## Lily Medina

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

2021 M.A. Political Science, University of California, Berkeley

2017 M.S. Statistics, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

2011 B.S. Industrial Engineering, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia

DISSERTATION PROJECT

With or Without the State: Understanding the Origins and Effects of Militias in Civil

War.

**PUBLICATIONS** 

Civilian Attitudes towards Traditional and State Authorities: Substitutes or Complements? with P Windt, M Humphreys, J Timmons, and M Voors. Comparative Political Studies. 1-31 (2018).

Ongoing Projects (Class) Disparities in Policing. (Single-author paper).

Making, Updating, and Querying Causal Models using Causal Queries with T Tietz, G Syunyaev, and M Humphreys, Submitted to: Journal of Statistical Software. (2024).

Ethnic Identification and Ethnic Deception: Experimental Evidence from Uganda, South Africa, and the United States with A Harris, D Nielson, C Bicalho, M Findley, J Weinstein, J Habyarimana, M Humphreys, and D Posner.

Formalising theories of change as Bayesian causal models and eliciting expert priors over model parameters: lessons from UPAVAN with C Davey, M Humphreys, A Jacobs, M Juden, T Mapuwei, H Mwambi, and T Tietz.

Marching for Change: Quantifying the Effects of Women's Rights Protests on Legislation and Femicide in Latin America with J Reyes

Grants

2025 CEGA Spring 2025 Development Economics Challenge. With or Without the State: Understanding the Origins and Effects of Militias in Civil War. Amount Awarded: \$4,900.

2023 The John L. Simpson ABD Research Fellowship in International & Area Studies. Outsourcing Coercion: The Emergence of State-Sponsored Militias in Colombia.  $Amount\ Awarded$ : \$10,486.

2023 Tinker Field Research Grant Outsourcing Coercion: The Emergence of State-Sponsored Militias in Colombia. *Amount Awarded*: \$2,500.

Teaching

2024 (PhD level) Quantitative Analysis in Political Research for Erin Hartman (UC Berkelev)

2023 Instructor for the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) Module: Causal Inference with Causal Models with Alan Jacobs

2023 Graduate Student Instructor for Introduction to Comparative Politics for Pradeep Chhibber (UC Berkeley)

2022 Graduate Student Instructor for Introduction to Quantitative Methods for Jason Wittenberg (UC Berkeley)

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2022 Instructor for the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)

Module: Causal Inference with Causal Models with Alan Jacobs

2022 Instructor for the Learning Days Workshop of the Evidence in Governance

and Politics (EGAP)

Modules: Randomization Inference and Randomization

2021 Instructor for the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)

Module: Causal Inference with Causal Models with Alan Jacobs

2021 Graduate Student Instructor for the Learning Days Workshop of the Evidence

in Governance and Politics (EGAP)

Module: Randomization

RESEARCH 2019 Research Consultant, Wageningen University

EMPLOYMENT 2017-2019 Predoctoral Research Fellow, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

Non-Academic

2016-2017 Research Assistant, Humboldt Universitat Germany,

EMPLOYMENT 2010-2012 Finance Analyst, Ajover, Colombia

2009-2010 Intern, Davivienda, Colombia

2009 Research Assistant, Universidad de Los Andes, Colombia

Published Software Causal Queries, R statistical package using Bayesian methods for generating inference

on causal queries from structural models with M Humphreys and A Jacobs.

DesignLibrary, R statistical package for quickly simulating canonical research designs

with G Blair, J Cooper, A Coppock, M Humphreys, C Correia, and N Fultz.

Code Statistical: R, Stan, Stata (beginner)

Typesetting: Markdown, Knitr, LATEX General-Purpose: Java, C++ (beginner)

Languages Spanish: Native speaker

English: Fluent German: Fluent

References Alison Post, University of California, Berkeley

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