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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin

PhD in Government

2021 - Present

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

MA in Political Science

2018 - 2019

BA in Political Science

2014 - 2019

PUBLICATIONS

2023. Castillo, Isabel, Danissa Contreras-Guzmán, and Camila Henzi. “When Do Progressive Evangelicals Mobilize? Intra-Denominational Competition in Chile’s Constitutional Process.” *Politics and Religion*, 16(2). <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755048323000044>

WORK IN PROGRESS

“*Vox Populi, Vox Dei*: When the Left Uses Religion as a Political Strategy”

“*Political Learning and the Rise of Movement-parties*: The Case of the Frente Amplio in Chile” (coauthored with Sofía Donoso)

“*Replacing the State*: The Role of Churches in Marginalized Areas in Latin America.”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

2024. Tinker Graduate Research Grant for the project “Why the Left Uses Religion as a Political Strategy”, Tinker Foundation and LLILAS Benson (US\$ 3,480).

2024. Summer 2024 Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, Graduate School (US\$ 6,900).

2023. APSA Religion and Politics Section Small Grant Award for the project “Why the Left Uses Religion as a Political Strategy” (US\$ 3,000).

2023. Pre-dissertation Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government (US\$ 5,000).

2022. Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government.

2020. Travel Grant to attend LASA 2021, Latin American Studies Association.

2019. Second Honorable Mention - III National Congress on the Religious Phenomenon in the Contemporary World, Asociación de Cientistas Sociales de la Religión del MERCOSUR.

2018. Best Poster Award, 1st Poster Session for Undergraduate Students, Political Science Institute, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

2014-2018. Academic Excellence Scholarship, Ministerio de Educación, Gobierno de Chile.

2014-2018. UC Academic Excellence Scholarship, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

PRESENTATIONS

“Vox Populi, Vox Dei: When the Left Uses Religion as a Political Strategy,” paper presented at the 81st Annual Conference, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April. 6, 2024.

“The Re-Politicization of Religion: Chile’s Constitutional Plebiscite,” paper presented at the 117th Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association, Seattle, Sept. 29, 2021.

“From Church to Power: The Case of Chilean Evangelicals,” poster presented at IPSA-USP Summer School Poster Session, Jan. 30, 2020.

“The Evangelical Vote in Chile: Evidence from the Decade of Moral Debates,” paper presented at the III National Congress on the Religious Phenomenon in the Contemporary World, Dec. 13, 2019.

“From Church to Power: The Case of Chilean Evangelicals,” paper presented at the III National Congress on the Religious Phenomenon in the Contemporary World, Dec. 12, 2019.

“What is not discussed at the table: The relationship between politics and religion for Chilean evangelicals,” poster presented at the XIII Chilean Congress of Political Science, Oct. 24, 2018.

WORK EXPERIENCE: RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Project “Latin American Historical Elections Database” *December 2022 - January 2023*

PI: Raúl Madrid (University of Texas at Austin).

Project “Parties-movements in action: The Chilean Frente Amplio *March 2019 - July 2021*

PI: Sofía Donoso (Universidad de Chile - COES).

Millennium Institute Foundational Research on Data *September 2018 - July 2021*

PI: Juan Pablo Luna (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile).

Project “New merchandise and religious services in Santiago *September 2019 - March 2021*

PI: Luis Bahamondes (Universidad de Chile/Universidad Alberto Hurtado).

WORK EXPERIENCE: TEACHING ASSISTANT

The University of Texas at Austin

- Drugs, Commerce, and Immigration in United States-Mexico Relations (2023), Issues and Policies in American Government (2021/2022/2023/2024), Research Methods in Government (2022).

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

- State and Stateness (2019), Workshop on Current Political Issues (2017/2018/2019), Epistemology and Research Design (2018), Constitutional Theory (2017), Introduction to Comparative Politics (2017), Public Policy Processes (2016).

TOOLS

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (fluent).

Software: R (advanced), NVivo (advanced), Qualtrics (advanced), L^AT_EX (intermediate).

Methods Training: IPSA-USP Summer School (2020), UCU Winter School (2018/2019).