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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Houston,
2019–

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Houston,
2013–2019

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2013.

M.A. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2009.

Licenciatura en Ciencia Política, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México,
2006.

RESEARCH

Publications

“Learning to See: Visual Analysis for Social Science Data.” *Political Analysis*,
forthcoming (with Michelle Torres)

“Public Distrust in Challenged Elections: Evidence from Latin America.”
British Journal of Political Science, forthcoming (with Victor Hernández-Huerta)

“The Effects of Election Polls in Mexico’s 2018 Presidential Campaign.”
Electoral Studies, forthcoming (with Javier Márquez)

“Negative Partisanship in Latin America.” *Latin American Politics and Society*,
forthcoming (with Agustina Haime)

“Gender and Family Ties in Latin American Legislatures.” *Politics & Gender*,
forthcoming (with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer and Agustín Vallejo)

“Partisan Cues and Perceived Risks.” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and
Parties*, Vol. 31, Sup. 1: 82–95, 2021 (with Natalia Aruguetea, Ernesto Calvo,
Sandra Ley, Carlos Scartascini, and Tiago Ventura)

“Waiting to Vote in the 2016 Presidential Election: Evidence from a
Multi-county Study.” *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 73, No. 2: 439–453, 2020
(with Robert Stein and others)

“The Nationalization of the Mexican Party System.” *Política y Gobierno*, Vol. 23,
No.2: 1–26, 2020 (with Paul Johnson)

“The Fingerprints of Fraud: Evidence from Mexico’s 1988 Presidential
Election.” *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 113, No. 3: 710–726, 2019

“Groceries for Votes: The Electoral Returns of Vote Buying.” *Journal of Politics*,
Vol. 81, No. 3: 790–804, 2019

“Right On Time: An Electoral Audit for the Publication of Vote Results.”
Statistics, Politics and Policy, Vol. 10, No. 2: 137–186, 2019 (with Leonardo
Antenangeli)

"The Politics of Committee Chairs Assignment in Ireland and Spain." *Parliamentary Affairs*, Vol. 72, No. 1: 182-201, 2018 (with Jorge Fernandes and Pedro Riera)

"Determinants of Legislative Committee Membership in Proportional Representation Systems." *Party Politics*, Vol. 24, No. 5: 524-535, 2018 (with Pedro Riera)

"Pedagogical Value of Polling Place Observation By Students." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, Vol. 51, No. 4: 831-837, 2018 (with Chris Mann and others)

"Endogenous Ballot Structures: The Selection of Open and Closed Lists in Colombia's Legislative Elections." *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 49: 136-154, 2017 (with Susan Achury and Margarita Ramírez)

"Poll Worker Recruitment: Evidence from the Mexican Case." *Election Law Journal*, Vol. 16, No. 4: 495-510, 2017 (with Sandra Ley)

"México, 2016: El Declive de la Confianza Institucional." *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 37, No. 2: 493-519, 2017 (with Verónica Hoyo)

"The Utility of Unpacking Survey Bias in Multiparty Elections." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, Vol. 28, No. 1: 96-116, 2016 (with Verónica Hoyo and Marco Morales)

"Partisan Losers' Effects: Perceptions of Electoral Integrity in Mexico." *Electoral Studies*, Vol 39: 1-13, 2015 (with Omar García-Ponce)

"Identifying Electoral Irregularities in Mexican Local Elections." *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 58, No. 4: 936-951, 2014

"Methodological Considerations for Students of Mexican Legislative Politics: Selection Bias in Roll-Call Publications." *Política y Gobierno*, Vol. 21, No. 1, 2014 (with Scott Desposato and Eric Magar)

"The New Federalism of Mexico's Party System." *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, Vol. 19, No. 4: 3-38, 2012 (with Scott Desposato)

"Fraudulent Democracy? An Analysis of Argentina's Infamous Decade using Supervised Machine Learning." *Political Analysis*, Vol. 19, No. 4: 409-433, 2011 (with Sebastián Saiegh)

TEACHING

<i>Graduate</i>	Seminar in Comparative Elections, Introduction to Game Theory.
<i>Undergraduate</i>	Introduction to Comparative Politics, Comparative Elections, Politics of Mexico, Latin American Politics, Politics in the Southern Cone of Latin America.
<i>Summer Instructor</i>	Institutional Change: Limits and Opportunities (Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá. 2016), Introduction to Data Science (FLACSO, México. 2019, 2021).

