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curriculum vitae

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1 Education

- BA in Political Science (1994, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México).
- PhD in Political Science (2001, University of California at San Diego).

Dissertation: “[Bully Pulpits: Posturing, Bargaining, and Polarization in the Legislative Process of the Americas](#)” co-advised by Gary W. Cox and Paul W. Drake.

2 Research interests

- Comparative Political Institutions; legislative process; elections and electoral systems; formal theory; applied statistics.

3 Employment

- 2023, Non-Resident Visiting Scholar, [Department of Political Science](#), University of California San Diego.
- 2014–15, Visiting Scholar, [Department of Political Science](#), Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2000–present, Associate Professor, [Department of Political Science](#), ITAM.
- 2007, Visiting Professor, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals, Barcelona, Spain.
- 2004–2007, Chair, [Department of Political Science](#), ITAM.
- 2000–2003, Director of Undergraduate Studies, ITAM.
- 1994, Advisor to the Director Ejecutivo de Prerrogativas y Partidos Políticos, [Instituto Federal Electoral](#), Mexico City.

4 Awards

- 2017–present, Level II Researcher, Sistema Nacional de Investigadores, Mexico.
- 2014, Premio al Mérito Profesional en el Sector Académico, ex-ITAM (former alumni association).
- 2005–2016, Level I Researcher, Sistema Nacional de Investigadores, Mexico.
- 2002–2005, Researcher candidate, Sistema Nacional de Investigadores, Mexico.
- 2001, The [Peggy Quon Prize](#) for distinguished research contribution to political science, Dept. of Political Science, UCSD.
- 1994, Premio Los Mejores Estudiantes de México, *El Diario de México*.
- 1994, Premio a la Excelencia Académica Miguel Palacios Macedo, ITAM.
- 1994, [Honors Mention](#) in the BA thesis defense, ITAM.

5 Publications

5.1 In peer-reviewed journals

- “No Accountability without Transparency and Consistency: Evaluating Mexico’s Redistricting-by-Formula” with Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman, and Michael P. McDonald, *Election Law Journal* vol. 22, num. 1, pp. 80–99, May 2023.
- “Presidents on the Fast Track: Fighting Floor Amendments with Restrictive Rules” with Valeria Palanza and Gisela Sin, *The Journal of Politics* vol. 83, num. 2 (2021) pp. 633–46.
- “La partición de un cartel: votaciones nominales y guerra faccional en la Asamblea Legislativa del Distrito Federal” *Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política* vol. 26, num. 1 (2017) pp. 35–58.
- “Components of partisan bias originating from single-member districts in multi-party systems: The case of Mexico” with Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman, and Michael P. McDonald, *Political Geography* vol. 57, March 2017, pp. 1–12.
- “Datos abiertos, transparencia y redistribución en México” with Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman y Michael P. McDonald, *Política y Gobierno* vol. 23, num. 2, 2nd semester 2016, pp. 331–64 (also appeared in English [here](#)).
- “Consideraciones metodológicas para estudiantes de política legislativa mexicana: sesgo por selección en votaciones nominales” with Francisco Cantú and Scott Desposato, *Política y Gobierno* vol. 21, num. 1, 1st semester 2014, pp. 25–53.
- “Gubernatorial Coattails in Mexican Congressional Elections” *The Journal of Politics* vol. 74 no. 2, Apr. 2012, pp. 383–99.
- “Factions with clout: presidential cabinet coalition and policy in the Uruguayan Parliament” with Juan Andrés Moraes, *Party Politics* vol. 18 num. 3 (May 2012) pp. 427–51.
- “Coalición y resultados: aprobación y duración del trámite parlamentario en Uruguay (1985–2000)” with Juan Andrés Moraes, *Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política* vol. 17, num. 1 (Jan.-Dec. 2008), pp. 39–70.
- “Partisanship in Non-Partisan Electoral Agencies and Democratic Compliance: Evidence from Mexico’s Federal Electoral Institute” with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas, *Electoral Studies* vol. 27, num. 2 (June 2008), pp. 257–71.
- “México: reformas pese a un gobierno dividido” with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 28, num. 1 (June 2008), pp. 265–85.
- “México en 2006: la accidentada consolidación democrática” with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 27, special num. (July 2007), pp. 184–204.

