relationship between Order and Taxes with Evidence from Mexico.” 2019. Revise & Resubmit. *Politics & Society*. (With Gustavo Flores-Macías)

The Geography of State Power: Domestic Rivalries and State-Building in Colombia and Mexico (book manuscript)

“Suffrage Restrictions and the Reach of the Nation-State.” *Awarded best paper presented in the 2018 Annual Meeting, APSA, Comparative Democratization Section.*

“Legacies of Revolution: Popular Militias and the Rule of Law.”

“Social Dissent, Coercive Capacity, and Redistribution: Evidence from Authoritarian Mexico.” (With Horacio Larreguy and Juan Felipe Riaño)

“Constitutional Origins and Liberal Democracy: The Impact of Elite Cooperation and Mass Participation.” (With Gabriel Negretto)

“Spatial Inequality, Insecurity, and Support for the Tax State: Evidence from Mexico.” (With Gustavo Flores-Macías)

“The ‘Extirpation of Fanaticism’: Agrarian Reform, Mass Education, and Citizen Registration in Postrevolutionary Mexico.”

“Historical Roots of the ‘Fourth Transformation’.” (With Luis de la Calle)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

American Political Science Association, Comparative Democratization Section. 2019. Best paper presented in the 2019 Annual Meeting for “Suffrage Restrictions and the Reach of the Nation-State.”

American Political Science Association. 2018. William Anderson Award to the best dissertation in the general field of federalism or intergovernmental relations, state, and local politics.

Cornell University, Department of Government. 2018. Janice N. and Milton J. Esman Prize. Awarded annually in recognition of distinguished scholarship and the best dissertation in the graduate program.

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 Gustavo Flores-Macías)

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.
Mexico National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT). 2014. Doctoral 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 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.

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Princeton University. 2019. State Capacity and Public Goods Provision Conference. Princeton, NJ.

Georgetown University. 2019. Historical Political Economy of Mexico Workshop. Washington, DC.

Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies. 2018. “Legacies of Revolution: Popular Militias and the Rule of Law in Mexico.” Cambridge, MA.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2018. “Suffrage Restrictions and the Reach of the Nation-State.” Boston, MA.

Instituto de Estudios para la Transición Democrática. 2018. “¿Qué futuro para el sistema de partidos? La representación política entre el desencanto y la debilidad estatal.” Mexico City.

Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress. 2018. “Legacies of Revolution: Popular Militias and the Rule of Law.” Barcelona, Spain.

Harvard University, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. 2017. State Capacity in Comparative Perspective Conference. “Revolution, Peasant Militias, and the Rule of Law: Evidence From Mexico.” Cambridge, MA.

American Political Science Association Annual Conference. 2017. “Revolution, Local Militias, and the Rule of Law: Evidence From Mexico.” San Francisco, CA.

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

National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) - Graduate School of Economics and The Mexico City Economic and Social Council. 2016. “Economics, Politics, and Ethics of the Minimum Wage.” Invited speaker. Mexico City.

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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Instructor, *Political Economy*. Centro de Investigación y Doncencia Económicas, CIDE. Spring 2019. (graduate seminar)

Teaching Instructor, *Political Institutions I*. Centro de Investigación y Doncencia Económicas, CIDE. Fall 2018. (undergraduate)

Teaching Instructor, *Comparative Politics and Contemporary Latin America*. Cornell University, Spring 2014.

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, Cornell University, Spring 2013.

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

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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

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

SKILLS

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

Software and other skills: STATA, R, ArcGIS, LaTeX, archival research

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Secretaría de Desarrollo Económico de la Ciudad de México, Mexico. 2015. Chief Advisor to the Secretary of Economic Development for Mexico City.

Federal Electoral Institute (IFE), Mexico. 2009-2011 and summer of 2012. 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.

REFERENCES

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