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Experience

Stanford University, Stanford, CA, USA

Postdoctoral Researcher, *Golub Capital Social Impact Lab, Graduate School of Business*
Supervisor: [Susan Athey](#)

2023–Present

Postdoctoral Researcher, *Digital Economy Lab, Institute for Human-Centered AI*
Supervisors: [Erik Brynjolfsson](#), [Alex ‘Sandy’ Pentland](#)

2023–Present

World Bank, Washington D.C., USA

External Researcher, *DIME Artificial Intelligence*

2025–Present

Education

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA

Ph.D., Political Economy and Government

2023

Committee: Melissa Dell, Jeffry Frieden, Rema Hanna, Horacio Larreguy, Pia Raffler

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico City, Mexico

B.A., Honors, Economics

2017

B.A., Honors, Political Science

2017

Affiliations

King Center on Global Development, Stanford

Researcher Affiliate

2024–Present

Fields and Research Interests

Political Economy; Development Economics

Economics of AI, social media, and digital transformation; public sector innovation; political accountability; misinformation; generative AI for economic measurement and civic engagement.

Publications

► “Mass Political Information on Social Media: Facebook Ads, Electorate Saturation, and Electoral Accountability in Mexico” (with Horacio A. Larreguy, John Marshall, and Alberto Simpser)

Journal of the European Economic Association, 2024 [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Slides\]](#) [\[AEA registry 7789\]](#) [\[Replication\]](#)

► “Confounding, spillovers, and interactions influence estimates of social distancing policy effects”
(with Horacio A. Larreguy and Alberto Simpser)

Nature Scientific Reports, 2025 [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Replication\]](#)

Policy & Translational Papers

► “Generative AI for Pro-Democracy Platforms”

(with Alia Braley, Nuole Chen, Alex Pentland, Anka Reuel, and Lily L. Tsai)

An MIT Exploration of Generative AI, 2024. [\[PDF\]](#)

Working Papers

- ▶ “Beyond argumentation: AI-powered Socratic dialogue and political moderation in public deliberation”
Job Market Paper [\[PDF\]](#) [\[AEA RCT registry 15461\]](#)
- ▶ “Accountability under Polarization” (with Horacio A. Larreguy, John Marshall, and Alberto Simpser)
Working paper [\[PDF\]](#) [\[Slides\]](#) [\[AEA RCT registry 3135\]](#)
- ▶ “Democracy under Assault: Electoral Reform and Political Violence”
Under review [\[PDF\]](#)
- ▶ “A Theory of Criminal Bribe and Punishment under Elections” (with Martín Castillo-Quintana)
Under review [\[PDF\]](#)
- ▶ “Policy Dreamer: Diverse Public Policy Generation Via Elicitation and Simulation of Human Preferences”
(with Arjun Karanam, Udari Madhushani Sehwag, Michael Elabd, Kanishk Ghandi, Noah D. Goodman, Sanmi Koyejo) *Socially Responsible Language Modelling Research workshop at NeurIPS 2024* [\[PDF\]](#)

Works in Progress

- ▶ “Emotional Drivers of Misinformation” (with Susan Athey and Kristine Koutout)
- ▶ “Augmenting Human Survey Responses with Generative AI: An Application to Economic Research”
(with Erik Brynjolfsson, Sophia Kazinnik, and David Nguyen)
- ▶ “From Pilots to Prompts: Validating LLM In-Silico Predictions in Low-Resource Contexts”
(with Jasmin Baier and Sharif Kazemi)
- ▶ “Elite-driven polarization on social media” (with Horacio Larreguy and Octavio Lujambio)

Selected Presentations

2026: Google Econ seminar*

2025: ASSA/AEA Annual Meetings · Rookiefest (Northwestern) · AI and Democratic Governance (Yale) · Annual Business & Generative AI Conference (Wharton) · Workshop on Deliberation, Governance and Decentralized Social Networks (Georgetown)

2024: Pacific Conference for Development Economics (Stanford)

2023: Conference on the Economics of Crime and Justice (The University of Chicago) · MPSA · EGAP

2022: ITAM · NEWEPS-19 (Yale) · APSA · XIII TWEC (Bocconi) · ESOC (UC Berkeley) · LACEA–LAMES · NEUDC (Yale)

Selected Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

Stanford Impact Labs Postdoctoral Fellowship 2025
Stanford Impact Labs

Global Development Research Funding (\$20,000) 2025
Stanford King Center on Global Development

Proposal Development Award (\$10,000) 2025
AI at Work, Schmidt Sciences

Graduate Student Fellowship 2017–2023
Harvard University–Fundación México en Harvard

Certificate of Excellence in Teaching
Harvard Kennedy School; Harvard College

2020, 2021

Ex ITAM Research Prize, Best thesis
ITAM Alumni Association

2018

Teaching

Harvard Economics Dept. ECON 50: *Using Big Data to Solve Economic and Social Problems* 2020–2021
Teaching Fellow for Raj Chetty and Gregory Bruich (4.71/5.0)

Harvard Kennedy School API 205: *Politics and Policies: What Can Data Tell Us?* 2020–2021
Teaching Fellow for Deborah Hughes Hallett (4.67/5.0)

Harvard Kennedy School DEV 309: *Development Policy Strategy* 2019
Teaching Fellow for Ricardo Hausmann and Miguel Ángel Santos (4.2/5.0)

Service

Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Development Economics, The Journal of Politics, National Science Foundation, Stanford Impact Labs

Reviewer

Harvard University Mexican Association of Students (HUMAS) and The Mexico Conference 2020–2021
Co-Chair

Skills

Computing: R, Python, STATA

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Mandarin (basic), French (basic)

References

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Toshiba Professor of Media Arts & Science, MIT
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