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EDUCATION

PhD Political Science, University of California, Berkeley	exp. 2026
MA Political Science, University of California, Berkeley	2023
MSc Applied Development Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science - <i>With Distinction</i>	2020
BA International Relations and the Global Economy, University of Southern California - <i>Magna cum laude, Order of the Laurel and the Palm (highest honor for graduating seniors)</i>	2017

WORKING PAPERS AND PROJECTS

“Women in Transition: The Revolution Effect on Gender (In)equality.” (Dissertation Project)

“Gender-Based Violence and Access to Justice: Evidence from Specialized Clinics in Guatemala.”

“Competing Rights Priorities among Activists and Governments at the UN Human Rights Council” (with Leonardo R. Arriola and Fiona Shen-Bayh).

“Rights Rhetoric: How Political Realignment Triggers Linguistic Adaptation” (with Leonardo R. Arriola, Jaimie Bleck, Alyssa Heinz, and Moumouni Soumano).

“The Gendered Process of Migration: Labor-Market Behavior of Left-Behind Wives in Mexico”.

“Inter-Institutional Coordination: Tackling Secondary Victimization in Cases of Sexual Violence Against Women and Girls in Guatemala” (with Alexia Koch, Andriana Stampoli and Cheryl Wijaya). Report prepared for the UNODC. April 2020.

“Ideological Commitment and Distributive Decision-Making in Communist Countries”. Honors Senior Thesis. May 2017.

“Here’s what it will take to reunify Cyprus” with Kristy Buzzard and Benjamin A.T. Graham, Washington Post, January 4th, 2017.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Development Economics Challenge Grant Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), UC Berkeley, (\$5,000)	2023
Pre-Dissertation Simpson Fellowship Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley, (\$4,050)	2023
Tinker Field Research Grant Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley, (\$3,000)	2023
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship U.S. Department of Education, (\$4,609)	2022
Chancellor’s Fellowship for Graduate Study UC Berkeley, (\$68,000)	2021
Chevening Award Full scholarship awarded by the U.K. Foreign and Commonwealth Office to emerging global leaders from developing nations for pursuit of a master’s degree in the U.K.	2019-2020
Discover China Fellowship Scholarship awarded to attend the 2015 Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Forum, University of Southern California (\$5,000)	2015
USC Presidential Scholarship	2013-2017

Half-tuition scholarship awarded based on academic excellence, leadership, service, and talent
University of Southern California, (\$100,000)

USC Dornsife William and Sue Gross Scholarship 2013-2017
half-tuition scholarship awarded to students who demonstrate academic achievement and a proven
commitment to the betterment of the community, University of Southern California, (\$100,000)

Foreign Language Achievement Award 2016
University of Southern California (\$5,000)

Student Undergraduate Research Fund 2015-2017
University of Southern California (\$7,500)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Order of the Laurel and Palm 2017
Highest honor bestowed on less than 1% of graduating seniors for exemplary leadership and notable
contributions that leave a lasting impact on the university community and the world at large through
their commitment to service
University of Southern California

Renaissance Scholar Distinction 2017
Recognizes students who excel in varied areas of study
University of Southern California

Discovery Scholar Distinction 2017
Recognizes students who excel in the classroom and demonstrate the ability to create exceptional new
scholarship or artistic work
University of Southern California

School of International Relations Director's Award 2017
Awarded to graduating seniors who demonstrate impeccable leadership and scholarship
University of Southern California

USC Latino Honor Society 2016
recognizes scholastic excellence and dedication to the Latino community
University of Southern California

TEACHING

GSI for Political Science 231b (Graduate):
Quantitative Analysis and Causal Inference Spring 2024

GSI for Political Science 109/166 (Undergraduate):
Latino/x/a Politics Spring and Fall 2023

GSI for Political Science 5 (Undergraduate):
Introduction to International Relations Fall 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consultant
Center for Effective Global Action: CEGA/ The World Bank 2023-2024
Research Coordinator for the Impact Data and Evidence Aggregation Library (IDEAL) Project
(Forced Displacement Team)

Research Associate
Center on the Politics of Development 2021-

Graduate Student Researcher for Leonardo Arriola 2022-
RightAct project across Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe.

Advisor to the Consul General of Mexico in Los Angeles January - August 2021
Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Program Manager February - September 2019

Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL)

Advisor to the Undersecretary for North America
Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs

August 2017- January 2019

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Graduate Student Mentor for Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program 2022-

Social Sciences Research Pathways (SSRP) Mentor 2023-2024
UC Berkeley

Women in Political Science (WIPS) Graduate Student Coordinator 2023-2024
UC Berkeley Department of Political Science

Comparative Politics Colloquium Graduate Student Coordinator 2021-2023
UC Berkeley Department of Political Science

Diversity and Inclusion Recruiter Spring 2023
UC Berkeley Department of Political Science

OTHER
RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Graduate Consultant November 2019 - April 2020
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Data Analysis Intern June-August 2017
Talus Analytics

Research Assistant August 2015 - May 2017
USC Security and Political Economy Lab

Research Assistant August 2015 - May 2017
USC US-Mexico Network

LANGUAGES

Spanish, English: native
French: fluent
Portuguese: fluent

CODE

Statistical: R, Stata
Typesetting: Markdown, L^AT_EX
General: Git

FACULTY
REFERENCES

Thad Dunning
Robson Professor in Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

Leonardo Arriola
Associate Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

Stephanie Zonszein
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley