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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 WORK EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University <i>Assistant Professor at the Bush School of Government and Public Service</i>	Aug. 2023 – Onward 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

Universidad Católica Andrés Bello <i>Professor of Introduction to Causal Inference</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

WORKING PAPERS

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

ONGOING RESEARCH

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

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

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

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

ADVISORS AND REFERENCES

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MISCELLANEOUS

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.