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## EDUCATION

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University of Pennsylvania PhD in Political Science	2019 - Present
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) MA in Economics	2017
Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia) MA in Economics	2015
BSc in Mathematics	2014
BA in Economics	2011

## PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

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International Political Economy, Political Economy of Development, Methodology.

## JOB MARKET PAPER

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Why Economic Sanctions Backfire

## MAIN PUBLICATIONS

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“Do Shifts in Late-Counted Votes Signal Fraud? Evidence from Bolivia”, with Dorothy Kronick and Francisco Rodríguez. **Journal of Politics**, 2022.

## ELEMENTS

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“A Practical Introduction to Regression Discontinuity Designs: Extensions”, with Matias Cattaneo and Rocío Titiunik. **Cambridge Elements: Quantitative and Computational Methods for Social Science**, Cambridge University Press, 2024.

“A Practical Introduction to Regression Discontinuity Designs: Foundations”, with Matias Cattaneo and Rocío Titiunik. **Cambridge Elements: Quantitative and Computational Methods for Social Science**, Cambridge University Press, 2020.

## WORKING PAPERS

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“On Unfounded Claims of Electoral Fraud”, with Dorothy Kronick and Francisco Rodríguez. **Under review**.

“Oversight, Depolicing, and Violence: Evidence from Colombia”, with Dorothy Kronick.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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“The Advent of the Inference Era: Science Production in Economics and Political Science since 1970”, with Arthur Lupia, Hwayong Shin and Rocío Titunik.

“The Holy Roman Empire as an International Organization”, with Jason Hartwig

“The Hidden Power of Money: How Campaign Contributions to Legislators Buy Legislative Influence”, with Miguel Rueda and Nelson Ruiz

“Covariate Distributions and Feasible Questions in Comparative Politics and Political Economy”, with Rocío Titunik.

## PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

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“[Illegal Gold Mining and Violence in Colombia](#)”, with Daniel Mejía and Ana María Tribín. **Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy**. Volume 20, Issue 1, Pages 83-111.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant at the University of Pennsylvania:

Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate, Political Science)	Fall 2024
Statistical Analysis for Political Science (graduate, Political Science)	Spring 2021, Fall 2022
International Political Economy (undergraduate, Political Science)	Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Instructor at the University of Pennsylvania:

Introduction to Statistical Methods (LPS)	Fall 2024
Math Camp (graduate, Political Science)	Summer 2020, Summer 2022

Guest Lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania:

Political Economy of Development (graduate, Political Science)	Spring 2024
One class on Formal Models of Political Accountability	

Guest Lecturer at the University of Michigan:

Multivariate Analysis (graduate, Political Science)	Winter 2019
One class on Instrumental Variables	

Teaching Assistant at the University of Michigan:

Econometric Analysis I (graduate, Economics)	Fall 2018
Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate, Economics)	Winter 2018
Multivariate Analysis (graduate, Political Science)	Fall 2016

Instructor at Universidad de los Andes:

MATLAB Introductory Course	2013-2, 2014-1
MATLAB Introductory Course, joint with David Zarruk	2013-1

Teaching Assistant at Universidad de los Andes:

Advanced Econometrics	2012-1, 2012-2, 2013-1
Impact Evaluation with Heterogeneous Effects	Summer 2013
Macroeconomics III	2012-1, Summer 2012, 2012-2, Summer 2013
Mathematical Methods for Economists	2010-2, 2011-1
Microeconomics I	2013-2

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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Browne Center Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2020, 2022, 2023, 2024.

Department of Political Science Summer Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2023, 2024.

Penn Development Research Initiative (PDRI)/Devlab@Penn Summer Grant, University of Pennsylvania, 2023.

Mumford Graduate Fellow, University of Pennsylvania. 2021-2022.

Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania. 2019-2024.

Best Graduate Student Instructor in a Graduate Class in Economics (awarded by Ph.D. students), University of Michigan. Winter 2019.

Rackham Summer Award, University of Michigan. Spring/Summer 2017.

## PRESENTATIONS

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2024 (scheduled): American Political Science Association (APSA, Philadelphia), The International Political Economy Society (IPES, Florence)

2023: IR internal workshop (UPenn), Devlab/PDRI internal workshop (UPenn), American Political Science Association (APSA, Los Angeles)

2022: IR internal workshop (UPenn)

2020: PDRI internal workshop (UPenn)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Student organizer:

Crime and Policing in Comparative Perspective Conference, UPenn, April 2023.

Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), UPenn, September 2021.

Reviewer for:

American Journal of Political Science · Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society · Comparative Political Studies · Economía · Empirical Economics · Global Studies Quarterly · Journal of Development Economics · Journal of Politics · Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics · Northwestern University Law Review · Patterns · Política y Gobierno · Political Research Quarterly · Political Science Research and Methods · Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences · Science Advances · Stata Journal · The Social Science Journal.

## LANGUAGES

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English (fluent), Spanish (native).

## COMPUTER SKILLS

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ArcGIS, GitHub, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Matlab, Python, R, Stata.

## REFERENCES

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