- “How Much is Majority Status in the U.S. Congress Worth?” with Gary W. Cox, *American Political Science Review* vol. 93, num. 2 (June 1999), pp. 299–309.
 - “How Much is Majority Status in the U.S. Congress Worth? — CORRIGENDUM” with Gary W. Cox, *American Political Science Review* vol. 117, num. 2 (May 2023), p. 781.
- “On the Absence of Centripetal Incentives in Double-Member Districts: The Case of Chile” with Marc R. Rosenblum and David Samuels, *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 31, num. 6 (December 1998), pp. 714–39.

5.2 Under Peer Review

- “Institutions Matter, Lines Don’t: Unveiling Mexico’s Redistricting Process” with Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman, and Michael P. McDonald, *Journal of Latin American Studies* (Revise and Resubmit received Sep. 2024).

5.3 Chapters in edited volumes

- “Mexico: Parties and floor access in Mexico’s Cámara de Diputados” in *The Politics of Legislative Debate around the World*, ed. Hanna Bäck, Marc Debusschere, and Jorge M. Fernandes (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021, pp. 572–93).
- “The electoral institutions: party subsidies, campaign decency, and entry barriers” in *Mexico’s Evolving Democracy: A Comparative Study of the 2012 Elections*, ed. Jorge I. Domínguez, Kenneth G. Greene, Chappell Lawson and Alejandro Moreno (Washington DC: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015, pp. 63–85).
- “Los contados cambios al equilibrio de poderes” in *Reformar sin mayorías: La dinámica del cambio constitucional en México, 1997–2012*, edited by María Amparo Casar and Ignacio Marván Laborde (Mexico City: Taurus, 2014, pp. 259–94).
- “Legalist vs. Interpretativist: The Supreme Court and Democratic Transition in Mexico” with Beatriz Magaloni and Arianna Sánchez in *Courts in Latin America*, edited by Gretchen Helmke and Julio Ríos Figueroa (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011). Translated to Spanish in *Tribunales constitucionales de América Latina*, edited by Gretchen Helmke and Julio Ríos Figueroa (Mexico City: Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, 2011).
- “National Election Results for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Peru, and Venezuela during the 1980s and 1990s” with Kevin J. Middlebrook, statistical appendix in *Conservative Parties, the Right, and Democracy in Latin America*, edited by Kevin J. Middlebrook (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000).
- “Medios de comunicación y democracia” with Juan Molinar in *Elecciones, diálogo y reforma: México 1994*, vol. 2, edited by Jorge Alcocer and Jorge Carpizo (Mexico City: Centro de Estudios para un Proyecto Nacional Alternativo, 1996, pp. 145–42).

5.4 Edited book

- *Mujeres legisladoras en México: avances, obstáculos, consecuencias y propuestas*, with Magdalena Huerta García (Mexico City: INMUJERES-CONACYT-Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-ITAM, 2006, ISBN 970-95099-0-X, 575 pp.)

5.5 In magazine

- “IFE: La casa de la partidocracia” with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas, *Nexos* 376 (April 2009), pp. 124–7.

5.6 Book reviews

- “Judicial Power and Strategic Communication in Mexico. By Jeffrey K. Staton,” *Latin American Politics and Society* vol. 53, num. 3 (Fall 2011), pp. 185–8.
- “Informal Coalitions and Policymaking in Latin America: Ecuador in Comparative Perspective. Por Andrés Mejía Acosta,” *Política y Gobierno* vol. 17, num. 2 (2nd semester 2010), pp. 384–6.
- “Ambition, Federalism, and Legislative Politics in Brazil. By David Samuels,” *The Americas* vol. 62, num. 3 (January 2006), pp. 498–500.
- “Nested Games: Rational Choice in Comparative Politics de George Tsebelis,” *Perfiles Latinoamericanos de FLACSO* vol. 2, num. 3 (December 1993), pp. 194–8.

