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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. Citations: 6.

## 2 Research interests

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

## 3 Employment

- 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.
- 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

- "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 redistritación en México" with Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman y Michael P. McDonald, *Política y Gobierno* vol. 23, num. 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> semester 2014, pp. 25–53.
- "Gubernatorial Coattails in Mexican Congressional Elections" *The Journal of Politics* vol. 74 no. 2, Apr. 2012, pp. 383–99. Citations: 2.
- "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. Citations: 3.
- "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. Citations: 1.
- "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. Citations: 8.
- "México: reformas pese a un gobierno dividido" with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 28, num. 1 (June 2008), pp. 265–85. Citations: 1
- "México en 2006: la accidentada consolidación democrática" with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 27, special num. (July 2007), pp. 184–204. Citations: 2.
- "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. Citations: 35.
- "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. Citations: 40.

## 5.2 Chapters in edited volumes

• "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). Citations: 1.
- "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). Citations: 3.

## 5.3 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.) Citations: 1.

#### 5.4 In magazine

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

#### 5.5 In working paper series

• "Of Coalition and Speed: Passage and Duration of Statutes in Uruguay's Parliament, 1985–2000" with Juan Andrés Moraes, IBEI working papers num. 2008/15 ISSN:1886-2802 (June 2008).

#### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 5.7 Work under peer review

• "Presidents on the Fast Track: Fighting Floor Amendments with Restrictive Rules" with Valeria Palanza and Gisela Sin *Journal of Politics* (June 2018).

## 6 Public data bases

- "Consecutive reelection institutions and electoral calendars since 1994 in Mexico", http://dx.doi.org/10.7910/DVN/X2IDWS, Harvard Dataverse (Apr. 2017).
- "Banco de información para la investigación aplicada en ciencias sociales (BIIACS)" with Alejandra Ríos Cázares and Celine González Schont LINK? (Apr. 2016).
- "Mexican Chamber of Deputies Roll Call Votes 2006–2012" with Francisco Cantú and Scott Desposato, http://ericmagar.com/data/rollcall/dipFed/and https://github.com/emagar/dipMexRepo (Feb. 2016).

## 7 Professional conferences and seminars (since 2012)

- 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.
- 11 May. 2017, "Mesa de encuestas," pre-election polls roundable, 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.
- 12 Dec. 2016, "Redistritación automatizada en México: retos y oportunidades", at the Redistritación electoral, reelección legislativa y el rol de las cortes: perspectiva comparada desde México y los Estados Unidos de América Seminar, Tribunal Electoral del Poder Judicial de la Federación, Mexico City.
- 24 Nov. 2016, "Presidential obstruction of the agenda in Chile's Congress", at the Seminar ICP–UC, Santiago, Chile.
- 18 Nov. 2016, "The crowded plenary: Urgency, logrolls, and the conclusive procedure in Brazil's Câmara", at the III Encuentro GEL-ALACIP, Santiago, Chile.
- 21 Sep. 2016, "Saturación del pleno: urgencias del ejecutivo y el poder conclusivo en la Câmara brasileña", at the Seminario Racionalidad, evolución y aprendizaje, claves del cambio institucional en México, UAM-Xochimilco and AMEP, Mexico City.
- 28 May 2016, "Presidential obstruction of the agenda in Chile's Congress", at the sesquiannual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, New York, NY.

