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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*

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

"Disgust Sensitivity and Support for Immigration Policy across Five Nations"  
*Politics and the Life Sciences*, forthcoming (with Scott Clifford, Cengiz Erisen,  
and Dane G. Wendell)

"Learning to See: Visual Analysis for Social Science Data." *Political Analysis*,  
Vol. 30, No. 1: 113-131, 2022 (with Michelle Torres)

"Negative Partisanship in Latin America." *Latin American Politics and Society*,  
Vol. 64, No. 1: 72-92, 2022 (with Agustina Haime)

"Gender and Family Ties in Latin American Legislatures." *Politics & Gender*,  
Vol. 18, No. 1: 158-182, 2022 (with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer and Agustín Vallejo)

"The Effects of Election Polls in Mexico's 2018 Presidential Campaign."  
*Electoral Studies*, Vol. 73, 2021 (with Javier Márquez)

"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

### Graduate

Seminar in Comparative Elections, Introduction to Game Theory.

### Undergraduate

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Comparative Elections, Politics of Mexico, Latin American Politics, Politics in the Southern Cone of Latin America.

### Summer Instructor

Institutional Change: Limits and Opportunities (Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá. 2016), Introduction to Data Science (FLACSO, México. 2019, 2021).

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

### Grants

Senator Don Henderson Chair (2021-2024); 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).

*Fellowships* 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

*Conferences* American Political Science Association (2010-14, 2016-19); Midwest Political Science Association (2009-2019, 2022); 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).

*Workshops* Authoritarian Political Systems Group (2022, discussant); Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science, Rice University (2022, discussant) 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).

*Talks* Australian National University (2022); CIDE (2022); 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

*Manuscript Reviewer* *Acta Politica*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Bulletin for Latin American Research*, Cambridge University Press, *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Colombia Internacional*, *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*, *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, *Opinião Pública*, 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*, *Política y Sociedad*, *Political Studies Review*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Public Opinion & Parties*, *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, *Research & Politics*, *Revista de Ciencia Política*, *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública*,

*Revista Mexicana de Sociología, Social Science Quarterly, Social Sciences, Sociological Methods and Research, World Development, World Politics.*

*Editorial Board  
Member  
Associate Editor*

*Legislative Studies Quarterly, Política y Gobierno*

*Frontiers in Political Science (Elections and Representation)*

*University-Level  
Service*

*Faculty Committee Member: Graduate Studies, Undergraduate Studies, Comparative Politics Search Committee (2020), Political Theory Search Committee (2021) ; Conference co-organizer: "Analyzing Latin American Politics" (2014), "The Political Economy of Elections" (2017); Field Chair: Comparative Politics (2019-2021); Reviewer: Joseph Sidney Werlin Sociology Faculty Award (2021, 2022).*

*Dissertation Committee Chair: L. Antenangeli, J. Saldaña; Dissertation Committee Member (Political Science): L. Allarakia, S.Y. Anh, A. Haime (Rice University), C. Huang, U. Imamverdiyeva, S. Konak, Y. Liao, Y. Pu, 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. Ibagüe, N. Smith.*

#### REFERENCES

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