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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Harvard Business School , Boston, MA Assistant Professor, Business, Government & the International Economy	2023-present
	European University Institute , Florence, Italy Max Weber Fellow	2021-2023
AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS	Affiliations Center on the Politics of Development, University of California at Berkeley Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School Bloomberg Center for Cities, Harvard Kennedy School	2014-present 2023-present 2025-present
	Memberships Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)	2025-present
EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley , Berkeley, CA, USA Ph.D., Political Science • Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology, Political Behavior • Advisors: Thad Dunning, Aila M. Matanock, Ruth Berins Collier <i>Recipient of the APSA Experiments Section Best Dissertation Award</i> M.A., Political Science (with distinction)	2021 2016
	Universidad de Los Andes , Bogotá, D.C., Colombia M.A., Economics B.A., Political Science B.A., Economics	2013 2012 2012
PUBLICATIONS	Garbiras-Díaz N , García-Sánchez M, Matanock AM. 2024. Elite Cues and Information in Conflict Contexts. <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , 61(5): 874-890. https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433231168189 Garbiras-Díaz, N , Montenegro, M. 2022. All Eyes on Them: A Field Experiment on Citizen Oversight and Electoral Integrity. <i>American Economic Review</i> , 112 (8): 2631-68. https://doi.org/10.1257/aer.20210778 García-Sánchez M, Matanock AM, Garbiras-Díaz N . 2022. Do citizens' preferences matter? Shaping legislator attitudes towards peace agreements. <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> . https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027221099245 Winner of the 2024 Catherine Kelleher Best International Security Article, APSA Section 19 Matanock, A.M. and Garbiras-Díaz, N. , 2018. Considering concessions: A survey experiment on the Colombian peace process. <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i> , 35(6), pp.637-655. https://doi.org/10.1177/0738894218787784	

CURRENT PROJECTS

“The Limits of Decentralized Data Collection: Experimental Evidence from Colombia” (with Tara Slough, Conditionally Accepted *Journal of Politics*)

“Easier Said than Done? Stated vs. Revealed Democratic Commitment Around Peru’s Self-Coup Attempt” (with Loreto Cox and Hernán Carvajal)

“An Anatomy of Citizens’ Discontent: Experimental Evidence from Latin America” (with Loreto Cox)

“The Calculus of Peace: Cost-Benefit Reasoning and Public Attitudes Toward the Peace Agreement in Colombia” (with Miguel García-Sánchez and Aila Matanock, under review)

“Accents as capital” (with Leopoldo Fergusson and Michael Weintraub). [Harvard Business School Working Paper](#), No. 26-039, December 2025.

“Does compulsory voting breed anti-establishment voting? Evidence from Brazilian presidential elections”

“Corruption and the Rise of Political Outsiders: Evidence from Audits and Local Elections in Brazil” (with Lucas Novaes)

“Untouchable Forces: Restoring Trust in Security in Weak States?” (with Aila Matanock)

“Spoiling Support for Peace Processes?” (with Aila Matanock and Miguel García-Sánchez, under review)

“Support for citizen deliberation in divided societies: Experimental evidence from Lebanon, a least likely case” (with Julian Vierlinger and Christoph Niessen, under review)

“Do Third Parties Reduce Commitment Problems After Civil War? Microfoundational Evidence from Ex-Combatants in Colombia” (with Laia Balcels, Leopoldo Fergusson, Juana García, and Michael Weintraub, under review)

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Electoral Integrity & Local Development: Experimental Evidence From Colombia” (with Mateo Montenegro)

“Managing Democracies for Development: An Intervention to Equip Peruvian Mayors with Management and Democratic Skills” (funded by [GI-JPAL](#), FID)

OTHER WRITING

“Actitudes de exintegrantes de las Farc-EP frente a la reincorporación” (with Ana Arjona, Leopoldo Fergusson, Juana García-Duque, Tatiana Hiller, Lewis Polo and Michael Weintraub)

- [Documento CEDE no. 24](#)

Book reviews

“Organized Violence after Civil War: The Geography of Recruitment in Latin America,” *Peace Review*, 2018, 30:1, 120-123, DOI: [10.1080/10402659.2017.1418648](#)

Book chapters

“Participación de exintegrantes de las Farc-EP en programas de reincorporación: Evidencia tras 3 años de atenciones.” with Leopoldo Fergusson, Juana García Duque and Michael L. Weintraub in “A los 5 años del acuerdo: ¿cómo va la paz en Colombia?,” Laura Betancur Restrepo and Angelika

Rettberg (eds). Ediciones Uniandes.

