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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Cornell University, present (Political Science)
B.A., ITAM, 2014 (Political Science, with honors)
B.A., ITAM, 2013 (International Relations, with honors)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Data Analyst   March 2013-May 2015
Data4, Mexico City
- Processing and analyzing data on issues like violence, immigration, politics, political economy, governance, elections, and more.
- Data interpretation and storytelling for published articles in diverse media outlets like Animal Politico and Univision, as well as for NGOs.
- Project coordinator, laison between data, design and programming teams.
- Experience in online media, including data visualization and user-experience.

Research Assistant   January - June 2011
ITAM, Mexico City
- With Dr. Eric Magar.
- Processing data and research on local legislative voting patterns.

Research Assistant   Summer 2010
ITAM, Mexico City
- With Dr. Alfredo Villafranca.
- Class preparation, reading material and presentations.

Intern   Summer 2009
Mexican Embassy in Thailand, Bangkok
- Redacted letters to NGO's for financial support, prepared the research folder on the political and social situation of Cambodia and Thailand for the subsecretary of Foreign Policy's visit and compiled data on these countries.

Intern   January-June 2009
Foreign Affairs Latin America, Mexico City
- Marketing and distribution of magazine.

WORKING PAPERS

"The Effect of Electoral Outcomes on Citizen Participation in Election Monitoring: Evidence from Mexico" (Under revision). Prepared for the Leuven-Montreal Winter School.

"The militarization of law enforcement in Latin America" (with Gustavo Flores-Macías). Prepared for the 2018 Latin American Studies Association (Barcelona).

"Who can protect us better? Security threats and popular support for militarizing law enforcement" (with Gustavo Flores-Macías).

"Security, economic performance, and popular support for democracy: The case of

Mexico" (with Darin Self). Prepared for the 2018 Midwest Political Science Association.

SHORT ARTICLES AND COMMENTARY

2016. "Centralizing the Police Force: What it Means for Mexico's Narco Violence." *Cornell Policy Review* (October 5).

2016. "La Necesidad de la Perspectiva de Género." *Milenio* (February 1st).

2015. "Desaparecidos" (with José Merino y Eduardo Fierro). *Nexos* (January 1st).

2013-2015. Blog "Salir de Dudas" (over 20 short articles, with José Merino, Eduardo Fierro and Alexis Cherem). *Animal Político*.

2013. "Marcado para Morir" (with José Merino y Eduardo Fierro). *Nexos* (July 1st).

CONFE- RENCES

Latin American Studies Association, 2018
Latin American Studies Program (Cornell), 2017, 2018
Leuven-Montreal Winter School on Elections, 2018
Midwest Political Science Association, 2015, 2018
Peace and Security in a Globalized World Workshop (Stockholm University), 2016.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2018, Andrew Kohut Fellowship Program in Public Opinion & Survey Research.

2018, Experimental Study selected for the Social Science Experimentation Units Omnibus Study in Mexico.

2018, 4th Victor D'Hondt prize for the best student paper presented at the Leuven-Montreal Winter School.

2017, Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellowship ($4,000 USD).

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, graduate
- Introduction to Statistics

Teaching Assistant, undergraduate
- American Political Campaigns
- Introduction to Comparative Politics
- Electoral (Mal)Practice

Foreign Languages Across the Curriculum instructor (Spanish), undergraduate
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (2017, 2018)
- Modern Mexico (2016)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programs: Stata, R, Latex.
Languages: Spanish (native), English (advances), Portuguese (intermediate).