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PERSONAL DATA

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Citizenships: Mexico, Spain
Languages: Spanish (native), English (proficient), French (basic)

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science Major: Comparative Politics. Minor: Political Economy	Columbus, OH 2015-present
The Ohio State University Masters in Political Science	Columbus, OH 2017
University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy Master of Public Policy	Chicago, IL 2014
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México Bachelor of Arts, Economics Thesis: "Ultimatum Game with Endogenous Valuations"	Mexico City, Mexico 2011

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

American Institutes for Research International Development Evaluation and Research Research Associate	Washington, DC August 2014 – July 2015
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Conducted data cleaning, data analysis, field work, survey development and implementation in the field and writing of reports for clients and academic papers for the following projects:

Impact Evaluation of CABI's Plantwise program in Kenya

- Used quantitative methods to assess the changes that the program brought to the Kenyan plant health system, conducted a cost analysis of the program, and evaluated the effectiveness of the implementation in Kenya.

Designing and Implementation of Monitoring and Evaluation framework for Social Cash Transfer Schemes in Zambia

- Conducted an impact evaluation of the program using experimental design in order to learn its effects on beneficiaries and to provide evidence for making decisions about the future of the program.

Impact Evaluation of Women for Women International-Nigeria's Men's Engagement Program to promote Women's Rights and Create a Gender-Balanced Society

- Designed and evaluated a program that seeks to change attitudes towards women in order to establish improved conditions for them in conflict and post-conflict contexts.
- Managed daily operations on the field as well as survey enumerator team.
- Enumerator recruitment and training in the field.

UNICEF's Gender and Conflict Sensitive Training for Primary School Teachers in Uganda program evaluation

- Designed first module of the survey, participants and school characteristics.

MIDEH's Student Assessment Program in Honduras

- Data analysis and data collection in the field for the national student assessment program for the Honduran Federal Government.

USAID/Quality Reading project (QRP) Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan

- Evaluated a training program aimed at improving reading skills among primary grade students in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan over four years through surveys before and after.

University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

Chicago, IL

National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER)

Research Assistant for Professor Damon Jones

June-September 2013

- Assisted Professor Jones on a project developing a statistical proof to test the monotonicity assumption used in instrumental variables analysis.
- Supported Professor Jones on a separate project analyzing whether property tax due dates affected family consumption and savings plans.

Ministry of Finance and Public Credit

Mexico City, Mexico

Advisor to the Minister of Finance

June 2011- August 2012

- Solely responsible for developing and maintaining all materials for the Minister's use in presentations, speeches and other events.
- Transformed economic data into simple and comprehensive graphs and tables geared toward non-expert viewers.
- Headed one of the teams charged with preparing information needed for the Minister's Congressional hearings.
- Assisted the Minister in budget negotiations with Congressmen.

Ernesto Cordero Pre-presidential campaign

Mexico City, Mexico

Advisor to the Pre-candidate

Sept. 2011- Feb. 2012

- Wrote detailed policy memos with policy recommendations and background information for the Pre-candidate for each stop of his campaign.
- Analyzed survey data in order to develop better programs for vulnerable populations in Mexico.
- Evaluated the previous president's policies and recommended improvements or new alternate policies for the 2012-2018 government proposal.
- Created and updated speeches, notes and presentations for the Pre-candidate.

Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare

Mexico City, Mexico

Conciliatory Functionaries Unit

Sept. 2010-March 2011

- Negotiated between unions and companies.
- Provided economic analysis and evidence regarding union and company proposals.
- Researched historical information to support in negotiations with different unions and companies.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Development; Welfare State Programs; Redistribution; Elections; Corruption; Political Alliances and their effect on Welfare.

WORKING PAPERS

"The Impact of cash transfer programs in Zambian elections: Evidence from the Child Grant Program"
with David Seidenfeld and Sudhanshu Handa

"Distracting people: Civil unrest/conflict and Soccer"

"Are Electoral Alliances a viable long term strategy for voters? Evidence from Mexico"

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

ICPSR Summer Program
4th Leuven-Montréal Winter School on Elections

June-July 2016
March 2017

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Data Literacy and Data Visualization (undergraduate),
Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University Spring 2018

The Politics of International Terrorism (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant Fall 2017
Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

Politics in the Middle East (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant Fall 2017
Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

Comparative Pol. of the Welfare State (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant Fall 2016, Spring 2017
Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

State and Economy (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant Fall 2016, Spring 2017
Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

Comparative Public Policy (undergraduate), Teaching Assistant Spring 2017
Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Peer reviewer
PLOS ONE

HONORS AND AWARDS

Department of Political Science Grant for Graduate Students. \$3,000, The Ohio State University, 2016
Department of Political Science Grant for Graduate Students. \$1,350, The Ohio State University, 2018