6 Public data bases

- “Roll Call Votes in the Mexican Senate” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/senmex>, GitHub 28 Mar. 2025 (last updated 31 Mar. 2025).
- “Recent Mexican Election Vote Returns” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/elecRetrns>, GitHub 4 Apr. 2018 (last updated 2 Feb. 2024).
- “Nighttime Lights in Mexico at Units of Substantive Interest” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/luminosity>, GitHub 30 May 2021 (last updated 30 Sep. 2022).
- “Recent Mexican Electoral Geography” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/mxDistritos>, GitHub 22 de Oct. 2019 (last updated 15 Feb. 2023).
- “Roll Call Votes Data for the Mexican Chamber of Deputies” repository, <https://github.com/emagar/dipMex>, GitHub.
- “Consecutive Reelection Institutions and Electoral Calendars Since 1994 in Mexico”, <http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/X2IDWS>, Harvard Dataverse (Apr. 2017).
- “México Estatal: Conformación de las Legislaturas Locales de México por Partido Político, por Principio de Representación y por Género de 1985–2015” with Alejandra Ríos Cázares, <http://datos.cide.edu/handle/10089/17392>, Laboratorio Nacional de Políticas Públicas CIDE (Sep. 2015).

7 Professional conferences and seminars (since 2017)

- 6 Nov. 2025, discussant of the book *Unity through Particularism* by Lucía Motolinia, ITAM Mexico City.
- 28 Mar. 2025, “Data in Memory of Francisco Cantú” at the *Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models* conference, University of Houston.
- 6 Mar. 2025, “La elección general de 2025 en Alemania” at the conference *Elecciones en Alemania y su impacto global*, Centro Alonso Lujambio, ITAM.
- 4 Dec. 2024, “Gerrymandering en Estados Unidos: Balance de la misión de observación de las elecciones de EE.UU. 2024”, Dept. of Political Science, ITAM.
- 4 Nov. 2024, “Las elecciones en EE.UU.” at the *Harris o Trump: consecuencias para México* conference, ITAM.
- 25 Apr. 2024, “Las elecciones del 2 de junio: El ¿breve? experimento con la reelección consecutiva” at ITAM’s Faculty Meeting.
- 10 Nov. 2022, “The Personal Vote in Mexico: Separating Incumbency and Campaign Effects with Survey Evidence” (con Alejandro Moreno) at the brown bag seminar, ITAM.

- 25 Jun. 2022, “Slippage among the Experts? Agency Costs in Partisan Election Regulation” (with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas) at the Mathew McCubbins Memorial Conference, UC, San Diego, CA.
- 3 May. 2022, discussant of the book *El imperio de los otros datos: tres años de falsedades y engaños desde Palacio* by Luis Estrada, ITAM Mexico City.
- 9 Apr. 2022, discussant of the “Separate Together: Legislators, Parties, and Coalitions” panel of the Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 7 Apr. 2022, “Redistricting and the separation of incumbency and campaign effects: name recognition in Coahuila” (with Alejandro Moreno) at the Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 19 Nov. 2021, discussant of “Heterogeneous Districts, Interests, and Trade Policy” by Kishore Gawande, Pablo M. Pinto, and Santiago M. Pinto, at the 2021 Latin American Political Methodology Meeting, ITAM Mexico City.
- 21 Oct. 2021, discussant at the “Democratic erosion” panel at The Public and Democracy in the Americas virtual conference, LAPOP-Vanderbilt University.
- 17 May 2019, “The dark side of electoral reform: the geography of public good distribution”, IV Taller La ciencia política desde México, Casa de la Marquesa, ITAM.
- 7 Apr. 2019, “[The dark side of electoral reform](#)” (with Adrián Lucardi) at the Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 4 Apr. 2019, discussant at the “JSS SESSION: Don’t Stop ’Til You Get Enough: Resources and Redistribution,” Annual conference of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 7 Dec. 2018, “[Incumbency advantage en elecciones municipales](#)”, preparation seminar for a special issue on the 2018 elections for *Política y Gobierno*, CIDE, Mexico City.
- 5 Oct., 2018, “[Del gobierno abierto a la participación efectiva](#)”, at the Observatorio de participación ciudadana y cultura de la transparencia y la legalidad: E-lecciones en tiempos de internet conference, Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila, Saltillo.
- 10 Aug., 2018, “[The removal of single-term limits, redistricting, and name recognition: The case of Coahuila’s state races](#)”, IVth meeting of the Grupo de Estudios Legislativos, Mexico City.
- 10 Aug., 2018, “[Presidents on the Fast Track: Fighting Floor Amendments with Restrictive Rules](#)”, IVth meeting of the Grupo de Estudios Legislativos, Mexico City.
- 25 Jun. 2018, “[Mexico’s 2018 Congressional elections](#)”, Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC.
- 18 May 2018, “[Name recognition en Coahuila](#)”, III Taller La ciencia política desde México, Casa de la Marquesa, ITAM.
- 28 Feb. 2018, “Experiencias académicas”, roundtable at the 25th anniversary of ITAM’s political science department ITAM.
- 9 Nov. 2017, “[Un método para obtener texto del internet y analizarlo](#)”, 1er Simposio TLH en las ciencias sociales, UAM-Cuajimalpa.
- 8 Nov. 2017, “Lo que nos espera en 2018”, roundtable at the Alonso Lujambio Prize ceremony, ITAM.
- 2 Nov. 2017, “[Another nail in the coffin of Mexican exceptionalism: The removal of \(most\) single-term limits](#)” at the Mexico 2018 Election Conference, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD.
- 14 Sept. 2017, “[Restrictive rules in the Chilean Cámara: Fighting floor amendments with urgency authority](#)”, at the Seminario de Investigación Política, ITAM.
- 2 Sept. 2017, discussant at panel “Legislative Activity and Output,” annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

