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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)

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

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

“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 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)

Work in progress

"The Effects of Election Polls in Mexico's 2018 Presidential Campaign." Invitation to revise and resubmit (with Javier Márquez)

"Partisan Cues and Perceived Risks." Invitation to revise and resubmit (with Natalia Aruguetea, Ernesto Calvo, Sandra Ley, Carlos Scartascini, and Tiago Ventura)

"Public Distrust in Challenged Elections: Evidence from Latin America." Under review (with Victor Hernández-Huerta)

"Partisan Hearts and Guts: Negative Partisanship in Latin America." Under review (with Agustina Haime)

"Disgust Sensitivity and Support for Immigration Policy across Five Nations" Under review (with Scott Clifford, Cengiz Erisen, and Dane G. Wendell)

"Voting for Law and Order in Mexico" (with Sandra Ley and Tiago Ventura)

"The Impact of Electoral Systems on Ideological Voting" (with Pedro Riera)

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).

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>	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>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Bulletin for Latin American Research, Comparative Political Studies, 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 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, 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>
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<i>Editorial Board</i>	<i>Política y Gobierno</i>
<i>Member</i>	
<i>Review Editor</i>	<i>Frontiers in Political Science</i> (Elections and Representation)
<i>University-Level</i>	<i>Faculty Committee Member</i> : Graduate Studies, Undergraduate Studies,
<i>Service</i>	Comparative Politics Search Committee (2020); <i>Conference co-organizer</i> : “Analyzing Latin American Politics” (2014), “The Political Economy of Elections” (2017); <i>Field Chair</i> : Comparative Politics (2019-)
	<i>Dissertation Committee Chair</i> : L. Antenangeli, J. Saldaña; <i>Dissertation Committee</i> <i>Member (Political Science)</i> : L. Allarakia, C. Huang, S. Konak, M. Ramírez, I. Sinha Ray, A. Haime (Rice University); <i>Dissertation Committee Member</i> <i>(Economics)</i> : D. Bostashvili, S. Chatterjee, P. Garófalo; <i>Master Thesis Reader</i> : J. Téllez-Rios (CIDE); <i>Honor Thesis Committee Director</i> : M. Ferreira; <i>Honor Thesis</i> <i>Committee Reader</i> : A. Lastra; <i>UH SURF Faculty Mentor</i> : A. Ibague, N. Smith.