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

<i>Grants</i>	UH Research Small Grant (2015, 2019, 2021); UH Research 50-in-5 Grant (2020); UH Provost Travel Grant (2016, 2017, 2018); UH Research Progress Grant (2015); UH New Faculty Grant (2014); UCSD Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (2010).
<i>Fellowships</i>	Mexican Ministry of Education (2007-2010), National Counsel of Science and Technology (2007-2012), Bret Harte International Fellowship (2007-2008), ITAM Tuition Scholarship (2000-2003).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

<i>Conferences</i>	American Political Science Association (2010-14, 2016-19); Midwest Political Science Association (2009-2017, 2019); The Public and Democracy in the Americas (2020); Decision Making under Deep Uncertainty Society (2020); Southeast Latin American Behavior Consortium Annual Meeting (2019); Latin American Political Methodology Meeting (2018); Latin American Studies Association (2018); Texas Conference on Political Methodology (2018); Political Methodology Meeting (2017); Southern Political Science Association (2017); Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics, UCLA (2012); Southern California Comparative Political Institutions, USC (2012); The Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy, NYU (2010).
<i>Workshops</i>	Corruption, Manipulation and Accountability, Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (2019); Symposium on Democracy in Latin America, Waseda University (2019); The 2018 Elections, Democracy, and Binational Relations, University of Texas, Austin (2018); Institutional Change: The Origins and Evolution of Political Institutions, SciencesPo (2016); La precisión de las encuestas electorales, Instituto Nacional Electoral, Mexico (2016); The Making Electoral Democracy Work Project's Workshop (2014); Analyzing Politics of Latin America, UH (2014); Corruption Symposium, UCSD Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (2013); Electoral Administration in Mexico Research Workshop, UCSD Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (2010).
<i>Talks</i>	Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (2021); Washington Employment Security Department (2021); BUAP (2020); Purdue University (2019); FLACSO-México (2019); William & Mary (2018); UT-Dallas (2018); UCSD (2018); ITAM (2018); MIT (2017); University of Oregon (2017); Rice University (2015); Washington University, St. Louis (2015); ITESM, Santa Fe (2015); Florida State University (2014); Universidad Católica Boliviana (2014); Fundación Milenio, La Paz (2014); University of Houston (2012); CIDE (2012); ITAM (2012); University of San Diego (2011).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

<i>Manuscript Reviewer</i>	<i>Acta Politica, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Bulletin for Latin American Research, Canadian Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Computational Communication Research, Czech Science Foundation, Democratization, Economics & Politics, Electoral Studies, European Journal of Political Research, Fondo Nacional de Desarrollo Científico y Tecnológico (Chile), Frontiers in Applied Mathematics and Statistics, Frontiers in Political Science, Government & Opposition, IEEE Access, Inter-American Development Bank, International Journal of Forecasting, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Journal of Comparative Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of International Development, Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties, Journal of Latin American Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Research Review, Legislative Studies Quarterly, MIT Press, Oxford University Press, Parliamentary Affairs, Party Politics, Perfiles Latinoamericanos, Political Analysis, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Política y Gobierno, PS: Political Science & Politics, Public Opinion Quarterly, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Research & Politics, Revista de Ciencia Política, Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública, Revista Mexicana de Sociología, Social Science Quarterly, World Politics.</i>
<i>Editorial Board Member</i>	<i>Política y Gobierno</i>
<i>Review Editor</i>	<i>Frontiers in Political Science (Elections and Representation)</i>
<i>University-Level Service</i>	<i>Faculty Committee Member: Graduate Studies, Undergraduate Studies, Comparative Politics Search Committee (2020); Conference co-organizer: "Analyzing Latin American Politics" (2014), "The Political Economy of Elections" (2017); Field Chair: Comparative Politics (2019-)</i>

Dissertation Committee Chair: L. Antenangeli, J. Saldaña; *Dissertation Committee Member (Political Science):* L. Allarakia, A. Haime (Rice University), C. Huang, U. Imamverdiyeva, S. Konak, Y. Liao, M. Ramírez, I. Sinha Ray; *Dissertation Committee Member (Economics):* D. Bostashvili, S. Chatterjee, P. Garófalo; *Master Thesis Reader:* J. Téllez-Rios (CIDE); *Honor Thesis Committee Director:* M. Ferreira, N. Smith; *Honor Thesis Committee Reader:* A. Lastra; *UH SURF Faculty Mentor:* A. Ibague, N. Smith.