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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

Texas A&M University <i>Assistant Professor at the Bush School of Government and Public Service</i>	Starting Aug. 2023 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 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
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JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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
Transparent corruption: Illicit connections, trusted references and the demand for bureaucratic intermediaries

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?
Glocal: A global dataset of subnational administrative areas for development economists.
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 <i>Maisanta</i> 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 <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

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

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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