- 1 Sept. 2017, “[Restrictive rules in the Chilean Cámara: Fighting floor amendments with urgency authority](#)” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 24 Aug. 2017, “Tensiones esperables entre la reelección consecutiva y las normas electorales,” Seminario Permanente de Análisis de Justicia Electoral en México, ITAM-CIDE-IIJ.
- 26 May 2017, “[Restrictive rules in the Chilean Congress](#)”, II Taller La ciencia política desde México, Casa de la Marquesa, ITAM.
- 11 May 2017, “Mesa de encuestas,” pre-election polls roundtable, ITAM.
- 5 Apr. 2017, “Elecciones en Francia: contexto político e implicaciones macroeconómicas,” roundtable, ITAM.
- 9 Mar. 2017, “La reelección consecutiva de legisladores y alcaldes,” at the Mexican constitution’s centennial roundtable, ITAM Mexico City.

8 Service

8.1 Referee/reviewer

8.1.1 Journals

American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Applied Geography, Comparative Political Studies, Economía Mexicana Nueva Época, EconoQuantum, Foro Internacional, Italian Political Science Review, Journal of Legislative Studies, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Journal of Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Party Politics, Perfiles Latinoamericanos, Política y Gobierno, Political Analysis, Political Research Quarterly, Regional & Federal Studies, Revista Mexicana de Sociología, Revista Sociológica, Social Choice and Welfare, World Politics.

8.1.2 University presses

Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política, El Colegio de México, FLACSO–México, Fondo de Cultura Económica, Oxford University Press.

8.1.3 Other academic texts

Oxford Bibliographies.

8.2 Academic Committees

- 2020, [Evan Ringquist Award](#) for best paper in the topic of political institutions selection committee, Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2016, Jewell/Loewenberg award selection committee, Legislative Studies Section, American Political Science Association.
- 2014, Fulbright-García Robles Scholarship Award committee member, (COMEXUS, Mexico City).
- 2014–18, Editorial Board member, *Política y Gobierno*, (CIDE, Mexico City).
- 2013, [Kellogg/Notre Dame Award selection committee](#), Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2012–14, [Member](#) of the Academic Coordination Committee for the Masters in Government and Public Affairs, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.
- 2010–12, Editorial Board member, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.
- 2009–16, Research Associate, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (UC, San Diego.)
- 2006–, Editorial board member, *La Gaceta de Ciencia Política* (ITAM, Mexico City.)

- 2001–2004, Member of the Academic Coordination Committee for the Masters in Government and Public Affairs, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.