“Influencia y resistencia. La formación de opiniones de ciudadanos y élites políticas hacia el acuerdo de paz. Paz y opinión pública en Colombia.” with Miguel García-Sánchez and Aila Matanock in “Paz y opinión pública,” Sandra Botero and Miguel García-Sánchez (eds). Ediciones Uniandes.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS	Fund for Innovation in Development, Stage 2 Grants France	2025
	J-PAL Governance Initiative Grant, Cambridge, USA	2025
	Early Stage Researchers Fund. European University Institute, Italy	2022
	EGAP Priority Theme Small Grants Fund	2021
	ESOC Mentorship Program. Empirical Studies of Conflict, Princeton University	AY2021-2022
	Folke Bernadotte Academy research grant	2020
	JPAL Governance Initiative Grant, Cambridge, USA	2019
	IIS Simpson Fellowship	AY2019-20
	Doctoral Completion Fellowship. University of California at Berkeley	2018
	Peter Odegard Memorial Award	2017
	<i>Given annually to third-year student judged to display the most scholarly promise.</i>	
	Graduate Division Summer Grant. University of California at Berkeley	2015, 2016, 2017
	Political Science Department Fellowship. University of California at Berkeley	2014-present
	Juan Luis Londoño. Finalist	2013
	Department of Economics, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia	
	Best GPA from graduating class. GPA: 4.56/5.0	2012
	Political Science Department, Universidad de Los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<i>At HBS (MBA):</i>	
	Business, Government, and the International Economy	Spring 2025
	Business, Government, and the International Economy	Spring 2024
	<i>Lecturer at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy:</i>	
	Field Experiments	Spring 2023
	<i>Lecturer at the European University Institute, Florence, Italy:</i>	
	Field Experiments Part I	Spring 2022
	<i>Lecturer at the Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia:</i>	
	Clientelismo y Corrupción	Spring 2021
	<i>Lecturer at the Universidad Católica del Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay:</i>	
	Experimentos de Campo en las Ciencias Sociales: Teoría y Práctica	Summer 2021, 2023, 2025
	<i>Graduate Student Instructor at the University of California, Berkeley:</i>	
	Quantitative Analysis in Political Research (graduate) with Thad Dunning	Spring 2017
	Introduction to Empirical Analysis and Quantitative Methods (undergraduate, head GSI) with Laura Stoker	Fall 2016
	Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate) with Steve M. Fish	Spring 2016
	Game Theory in the Social Sciences (undergraduate) with Robert Powell	Fall 2015
	<i>Other Teaching:</i>	
	EGAP Learning Days Workshop in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (Instructor)	June 2023
	EGAP Learning Days Refresher, Online (Instructor)	November 2020
	EGAP Learning Days Workshop in Bogotá, Colombia (Instructor)	April 2019
	EGAP Learning Days Workshop in Montevideo, Uruguay (Instructor)	February 2018
	EGAP Learning Days Workshop in Guatemala City, Guatemala (Instructor)	August 2017

ACADEMIC
SERVICE

Co-organizer of the Pre-APSA Workshop for Advanced Graduate Students and Postdocs Studying Latin America. Cambridge, MA, U.S.A. September 2, 2026 (scheduled)
 Co-organizer of the [Scholars at Risk in the Social Sciences](#) conference. Florence, Italy June 12, 2023
 Organizer of the [CIVICA Data Science Days](#). Florence, Italy October 6-7, 2022
 Co-organizer of the [Occasional Political Economy Seminar Series](#) (with Miriam Golden) Fall 2022, Spring 2023
 Co-organizer *Voters' Preferences and Parties' Performance in Politics Workshop*. European University Institute June 2022

Committees:

APSA Comparative Politics Section, Margaret Levi Award for the Advancement of Comparative Methodology 2026
APSA Formal Theory Section, Journal of Theoretical Politics Ostrom Award 2026
9th Latin American PolMeth Meeting, Scientific Committee 2025
APSA Experiments Section, Best Dissertation Award 2023
13th Annual Meeting of AL CAPONE (America Latina Crime and Policy Network), Scientific Committee 2024
8th Latin American PolMeth Meeting, Scientific Committee 2024

