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EDUCATION

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

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey <i>Research Professor at the Graduate School of Government and Public Transformation</i>	Starting Aug. 2024 Mexico City, Mexico
Texas A&M University <i>Assistant Professor at the Bush School of Government and Public Service</i>	Aug. 2023 – Aug. 2024 College Station, TX
Princeton University <i>Postdoctoral Research Associate at the Department of Politics</i>	Aug. 2022 – Aug. 2023 Princeton, NJ
Harvard University <i>Research Fellow at Harvard’s Growth Lab</i>	June 2022 – Aug. 2023 Cambridge, MA
The Brookings Institution <i>Visiting Researcher at the Global Economy and Development Program</i>	Jan. 2021 – Jan. 2022 Washington, DC
Harvard University <i>Doctoral Fellow at Harvard’s Growth Lab</i>	June 2020 – Aug. 2021 Cambridge, MA
Harvard University <i>Research Fellow at Harvard’s Growth Lab</i>	Sept. 2013 – May 2016 Cambridge, MA
Henrique Capriles’ Presidential Campaigns <i>Policy Platform Advisor and Election-Day Organizer</i>	June 2012 – May 2013 Caracas, Venezuela
IESA’s Center for Energy and the Environment <i>Research Associate</i>	May 2011 – Sept. 2011 Caracas, Venezuela
Transparencia Venezuela <i>National Finances and Oil Coordinator</i>	June 2009 – May 2010 Caracas, Venezuela
Central Bank of Venezuela <i>Economic Analysis Assistant</i>	June 2008 – May 2009 Caracas, Venezuela

TEACHING

Texas A&M University <i>Professor of INTA670: Capstone Seminar on International Affairs</i>	Spring 2024
Texas A&M University <i>Professor of BUSH635: Quantitative Methods II</i>	Spring 2024
Texas A&M University <i>Professor of BUSH631: Quantitative Methods I</i>	Fall 2023
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello <i>Professor of Introduction to Causal Inference (Remote)</i>	Spring 2022
Harvard University <i>Teaching Fellow for Big Data for Economic and Social Problems</i>	Spring 2020
Harvard University <i>Teaching Fellow for Advanced Quantitative Methods</i>	Fall 2019
Harvard University <i>Teaching Fellow for Development Policy Strategy</i>	Fall 2018
Harvard University <i>Co-authored HBS Case “Improving Worker Safety in the Era of Machine Learning”</i>	2017
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello <i>Professor of Political Economy</i>	Fall 2012
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello <i>Lecturer of Macroeconomics</i>	2009 – 2010

SERVICE

Journal referee: Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy 2022-2023

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Transparent corruption: Illicit connections, trusted references and the demand for bureaucratic intermediaries
Journal of Experimental Political Science 2024

Export side effects of wars on organized crime: The case of Mexico
Journal of International Economics 2023

Economic Development in Historical Political Economy
The Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy 2022

Gains from globalization and protectionism: AMLO v. NAFTA in the 2006 Mexican election
Economics & Politics 2022

Is remote work in high demand? Evidence from job postings during COVID-19
COMPASS '21: ACM SIGCAS Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies 2021

SUBMITTED WORKING PAPERS

Autocrats in crisis mode: Strategic favoritism during economic shocks (Job Market Paper).

Local electoral effects of opposition candidate visits in dominant party regimes: Evidence from Venezuela.

Vulnerability, fear of discrimination and clientelism: Organizer identity and the backfire of solidarity.

GLocal: A global development dataset of local administrative areas.

ONGOING RESEARCH

Air connectivity, trade and diversification: Knowledge diffusion or trade specialization?

Remoteness and transformation: Why can't isolated countries export complex goods over long distances?

Defend the palace: Spatial favors for capital cities during economic downturns.

The political economy of disaster relief: Theory and evidence on favoritism during national calamities.

Elite redistribution and regime resilience: Appointments and contracts during Venezuela's economic collapse.

State-sponsored communal organization and regime resilience The case of Venezuela's Consejos Comunales.

The individual effects of political discrimination: Evidence from 2003's *Maisanta* List in Venezuela.

Refugee shocks in mid-income regions: The effects of Venezuelan migration throughout Latin America.

Migration and the diffusion of economic shocks: Effects of the Great Recession in the US across Mexico.

AWARDS

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 PRESENTATIONS

Southern Economic Association Conference: “Transparent corruption”	Nov. 2023
Southern Economic Association Conference: “Vulnerability, fear of discrimination 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

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
Growing Cities That Work for All: A Capabilities Approach to Regional Competitiveness.	Brookings, 2019
There is a Future After Cars: Economic growth analysis for Hermosillo.	CID-Harvard, 2018
Tabasco: Reporte de Complejidad Económica.	CID-Harvard, 2018
Campeche: Reporte de Complejidad Económica.	CID-Harvard, 2018
Baja California: Reporte de Complejidad Económica.	CID-Harvard, 2018
Diversificación y desarrollo en Venezuela: ¿Qué hacer si el petróleo ya no basta?	Prodavinci, 2018
Panama beyond the Canal: Technological proximity and opportunities for diversification.	CID-Harvard, 2017
Economic Complexity in Panama: Assessing opportunities for productive diversification.	CID-Harvard, 2016
Reforma económica de Venezuela: Pobreza, Misiones y protección social.	CID-Harvard, 2016
Rethinking the Taboo: Gasoline Subsidies in Venezuela.	MPAID-Harvard, 2012
Direct Distribution of Oil Revenues in Venezuela: A Viable Alternative?	CGD, 2012
Data visualization tools: Metroverse, The Atlas of Economic Complexity, and Subnational Atlases of Economic Complexity for Mexico, Colombia and Peru.	CID-Harvard, 2014-2022

LEADERSHIP

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

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

REFERENCES

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