8.3 Other committees

- 2012, Comité Técnico de Especialistas de la Comisión Temporal de Debates, member of the advisory board to the committee in charge of televised presidential candidate debates, Instituto Federal Electoral, Mexico City.
- 2006, *Reforma* newspaper, member of the Research Board, Mexico City.
- 2005–2006, Tu Rock es Votar, member of the Advisory Board, Mexico City.

9 Courses taught

9.1 Graduate level

- Positive Political Theory and Legislative Studies, Ph.D. in Political Science–Instituto de Ciencia Política, Universidad de la República, Uruguay, 6 hours: Fa2008.
- Estudios de América Latina, Master in International Relations IBEI–Barcelona, 16 hours: Fa2007.
- Introducción al Análisis Político, Master in Public Policy ITAM, 33 hours: Fa2006.
- Análisis político institucional, Master in Public Policy ITAM, 33 hours: Fa2000, Fa2001, Fa2002, Fa2003.

9.2 Undergraduate level

- Comparative Political Institutions (Política Comparada II), ITAM, 48 hours: Sp2022, Fa2020, Sp2020, Fa2019, Sp2019, Fa2018, Sp2018, Fa2017, Sp2017, Sp2016, Fa2015, Sp2014, Fa2013, Fa2012, Sp2012, Fa2011, Fa2010, Sp2010, Sp2009, Fa2008, Sp2008, Fa2006, Fa2005, Fa2004, Fa2003, Sp2003, Fa2002.
- Latin- and Anglo-American Politics (Política Comparada III), ITAM (48 hours: Fa2001, Fa2000).
- Legislative Bargaining (Elección Pública III), lic. en ciencia política ITAM, 48 hours: Sp2022, Fa2021, Sp2021, Fa2020, Sp2020, Fa2019, Sp2019, Fa2018, Sp2018, Fa2017, Sp2017, Fa2016, Sp2016, Fa2015, Sp2014, Sp2013, Fa2012, Sp2012, Fa2011, Sp2011, Fa2010, Sp2010, Fa2009, Sp2009, Fa2008, Sp2008, Fa2006, Sp2006, Sp2005, Sp2004, Sp2003.
- New Institutionalism (Política Comparada III), ITAM, 48 hours: Fa2021, Fa2018.
- Research Thesis Seminar (Seminario de Investigación Política), ITAM, 48 hours: Sp2021, Fa2017, Fa2013, Sp2013, Sp2011, Fa2009, Sp2004, Sp2002, Sp2001.

9.3 Short courses

- Contemporary Mexican Politics, invited lecture at the Chapman Family Foundation International Program, University of San Diego (2 hours: Fa2022).
- Geo-Referenced Data Analysis, Data Journalism Workshop ITAM–DataCivica , Análisis de datos georreferenciados, (3 hours: Su2017)
- Separation of Power in Latin America and the United States, Judicial Training Program for Argentine Judges, Washington University in St. Louis (with Guillermo Rosas, 2 hours: Su2015).
- Latent Variable Estimation Workshop, Washington University in St. Louis–ITAM (15 hours: Sp2011).

10 Consulting

- 2024, Electoral Boundaries Specialist of the Electoral Observation Mission of the United States, Organization of American States (Washington D.C.)
- 2023, /Amicus Curiae/ Consideraciones en materia de delimitación electoral para el análisis constitucional de las reformas político electorales 2022–2023 (con Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman y Michael McDonald). Submitted to the Mexican Supreme Court April 27th, 2023.
- 2020, Electoral Boundaries Specialist of the Electoral Observation Mission of the United States, Organization of American States (Washington D.C.)
- 2008–09, “The Political Economy of Fiscal Reforms in Latin America: The Case of Mexico” with Vidal Romero and Jeffrey F. Timmons, background paper for the Inter-American Development Bank *The Political Economy of Fiscal Reforms in Latin America* by Mark Hallerberg.
- 2006, “Changing Patterns of Governance in Mexican States: What do They Tell Us About Future Directions of National Politics?” with Vidal Romero, background paper for the Institutional Governability Report *Democratic Governance in Mexico: Beyond State Capture and Social Polarization* by Philip Keefer (Mexico City: World Bank-INAP-CIDE, 2007).

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