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## EDUCATION

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

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<b>Tecnológico de Monterrey</b>	June 2024- Mexico City, Mexico
<i>Research Professor at the Graduate School of Government and Public Transformation</i>	
<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b>	Aug. 2023 – May 2024
<i>Assistant Professor at the Bush School of Government and Public Service</i>	<i>College Station, TX</i>
<b>Princeton University</b>	Aug. 2022 – Aug. 2023
<i>Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Department of Politics</i>	<i>Princeton, NJ</i>
<b>Harvard University</b>	June 2022 – Aug. 2023
<i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Harvard’s Growth Lab</i>	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>
<b>The Brookings Institution</b>	Jan. 2021 – Jan. 2022
<i>Visiting Researcher at the Global Economy and Development Program</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i>
<b>Harvard University</b>	June 2020 – Aug. 2021
<i>Doctoral Fellow at Harvard’s Growth Lab</i>	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>
<b>Harvard University</b>	Sept. 2013 – May 2016
<i>Research Fellow at Harvard’s Growth Lab</i>	<i>Cambridge, MA</i>

## TEACHING

<b>Tecnológico de Monterrey</b>   <i>Professor of EO502.5: Métodos Cuantitativos II</i>	Winter 2025
<b>Tecnológico de Monterrey</b>   <i>Professor of RE4020.1: Economía del Desarrollo</i>	Summer 2024
<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b>   <i>Professor of INTA670: Capstone Seminar on International Affairs</i>	Spring 2024
<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b>   <i>Professor of BUSH635: Quantitative Methods II</i>	Spring 2024
<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b>   <i>Professor of BUSH631: Quantitative Methods I</i>	Fall 2023
<b>Universidad Católica Andrés Bello</b>   <i>Professor of Introduction to Causal Inference (Remote)</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>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

## SERVICE

**Referee:** Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Economic Geography, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Scientific Data, Review of World Economics, Growth & Change.

**Seminar organizer:** ITESM EGTP's Research Workshop, TAMU Bush School's Quantitative Research Workshop.

## PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED BOOKS AND JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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<b>From collective punishment to constraints on authority:</b> The impact of US sanctions on Venezuela Cambridge University Press (Accepted)	2025
<b>Captured participatory institutions:</b> Theory and evidence from the Consejos Comunales. American Journal of Political Science (Accepted)	2025
<b>Escaping from hardship, searching for comfort:</b> Climate matching in refugees' destination choices. Journal of Development Economics	2025
<b>GLocal:</b> A global development dataset of local administrative areas Scientific Data	2024
<b>Opponent campaign visits in dominant party regimes</b> Journal of Politics	2024
<b>Transparent corruption:</b> Connections, references and the demand for bureaucratic intermediaries Journal of Experimental Political Science	2024
<b>Export side effects of wars on organized crime:</b> The case of Mexico Journal of International Economics	2023
<b>Gains from globalization and protectionism:</b> AMLO v. NAFTA in the 2006 Mexican election Economics & Politics	2022

## BOOK CHAPTERS, CONFERENCE PAPERS AND TEACHING CASE STUDIES

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<b>Defying the odds:</b> Maria Corina Machado and Venezuela's 2024 Election HKS Teaching Case Study	2025
<b>Economic Development in Historical Political Economy</b> The Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy	2022
<b>Is remote work in high demand?</b> Evidence from job postings during COVID-19 COMPASS '21: ACM SIGCAS Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies	2021
<b>Improving Worker Safety in the Era of Machine Learning</b> HBS Teaching Case Study	2017

## SUBMITTED WORKING PAPERS

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<b>Autocrats in crisis mode:</b> Strategic favoritism during economic shocks.
<b>Proximity as a Substitute of Contract Enforcement in Specialized Trade</b>
<b>Vulnerability, fear of discrimination and clientelism:</b> Organizer identity and the backfire of solidarity.
<b>Direct flights, trade and specialization</b>
<b>Coalition trimming in spiraling economies:</b> The case of Venezuela's Oil Czar.

## ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

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<b>Defend the palace:</b> Autocratic favors for and within capital cities.
<b>The political economy of disaster relief:</b> Theory and evidence on favoritism during national calamities.
<b>Elite redistribution and regime resilience:</b> Appointments, contracts and subsidies during Venezuela's collapse.
<b>Return migration across generations:</b> Evidence from Venezuela's refugee shock.
<b>Skill-matching in modern refugee shocks:</b> Evidence from Venezuelans in Colombia.
<b>Captured participatory institutions as usurpation devices:</b> The case of Venezuela's Consejos Comunales.
<b>Remoteness and Productive Development:</b> Why isolated economies can't develop complex economic activities.
<b>The individual effects of political discrimination:</b> Evidence from 2003's <i>Maisanta</i> List in Venezuela.
<b>Do ICC investigations prevent human rights violations?</b> Evidence from Venezuela's political crisis.

