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### EDUCATION

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

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

### TEACHING

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<b>Texas A&amp;M University</b>   <i>Professor of 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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<b>Journal referee:</b> Quarterly Journal of Economics, Journal of Political Economy	2022-2023
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## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCE PAPERS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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<b>Export side effects of wars on organized crime:</b> The case of Mexico Journal of International Economics	2023
<b>Economic Development in Historical Political Economy</b> The Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy	2022
<b>Gains from globalization and protectionism:</b> AMLO v. NAFTA in the 2006 Mexican election Economics & Politics	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

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## SUBMITTED WORKING PAPERS

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<b>Autocrats in crisis mode:</b> Strategic favoritism during economic shocks (Job Market Paper)
<b>Local electoral effects of opposition candidate visits in dominant party regimes:</b> Evidence from Venezuela
<b>Vulnerability, fear of discrimination and clientelism:</b> Organizer identity and the backfire of solidarity
<b>Transparent corruption:</b> Illicit connections, trusted references and the demand for bureaucratic intermediaries

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## ONGOING RESEARCH

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<b>Air connectivity, trade and diversification:</b> Knowledge diffusion or trade specialization?
<b>Remoteness and transformation:</b> Why can't isolated countries export complex goods over long distances?
<b>Glocal:</b> A global dataset of subnational administrative areas for development economists.
<b>Defend the palace:</b> Spatial favors for capital cities during economic downturns.
<b>The political economy of disaster relief:</b> Theory and evidence on favoritism during national calamities.
<b>Elite redistribution and regime resilience:</b> Appointments and contracts during Venezuela's economic collapse.
<b>State-sponsored communal organization and regime resilience</b> The case of Venezuela's Consejos Comunales.
<b>The individual effects of political discrimination:</b> Evidence from 2003's <i>Maisanta</i> List in Venezuela.
<b>Refugee shocks in mid-income regions:</b> The effects of Venezuelan migration throughout Latin America.
<b>Migration and the diffusion of economic shocks:</b> Effects of the Great Recession in the US across Mexico.

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## 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

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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<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>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> Metroverse, The Atlas of Economic Complexity, and Subnational 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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**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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