Faculty Grants Committee, DRCLAS, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Referee: *American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Journal of Politics; American Economic Review; World Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics, Conflict Management and Peace Science; Journal of Conflict Resolution; Journal of Peace Research; Economics & Politics; International Studies Quarterly; Journal of Politics in Latin America; Research and Politics; Journal of Comparative Politics; International Peacekeeping; Economics of Transition and Institutional Change; European Journal of Political Economy; Government & Opposition, Revista de Ciencia Política (Chile); Revista Elecciones (Peru); Revista Análisis Político - UNAL (Colombia), World Bank*

Member: *Graduate Program Admissions Committee, UC Berkeley.* 2021

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS**Invited Talks and Series:**

Building Democratic Resilience Workshop. Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. University of Texas, Austin. Austin, TX, U.S.A. 2026 (scheduled)
 CIPR Speaker Series on Contemporary Challenges to Latin American Democracies. Tulane University. New Orleans, LA, U.S.A. 2026 (scheduled)
 Free Market Institute Research Workshop. Texas Tech University. Lubbock, TX, U.S.A. 2026 (scheduled)
 Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Workshop. Brown University, Providence, RI, U.S.A. 2025
 Columbia Political Economy Seminar. New York City, NY, U.S.A. 2025
 LCR Economics Seminar Series. The World Bank. Washington, D.C., U.S.A. 2025
 Growthlab. Brown University. Providence, RI, U.S.A. 2025
 NYU Comparative Politics Seminar. New York City, NY, U.S.A. 2025
 CIE Seminar. ITAM. Ciudad de México, México 2024
 Seminario de Ciencia Política. ITAM. Ciudad de México, México 2024
 Seminario Política y Gobierno. CIDE. Ciudad de México, México 2024
 Governance & Development Seminar Series. Inter-American Development Bank. Washington, D.C., U.S.A. 2024
 Tuesday Seminar Series. DRCLAS. Harvard University. Boston, MA, U.S.A. 2024
 Comparative Politics Seminar Series. European University Institute. Florence, Italy 2023
 Alberto Alesina Seminar Series on Political Economy. Harvard University. Boston, MA, U.S.A. 2023
 Development Economics Seminar Series. Georgetown University. Washington DC, U.S.A. 2023
 Latin American Working Group. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Boston, MA, U.S.A. 2023
 Inter-American Policy and Research Speaker Series. Tulane University. New Orleans, LA, U.S.A.

2023
 E2A 2022: Confronting Conflict and Displacement in a Changed World. CEGA. Berkeley, CA, U.S.A. 2022
 Seminario CEDE. Universidad de los Andes. Virtual 2022
 EuroWEPS IV. Virtual 2021
 Speakers Series at the University of Mississippi. Virtual 2021
 Seminario Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Administrativas. Pontificia Universidad Javeriana. Bogotá, Colombia 2020
 Berkeley-Stanford Political Economy Working Group. Berkeley, CA, U.S.A. 2019, 2015

Annual Meetings & Conferences:

American Political Science Association: 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
European Political Science Association: 2022, 2025
Midwest Political Science Association: 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018
Latin American Peace Science: 2021, 2020
Peace Science Society: 2020, 2017
Empirical Studies of Conflict: 2022
Evidence in Governance and Politics Latin American Hub Regional Meeting: 2023, 2025
International Economic Association World Congress: 2023
REPAL: 2024
ECINEQ D.C.: 2025

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Microfoundations of DDRR: A Survey of FARC Ex-Combatants in Colombia 2019-2021

Predoctoral Fellowship - Project coordinator Bogotá, Colombia

Presidential Campaign Sergio Fajardo 2017-2018

Coordinator of the Data Analysis Team. Coordinator of the Digital Mobilization Team. Bogotá, Colombia

The World Bank 2013-2014

Junior Professional Associate. Poverty and Equity Group. Poverty Reduction and Economic Management for Latin America and the Caribbean Region. Washington D.C.

CONSULTANT

The World Bank

Short-Term Consultant, EFI-LCR-POV-Poverty and Equity July-December, 2022

Ministry of Education Summer, 2015

Planning and Finance Office

National Planning Department 2013

Sinergia Territorial, Directorate of Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Policy. Bogotá, Colombia

SKILLS

- Statistical Packages: R, Stata
- Other: \LaTeX , QGIS, Python (basic)
- Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), , Italian (Intermediate), French (Intermediate), Portuguese (Basic)

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