## AWARDS

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Tecnológico de Monterrey   Outstanding Professor Circle Award	2024 – 2025
Mercatus Center   James Buchanan Fellowship	2022 – 2023
Mercatus Center   Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship	2020 – 2021
Mercatus Center   Adam Smith Fellowship	2019 – 2020
Harvard University   HKS Distinction in Student Teaching	2019
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Harvard University   PhD Program Financial Package Award	2016
Harvard - MIT   Winner of the II Annual Energy Case Competition	2012
Harvard Kennedy School   Frederick Fisher Memorial Prize for Second-Year Policy Analysis	2012
Harvard Kennedy School   MPAID Honorable Mention for Second-Year Policy Analysis	2012
Harvard Kennedy School   HIID Full Tuition Scholarship	2010
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello   Integral Student Honor	2008
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello   Member of UCAB's 10th Honors' Class	2006 – 2007

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting: “Vulnerability, fear of retaliation and clientelism”	Nov 2025
REPAL Latam Political Economy Conference 2025: “Captured Participatory Institutions”	June 2025
ITESM Forum: “Mexico as a Migration Origin, Destination and Transit Route”	March 2025
Southern Economic Association Conference: “Escaping from hardship, searching for comfort:”	Nov. 2024
LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting: “Direct Flights, Trade and Specialization”	Nov. 2024
ITAM’s Economic Research Seminar: “Escaping from hardship, searching for comfort:”	Sept. 2024
IDB’s Governance and Development Seminar: “Vulnerability, fear of retaliation and clientelism”	Apr. 2024
Southern Economic Association Conference: “Transparent corruption”	Nov. 2023
Southern Economic Association Conference: “Vulnerability, fear of retaliation and clientelism”	Nov. 2023
NEUDC Conference at Yale University: “Autocrats in crisis mode”	Nov 2022
LACEA-LAMES Annual Meeting: “Autocrats in crisis mode”	Nov 2022
FDZ Rhur at RWI - Causal Inference with Spatial Data: “Autocrats in crisis mode”	May 2022
ACM COMPASS - Computing and Sustainable Societies: “Is remote work in high demand?”	June 2021
Pacific Conference for Development Economics (PacDev): “The economic victims of violence”	March 2021
Southern Economic Association Conference: “Gains from globalization and economic nationalism”	Nov. 2019
Southern Economic Association Conference: “The economic victims of violence”	Nov. 2019
Southern Economic Association Conference: “Solidarity against the machine”	Nov. 2019

## POLICY ANALYSES AND DATA VISUALIZATION TOOLS

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Mexico Private Country Sector Diagnostic: Sector assessment of the Mexican Autoparts Industry.	IFC, 2025
Predicción y pronóstico temprano de actividad económica: Data satelital y administrativa para proyectar el crecimiento trimestral de El Salvador.	ITESM, 2025
La Complejidad Económica de El Salvador: Usando proximidades tecnológicas para identificar oportunidades de diversificación productiva	ITESM, 2024
Prosperity over conflict: Leveraging economic interdependence for offshore energy developments in the Levant.	Mosbacher, 2024
Economic Integration of Venezuelan Immigrants in Colombia: A Policy Roadmap.	CGD, 2022
Remote work wanted? Analyzing online job postings during COVID-19.	Brookings, 2021
Impact of the 2017 sanctions on Venezuela: Revisiting the evidence.	Brookings, 2019
Sanctions on Venezuela: Cause or consequence of the crisis?	Prodavinci, 2019
Economic Complexity and Technological Relatedness: Findings for American Cities.	Brookings, 2019

<b>Growing Cities That Work for All:</b> A Capabilities Approach to Regional Competitiveness.	Brookings, 2019
<b>There is a Future After Cars:</b> Economic growth analysis for Hermosillo.	CID-Harvard, 2018
<b>Tabasco:</b> Reporte de Complejidad Económica.	CID-Harvard, 2018
<b>Campeche:</b> Reporte de Complejidad Económica.	CID-Harvard, 2018
<b>Baja California:</b> Reporte de Complejidad Económica.	CID-Harvard, 2018
<b>Diversificación y desarrollo en Venezuela:</b> ¿Qué hacer si el petróleo ya no basta?	Prodavinci, 2018
<b>Panama beyond the Canal:</b> Technological proximity and opportunities for diversification.	CID-Harvard, 2017
<b>Economic Complexity in Panama:</b> Assessing opportunities for productive diversification.	CID-Harvard, 2016
<b>Reforma económica de Venezuela:</b> Pobreza, Misiones y protección social.	CID-Harvard, 2016
<b>Rethinking the Taboo:</b> Gasoline Subsidies in Venezuela.	MPAID-Harvard, 2012
<b>Direct Distribution of Oil Revenues in Venezuela:</b> A Viable Alternative?	CGD, 2012
<b>Data visualization tools:</b>	
GLocal Dataset, Metroverse, The Atlas of Economic Complexity, and Subnational Atlases of Economic Complexity for Mexico, Colombia and Peru.	CID-Harvard, 2014-2024

## LEADERSHIP

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

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<b>Nationalities:</b> Venezuelan and Spanish.
<b>Languages:</b> Spanish, English and Portuguese.
<b>Research Software:</b> Stata, R, Python, Matlab, ArcGIS, Gephi, LaTeX.
<b>Opinion:</b> Commentator for Project Syndicate, Caracas Chronicles, Prodavinci and other media outlets.

## REFERENCES

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