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## EDUCATION

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### **Columbia University, New York City, New York, USA**

Ph.D. Political Science (expected Spring 2018)

Major: Comparative Politics, Minor: Quantitative Methodology

Committee: M. Victoria Murillo (chair), Shigeo Hirano, Isabela Mares, John Marshall, and José R. Zubizarreta (Harvard Medical School)

Dissertation: “Political Preferences in Adverse Conditions”

### **Columbia University, New York City, New York, USA**

MA Political Science 2013

### **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago de Chile, Chile**

BA Political Science 2010

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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*Comparative Politics:* Political behavior, political parties, distributive politics, and Latin American politics.

*Methodology:* Causal inference, natural experiments, matching methods, and design of observational studies.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] “Economic Perceptions and Electoral Choices: A Design-Based Approach.” Forthcoming, *Political Science Research and Methods*.
- [2] “Electoral Reform Under Limited Party Competition: The Adoption of Proportional Representation in Latin America” (with Gabriel Negretto). Forthcoming, *Latin American Politics and Society*.
- [3] “Economic Performance and Incumbents’ Support in Latin America” (with M. Victoria Murillo). 2017. *Electoral Studies* 45: 180-190.
- [4] “Cross-Time Behavior of the Chilean Congress: Growth or Stagnation of its Influence?” 2011. *Revista de Ciencia Política* 31(1): 91-115. [In Spanish]

## WORKING PAPERS

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- [5] “After the Flood: Natural Disasters and Political Preferences in Chile,” *job market paper*.
- [6] “Policy Preferences after Crime Victimization: Panel and Survey Evidence from Latin America,” *under review*.
- [7] “Voting for the Lesser Evil: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Romania” (with Isabela Mares), *under review*.
- [8] “Handling Limited Overlap in Observational Studies with Cardinality Matching” (with José R. Zubizarreta), *under review*.
- [9] “Vice or Virtue? The Electoral Evaluation of Different Forms of Corruption” (with Isabela Mares).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- [10] “Voting in Adverse Conditions: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Chile.”
- [11] “Who is the Distributor? Heterogeneity in Transfers to Local Governments.”
- [12] “Ending Caste-Based Discrimination in Public Policy” (with Chao-yo Cheng, Ryan Kennedy, and Johannes Urpelainen).

[13] “Who Pays for Crime? Criminal Violence and Accountability in Latin America” (with Miguel Carreras).

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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“Stable But Without Roots? Political Parties in the Public Opinion” in *Cultura Política de la Democracia en Chile*, edited by Juan Pablo Luna, Elizabeth Zechmeister, and Mitchell Seligson. Vanderbilt University: 167-195, 2010 (with Juan Pablo Luna, Héctor Bahamonde, German Bidegain and Roody Reserve). [In Spanish]

“The 2009-2010 Elections in Chile” in *Cultura Política de la Democracia en Chile*, edited by Juan Pablo Luna, Elizabeth Zechmeister, and Mitchell Seligson. Vanderbilt University 197-227, 2010 (with Juan Pablo Luna, Héctor Bahamonde, German Bidegain and Roody Reserve). [In Spanish]

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University, 2015 & 2017.

Travel Grant, American Political Science Association, 2017.

Travel Grant, Latin American Studies Association, 2017.

Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, 2016.

Giancarlo Doria Research Fellowship in Comparative Politics, 2015.

Katerina Alevizaki Dracopoulos Summer Fellowship Fund, 2015.

Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2014.

Pre-dissertation Travel Grant, Institute of Latin American Studies, 2014.

Dean’s Fellow, Columbia University, 2012-2017.

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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2017: SPSA, Universidad Católica de Chile (seminar), REPAL, LASA, Instituto Chileno de Estudios Municipales (seminar), Universidad Alberto Hurtado (seminar), Universidad de Chile (seminar), APSA.

2016: Texas A&M (conference), MPSA, LASA, REPAL, APSA.

2015: Columbia Sustainable Development (conference), Harvard (conference), Maryland (conference), LASA, Science Po Reims (conference).

2014: LASA, NYU/Columbia Political Economy of Latin America (conference).

2011: SAAP Argentina, Universidad Diego Portales Chile (conference).

2010: ACCP Chile.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Columbia University**, *Teaching Assistant*

Analysis of Political Data, Spring 2016, prof. Mark T. Lindeman.

Latin American Politics, Fall 2013, 2014 & 2015, prof. M. Victoria Murillo.

Voting and Political Behavior, Spring 2015, prof. Michael G. Miller.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Spring 2014, prof. Mona El-Ghobashy.

Pathways to Development: East Asia and Latin America, Summer 2013, prof. Pablo Pinto and Xiaodan Zhang.

**Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile**, *Teaching Assistant*

Introduction to Research Design, Fall 2010, 2011 and 2012, prof. Juan Pablo Luna and David Altman.

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2010, 2011 and 2012, prof. M. Valeria Palanza.

Political Institutions, Spring 2010 and 2011, prof. M. Valeria Palanza.

Political Organization in Chile, Spring 2010, prof. Mireya Dávila.

Workshop on Research Methods, Spring 2010, prof. Juan Pablo Luna.

**Diego Portales University, Chile, Teaching Assistant**

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 2012, prof. Ana María Farias.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant for Allison Carnegie (Columbia University), Carmen Le Foulon (PUC-Chile), Juan Pablo Luna (PUC-Chile), Antoine Maillet (U. de Chile), M. Victoria Murillo (Columbia University), M. Valeria Palanza (PUC-Chile), and Pablo Pinto (University of Houston).

Research Assistant for State of Democracy Project, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). September 2009-January 2010/ March 2010-August 2010/ September 2011-December 2011.

Member of the Chilean Team, Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP, Vanderbilt University). July 2010-December 2010.

Fieldwork experience: Chile (Copiapó and Santiago), Ecuador (Quito and Guayaquil), and Costa Rica.

## GENERAL SKILLS

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Programs: R, Stata, QGIS, and L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

Languages: Spanish (native) and English (fluent).

## SERVICE

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Reviewer: *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Revista Uruguay de Ciencia Política*, *Revista de Ciencia Política* (x2).

Panel Organizer: Causal Inference and Elections (LASA 2016), Responsiveness and Accountability in Latin America (LASA 2017).

Discussant: LASA 2016, ICHEM 2017.

## REFERENCES

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### **José R. Zubizarreta**

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Assistant Professor (by courtesy), Department of Statistics  
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