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Ph.D. Candidate, Government

Dissertation: Who Generates Better Outcomes? The Political Left and Right in Latin American Democracies.

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M.A., May, 2016

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University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN

M.Ed., May, 2012

B.A., cum laude, May 2010

PUBLICATIONS

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Current Work

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