- 29 Oct. 2015, "Transparency, automated redistricting, and partisan startegic interaction in Mexico", at El Colegio de México.
- 29 Oct. 2015, "From open data to participation in redistricting", at the Open Government Partnership Summit, Mexico City.
- 25 Sep. 2015, "Measuring malapportionment, gerrymander, and turnout effects in multi-party systems", at the Political Science Research Seminar, ITAM.
- 4 Sep. 2015, "Presidential obstruction of the agenda in Chile's Congress", at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2 Sep. 2015, "Transparency, automated redistricting, and partisan startegic interaction in Mexico", at the Electoral Integrity Project pre-APSA workshop, San Francisco, CA.
- 28 Jul. 2015, "Measuring malapportionment, gerrymander, and turnout effects in multi-party systems", at the Political Economy of Social Choices workshop, Casa Matemática Oaxaca.
- 18 Apr. 2015, "The effects of malapportionment, turnout, and gerrymandering in Mexico's mixed-member system", at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 13 Mar. 2015, "Malapportionment, party bias, and responsiveness in Mexico's mixed-member system", at the Seminar in Politics, University of Florida, Gainesville.
- 9 Feb. 2015, "Congress skips turn, again: agenda obstruction in the Chilean Congress", at the Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Campaign.
- 14 Nov. 2014, "Malapportionment and representation: party bias and responsiveness in Mexico", at the Analizing Latin American Politics conference, University of Houston.
- 3 Oct. 2014, "Who calls the tune? The search for constituent effects in the Mexican Congress", Rice University.
- 31 Aug. 2014, "The Effects of Automated Redistricting and Partisan Strategic Interaction on Representation: The Case of Mexico", at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- 13 Jun. 2014, "The veto as electoral stunt: EITM and test with subnational comparative data", Executive Politics Conference, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 16 May 2014, "Partidismo entre expertos," on-line conference for the Reconexión event, ITAM Mexico City.
- 4 Apr. 2013, Discussant at panel 26–5 "When Candidates Win Elections" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 3 Apr. 2013, Discussant at panel 6–5 "Candidate Selection and Party Entry" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 20 Nov. 2013, "El PAN ante las reformas pendientes," National Executive Committee of the Partido Acción Nacional, Mexico City.
- 8 Nov. 2013, "Partidismo entre expertos," TEDxITAM, Mexico City.
- 29 Aug. 2013, "Judges' Law: Ideology and coalitions in Mexico's Electoral Tribunal, 1996–2006" at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago IL.
- 25 Apr. 2013, Book presentation, *Tácticas parlamentarias hispanomexicanas* by Alonso Lujambio and Rafael Estrada Michel, ITAM, Mexico City.
- 17 Apr. 2013, "Dibuja México: quienquiera podrá redistritar con esta herramienta" at the IV congress of the Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Parlamentarios, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City.
- 13 Apr. 2013, Discussant at panel 6–22 "Ruling politics" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 12 Apr. 2013, "The Veto as Electoral Stunt: EITM and a Test with Comparative Data" at the EITM conference of the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

- 11 Apr. 2013, "Partisanship among the experts: The dynamic party watchdog model of IFE, 1996–2011" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 30 Nov. 2012, "Gubernatorial coattails in Mexican Congressional elections," Banco de México.
- 19 Oct. 2012, "Methodological Considerations for Students of Mexican Legislative Politics: Selection Bias in Roll Call Publications" at the Legislatures in Mexico and the Americas Conference of the Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Parlamentarios, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD.
- 17 Oct. 2012, "Why and when is the election referee trustworthy? IFE's dynamic party watchdog model, 1996–2012" at the Festschrift in honor of Wayne Cornelius' career, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD.
- 30 Aug. 2012, "The Veto as Electoral Stunt: EITM and a Test with Comparative Data" at the EITM conference of the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 9 May 2012, Discussant of the paper "Misfits, groundbreakers, or plain old politics" by Verónica Hoyo presented at CIDE's Política y Gobierno research seminar, Mexico City.
- 27 Apr. 2012, "Who calls the tune? The search for constituent effects in the Mexican Congress" (with Federico Estévez) at the Workshop on Evidence-Based Approaches to Latin American Constitutionalism, UT-Austin, TX.
- 15 Apr. 2012, Discussant at panel 6–19 "Comparative Legislative Politics and Executive Power" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 13 Apr. 2012, "Are missing votes a problem for research on the Mexican Congress? No" (with Francisco Cantú and Scott Desposato) poster at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 12 Apr. 2012, "Who calls the tune? Gubernatorial and constituent effects in roll-call voting in the Mexican Congress" (with Federico Estévez) at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 30 Mar. 2012 "Preferencias en regulación electoral: partidismo en el IFE" at the R users workshop, ITAM, Mexico City.
- 14 Mar. 2012, "Equilibrio de poderes (o y, sin embargo, no se mueve)" at the Pluralismo y reformas constitucionales en México: 1997–2012 conference, CIDE–UNDP, Mexico City.

