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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Pennsylvania

Postdoctoral Fellow, Penn's Development Research Initiative

August 2024-

University of Pennsylvania

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Data Driven Discovery Initiative (DDDI)

July 2025-2026

Stanford University

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, PovGov Lab, Center for Democracy, Development & Rule of Law

Jan 2025-

EDUCATION

New York University

Ph.D. in Politics

New York, NY

2019–2024

Committee: Tara Slough (chair), Arturas Rozenas, Pablo Querubín

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

B.A. in Political Science (honors)

Mexico City, Mexico

2010–2015

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México

B.A. in International Relations (honors)

Mexico City, Mexico

2010–2015

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Political Science Under Pressure: Competition and Collaboration in an Evolving Discipline, 2003-2023”

(with Guy Grossman and Will Dineen) 2025

Perspectives on Politics, (forthcoming)

Under Review

“Informal Connections Outweigh Co-authorship Ties in Academic Impact”

(with Lluís Danús, Will Dineen, Guy Grossman and Sandra González-Bailón) 2025

R&R, PNAS

“The Demobilizing Effect of Violence: Evidence of Heterogeneous Exposure and Response”

Honorable Mention for the APSA Comparative Politics Section Sage Best Paper Award (2024) 2026

“The Political Consequences of “Source Country” Operations: Evidence from Crop Eradication in Mexico”

2026

“Class and the Development of Trust in Police in Latin America”

(with Tara Slough) 2026

“Reducing WhatsApp Usage to Mitigate Misinformation Exposure During Elections: Evidence from a Multi-Country Experiment”

(with Rajeshwari Majumdar, Tiago Ventura, Shelley Liu, and Joshua A. Tucker) 2026

Best Paper in Political Behavior Award, MPSA Annual Conference (2025)

“Democratic Participation and Antidemocratic Attitudes in Latin America”

(with Justin Melnick) 2025

Works in Progress

- “Endogenous Information Consumption and Behavioral Changes”
(with Kun Heo and Elisa Wirsching) 2025
- “Evaluating Scalable Approaches to Reducing Sexual Violence towards Children in Liberia”
(with Alex Hartman, Cecilia Mo, and Guy Grossman) 2025
- “The Credibility Revolution in Political Science”
(with Guy Grossman, Yiqing Xu, and Will Dinneen) 2025

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Director of Data Analysis and Content, Data Cívica (NGO) 2017–2019

TEACHING

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- Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania
Global Development: Intermediate Topics in Politics, Policy, and Data Spring 2026
 - Co-Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania
Global Development: Intermediate Topics in Politics, Policy, and Data Spring 2025
 - Teaching Assistant, NYU
Comparative Politics (Undergraduate) for Prof. Rahsaan Maxwell Fall 2023
 - Teaching Assistant, NYU
Comparative Politics (Undergraduate) for Prof. Gwyneth McClendon Spring 2023
 - Teaching Assistant, NYU
Quantitative Methods III (Graduate) for Prof. Tara Slough Fall 2022
 - Teaching Assistant, NYU
Intro to Quantitative Political Analysis II (Graduate) for Prof. Gizem Acikgoz Spring 2022
 - Teaching Assistant, NYU
Intro to Quantitative Political Analysis I (Graduate) for Prof. Gizem Acikgoz Fall 2021
 - Teaching Assistant, NYU
Introduction to Research Methods for Politics (Undergraduate) for Prof. Anna Harvey Spring 2021
 - Teaching Assistant, NYU
Political Theory (Undergraduate) for Prof. Dimitri Landa Fall 2020

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- University of Pennsylvania, Criminology Department, 2025
- University of Pennsylvania, Comparative Seminar, 2024
- Latin American Conference, Harvard; Festival Gabriel García Márquez, 2018

Conference Presentations

- NEWEPS 2025
- MPSA 2025
- Stanford Gender Violence Workshop, 2025
- APSA 2024, 2023, 2022
- Political Economy of Latin America (PELA), 2020

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- Best Paper in Political Behavior Award, 2025 MPSA Annual Conference
 - Honorable Mention, APSA Comparative Politics Section Sage Best Paper Award (2024)
 - 2024-2025 Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
 - NYU George Downs Prize, 2022, 2023
 - NYU MacCracken Fellowship, 2019-2024
 - NYU GSAS Ralph M. Cariello & Ilona Cariello Fellowship, 2019-2024

GRANTS

- Fund for Innovation in Development (FID)
Reducing Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking Risks in Liberia (\$360,000)
- IPA- Peace and Recovery Initiative
Edutainment and Refugee Integration: An Experiment on Radio Popularity in Kenya (\$315,208)

2025

EXTERNAL GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Data Driven Discovery Initiative (DDDI), July 2025-2026
- Postdoctoral Research Fellow, PovGov Lab, Center for Democracy, Development & Rule of Law, Jan 2025-

SKILLS

- R, Python, Stan, Stata

LANGUAGES

- Spanish (native), English, German (proficient)