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### EDUCATION

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

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

### TEACHING

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| <b>Tecnologico 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>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 |

### SERVICE

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**Journal referee:** Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Economic Geography

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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| <b>Local electoral effects of opposition candidate visits in dominant party regimes</b><br>Journal of Politics   | 2024 |
| <b>Transparent corruption:</b> Illicit connections, trusted references and the demand for bureaucratic intermediaries<br>Journal of Experimental Political Science | 2024 |
| <b>Export side effects of wars on organized crime:</b> The case of Mexico<br>Journal of International Economics  | 2023 |
| <b>Economic Development in Historical Political Economy</b><br>The Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy   | 2022 |
| <b>Gains from globalization and protectionism:</b> AMLO v. NAFTA in the 2006 Mexican election<br>Economics & Politics  | 2022 |
| <b>Is remote work in high demand?</b> Evidence from job postings during COVID-19<br>COMPASS '21: ACM SIGCAS Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies      | 2021 |

## SUBMITTED WORKING PAPERS

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**Autocrats in crisis mode:** Strategic favoritism during economic shocks (Job Market Paper).  
**Vulnerability, fear of discrimination and clientelism:** Organizer identity and the backfire of solidarity.  
**GLocal:** A global development dataset of local administrative areas.

## ONGOING RESEARCH

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**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

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| <b>Mercatus Center</b>   <i>James Buchanan Fellowship</i>  | 2022 – 2023 |
| <b>Mercatus Center</b>   <i>Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship</i>   | 2020 – 2021 |
| <b>Mercatus Center</b>   <i>Adam Smith Fellowship</i>  | 2019 – 2020 |
| <b>Harvard University</b>   <i>HKS Distinction in Student Teaching</i>                                 | 2019        |
| <b>Harvard University</b>   <i>HKS Distinction in Student Teaching</i>                                 | 2018        |
| <b>Harvard University</b>   <i>PhD Program Financial Package Award</i>                                 | 2016        |
| <b>Harvard - MIT</b>   <i>Winner of the II Annual Energy Case Competition</i>                          | 2012        |
| <b>Harvard Kennedy School</b>   <i>Frederick Fisher Memorial Prize for Second-Year Policy Analysis</i> | 2012        |
| <b>Harvard Kennedy School</b>   <i>MPAID Honorable Mention for Second-Year Policy Analysis</i>         | 2012        |
| <b>Harvard Kennedy School</b>   <i>HIID Full Tuition Scholarship</i>                                   | 2010        |
| <b>Universidad Católica Andrés Bello</b>   <i>Integral Student Honor</i>                               | 2008        |
| <b>Universidad Católica Andrés Bello</b>   <i>Member of UCAB's 10th Honors' Class</i>                  | 2006 – 2007 |

## CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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| <b>IDB's Governance and Development Seminar:</b> "Vulnerability, fear of retaliation and clientelism" | Apr. 2024  |
| <b>Southern Economic Association Conference:</b> "Transparent corruption"                             | Nov. 2023  |
| <b>Southern Economic Association Conference:</b> "Vulnerability, fear of retaliation and clientelism" | Nov. 2023  |
| <b>NEUDC Conference at Yale University:</b> "Autocrats in crisis mode"                                | Nov 2022   |
| <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  |

## POLICY ANALYSES AND DATA VISUALIZATION TOOLS

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| <b>Prosperity over conflict:</b> Leveraging economic interdependence for offshore energy developments in the Levant.   | Mosbacher, 2024        |
| <b>Economic Integration of Venezuelan Immigrants in Colombia:</b> A Policy Roadmap.  | CGD, 2022              |
| <b>Remote work wanted?</b> Analyzing online job postings during COVID-19.  | Brookings, 2021        |
| <b>Impact of the 2017 sanctions on Venezuela:</b> Revisiting the evidence.   | Brookings, 2019        |
| <b>Sanctions on Venezuela:</b> Cause or consequence of the crisis?   | Prodavinci, 2019       |
| <b>Economic Complexity and Technological Relatedness:</b> 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><br>Metroverse, The Atlas of Economic Complexity, and Subnational<br>Atlases of Economic Complexity for Mexico, Colombia and Peru. | CID-Harvard, 2014-2022 |

## LEADERSHIP

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

## MISCELLANEOUS

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| <b>Nationalities:</b> Venezuelan and Spanish.  |
| <b>Languages:</b> Spanish and English.   |
| <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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