## 8 Referee/reviewer

#### 8.1 Journal articles

American Journal of Political Science (2000, 2004, 2004, 2006), American Political Science Review (2003, 2004, 2004, 2007), Applied Geography (2017), Comparative Political Studies (1998, 2009, 2018), Economía Mexicana Nueva Época (2008, 2011), EconoQuantum (2012, 2012), Foro Internacional (2012), Journal of Legislative Studies (2010), Journal of Politics in Latin America (2014), Journal of Politics (2011, 2015, 2016, 2017), Latin American Politics and Society (2015), Legislative Studies Quarterly (2013, 2014), Revista Sociológica de la UAM (2003), Party Politics (2008), Perfiles Latinoamericanos de FLACSO–México (2009), Política y Gobierno (2001, 2002, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2018), Political Research Quarterly (2013), Revista Mexicana de Sociología (2001, 2005), Social Choice and Welfare (2012), World Politics (2004).

#### 8.2 Books

FLACSO-Sede México (2003, 2004), Fondo de Cultura Económica (2013), Oxford University Press (2008).

### 8.3 Book chapters

Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (2012, 2012)

### 8.4 Research projects

• Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (2009, 2009)

## 9 Academic and Research Committees

- 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–, 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.

## 10 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.

# 11 Professional association membership

- American Political Science Association (since 1998)
- Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (since 2002)
- Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Parlamentarios (since 2011)
- Midwest Political Science Association (since at least 2001)
- Public Choice Society (since 2006)

# 12 Recent academic events organized

- 25 Jun. 2018, "Mexico's 2018 Congressional elections", Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington DC.
- 18 May 2018, "III Taller La Ciencia Política desde México" workshop, Mexico City, ITAM https://emagar.github.io/pro
- 26 May 2017, "La Ciencia Política desde México" workshop, Mexico City, ITAM http://ericmagar.com/taller/.
- 13 May 2016, "La Ciencia Política desde México" workshop, Mexico City, ITAM http://ericmagar.com/taller/2016/.

- 13–17 Jun. 2011, "Latent variable estimation workshop" co-taught with Professor Guillermo Rosas from Washington University St. Louis, Mexico City, ITAM.
- 6–7 Nov. 2008, "Bayesian methods in the social sciences" seminar, co-organized by the Political Science Departments of Washington University in St. Louis, CIDE and ITAM, Mexico City, at CIDE and ITAM.

## 13 Courses taught

#### 13.1 Graduate level

- La separación de poderes en América Latina y Estados Unidos, Judicial Training Program for Argentine Judges, Washington University in St. Louis (with Guillermo Rosas, 2 hours: S2015).
- Teoría política positiva y estudios legislativos en Latinoamérica, master and Ph.D. in political science of the Instituto de Ciencia Política, Universidad de la República, Uruguay (6 hours: F2008).
- Estudios de América Latina, Máster en Relaciones Internacionales IBEI, Barcelona (16 hours: F2007).
- Introducción al Análisis Político, mtría. en políticas públicas ITAM (33 hours: W2006).
- Análisis político institucional, mtría. en políticas públicas ITAM (33 hours: F2000, F2001, F2002, F2003)

## 13.2 Undergraduate level

- Latent variable estimation workshop (15 hours: S2011).
- Política Comparada II (comparative political institutions), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: S2014, F2013, F2012, S2012, F2011, F2010, S2010, S2009, F2008, S2008, F2006, F2005, F2004, F2003, S2003, F2002).
- Política Comparada III (Latin America and the U.S.), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: F2001, F2000).
- Elección Pública III (legislative bargaining), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: S2014, S2013, F2012, S2012, F2011, S2011, F2010, S2010, F2009, S2009, F2008, S2008, F2006, S2006, S2005, S2004, S2003).
- Seminario de Investigación Política (thesis workshop), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: F2013, S2013, S2011, F2009, S2004, S2002, S2001).

## 14 Students

I have advised theses for one Ph.D. student, four M.A. students, and 19 B.A. students.

# 15 Consulting

- 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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