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### EDUCATION

<b>Harvard University</b> <i>PhD in Public Policy - Economics Track</i>	Cambridge, MA Sept. 2016 – May 2022
<b>Harvard University</b> <i>Master in Public Administration - International Development</i>	Cambridge, MA Sept. 2010 – May 2012
<b>Universidad Católica Andrés Bello</b> <i>“Licenciado” in Economics</i>	Caracas, Venezuela Sept. 2003 – March 2009

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b> <i>Assistant Professor at the Bush School of Government and Public Service</i>	Aug. 2023 – Onward College Station, TX
<b>Princeton University</b> <i>Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Department of Politics</i>	Aug. 2022 – Aug. 2023 Princeton, NJ
<b>Harvard University</b> <i>Research Fellow at Harvard’s Growth Lab</i>	June 2022 – Aug. 2023 Cambridge, MA
<b>The Brookings Institution</b> <i>Visiting Researcher at the Global Economy and Development Program</i>	Jan. 2021 – Jan. 2022 Washington, DC
<b>Harvard University</b> <i>Doctoral Fellow at Harvard’s Growth Lab</i>	June 2020 – Aug. 2021 Cambridge, MA
<b>Harvard University</b> <i>Research Fellow at Harvard’s Growth Lab</i>	Sept. 2013 – May 2016 Cambridge, MA
<b>Henrique Capriles’ Presidential Campaigns</b> <i>Policy Platform Advisor and Election-Day Organizer</i>	June 2012 – May 2013 Caracas, Venezuela
<b>IESA’s Center for Energy and the Environment</b> <i>Research Associate</i>	May 2011 – Sept. 2011 Caracas, Venezuela
<b>Transparencia Venezuela</b> <i>National Finances and Oil Coordinator</i>	June 2009 – May 2010 Caracas, Venezuela
<b>Central Bank of Venezuela</b> <i>Economic Analysis Assistant</i>	June 2008 – May 2009 Caracas, Venezuela

### TEACHING

<b>Universidad Católica Andrés Bello</b>   <i>Professor of Introduction to Causal Inference</i>	Spring 2022
<b>Harvard University</b>   <i>Teaching Fellow for Big Data for Economic and Social Problems</i>	Spring 2020
<b>Harvard University</b>   <i>Teaching Fellow for Advanced Quantitative Methods</i>	Fall 2019
<b>Harvard University</b>   <i>Teaching Fellow for Development Policy Strategy</i>	Fall 2018
<b>Harvard University</b>   <i>Co-authored HBS Case “Improving Worker Safety in the Era of Machine Learning”</i>	2017
<b>Universidad Católica Andrés Bello</b>   <i>Professor of Political Economy</i>	Fall 2012
<b>Universidad Católica Andrés Bello</b>   <i>Lecturer of Macroeconomics</i>	2009 – 2010

### WORKING PAPERS

<b>Autocrats in crisis mode:</b> Strategic favoritism during economic shocks (JMP)	2021
<b>Gains from globalization and protectionism:</b> AMLO v. NAFTA in the 2006 Mexican election (R&R)	2021
<b>The economic victims of violence:</b> Local exports during the Mexican drug war (Submitted)	2021
<b>Is remote work in high demand?</b> Evidence from job postings during COVID-19	2021
<b>The local vote effects of presidential candidate visits:</b> Evidence from Venezuela	2020

## ONGOING RESEARCH

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**Strategic government appointments during an economic collapse** Evidence from Venezuela  
**Regime resilience to in-group protests:** Evidence from droughts in Sub-Saharan Africa  
**Political effects of migrant shocks:** Evidence from the Venezuelan refugee crisis throughout Latin America  
**The effects of -and responses to- election poll releases:** Evidence from the 2012 Mexican Presidential Election  
**Repression and identity:** The effects of Franquista violence on Catalan nationalism  
**Solidarity against the machine:** The effects of NGO-operated food banks on clientelism in Venezuela

## AWARDS

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Mercatus Center   <i>James Buchanan Fellowship</i>	2022 – 2023
Mercatus Center   <i>Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship</i>	2020 – 2021
Mercatus Center   <i>Adam Smith Fellowship</i>	2019 – 2020
Harvard University   <i>HKS Distinction in Student Teaching</i>	2019
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Harvard University   <i>PhD Program Financial Package Award</i>	2016
Harvard - MIT   <i>Winner of the II Annual Energy Case Competition</i>	2012
Harvard Kennedy School   <i>Frederick Fisher Memorial Prize for Second-Year Policy Analysis</i>	2012
Harvard Kennedy School   <i>MPAID Honorable Mention for Second-Year Policy Analysis</i>	2012
Harvard Kennedy School   <i>HIID Full Tuition Scholarship</i>	2010
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello   <i>Integral Student Honor</i>	2008
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello   <i>Member of UCAB's 10th Honors' Class</i>	2006 – 2007

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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<b>LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting:</b> “Autocrats in crisis mode”	Nov 2022
<b>FDZ Rhur at RWI - Causal Inference with Spatial Data:</b> “Autocrats in crisis mode”	May 2022
<b>ACM COMPASS - Computing and Sustainable Societies:</b> “Is remote work in high demand?”	June 2021
<b>Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev):</b> “The economic victims of violence”	March 2021
<b>Southern Economic Association Conference:</b> “Gains from globalization and economic nationalism”	Nov. 2019
<b>Southern Economic Association Conference:</b> “The economic victims of violence”	Nov. 2019
<b>Southern Economic Association Conference:</b> “Solidarity against the machine”	Nov. 2019

## LEADERSHIP

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Harvard University   <i>Vice-President of the Harvard Venezuelan Student Association</i>	2020 – 2021
Harvard Kennedy School   <i>President of the Venezuelan Caucus</i>	2010 – 2011
IESA-UCAB   <i>Graduate of the 1st “Lidera” Youth Leadership Program</i>	2009 – 2010
Comunidad de Debate   <i>NGO's Founding President</i>	2007 – 2010
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello   <i>Student Elected Representative</i>	2007 – 2008

## MISCELLANEOUS

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**Journal Referee:** Journal of Political Economy.  
**Research Software:** Stata, R, Python, Matlab, ArcGIS, Gephi, LaTeX.  
**Languages:** Spanish and English.  
**Nationalities:** Venezuelan and Spanish.  
**Opinion:** Commentator for Project Syndicate, Caracas Chronicles, Prodavinci and other media outlets.

## REFERENCES

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