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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
PhD in Political Science, 2015 – expected May 2022
    Dissertation: The Political Consequences of Chronic Violence in Mexico
    Major in comparative politics, minor in quantitative methods

School of International and Public Affairs
MPA, Economic and Political Development, 2015

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT
BA, Economics and Psychology, 2011
Master's Prize, Berkeley College at Yale

EXPERIENCE

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York | Graduate Student Researcher, 2015 – present
+ Developed a data set on electoral campaign ads using web-scraping, machine learning tools, and text analysis techniques for project on the effects of crime on campaigns in Mexico.
+ Designed and analyzed an online survey experiment to understand how crime policies shape public opinion.
+ Coordinated with a team of six researchers the design, implementation, and analysis of online survey and conjoint experiments to understand Covid-19 vaccine hesitancy in Latin America and ways to reduce it.
+ Analyzed data from an audit experiment of Mexico's Freedom of Information Law assessing bureaucratic bias and published findings together with a faculty member.
+ Coordinated the comparative politics seminar at Columbia (2016-18).

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York | Teaching Assistant, 2015 – present
+ Led discussion and review sections for classes on Latin American politics, comparative politics, civil war, statistics, and data analysis.
+ Collaborated with faculty in revamping class on Latin American politics and adapting it to online teaching.

ACADEMY FOR THE ANALYSIS OF SECURITY, San Salvador, El Salvador | Consultant, Summer 2017
+ Developed impact evaluation strategies for security policies together with policymakers from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.

HOT SPOT POLICING IMPACT EVALUATION, Bogotá, Colombia | Research Assistant, Summer 2016
+ Interviewed police officers regarding their experience with a new hotspot policing strategy and identified areas of improvement for the program.
+ Submitted findings and recommendations to professor for publication.

INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, Washington D.C. | Intern, Summer 2014
+ Supported the development and updating of key performance indicators for the bank's Corporate Results Framework.

MIT POVERTY ACTION LAB (J-PAL), Santiago, Chile | Policy and Training Analyst, 2011-2013
+ Designed, developed, and taught training courses on randomized trials for policymakers in Latin American countries.
+ Collaborated in the coordination of government and university partnerships to identify policy problems and develop evidence-based solutions.
+ Authored policy briefs and op-eds summarizing research findings for policymakers.
+ Created and oversaw the office's social media presence.

PUBLICATIONS

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

"The Shot, The Messenger, and the Vaccine: Covid-19 Vaccine Acceptance in Latin America" (2021). *Nature Partner Journal: Vaccines.* With Argote, Barham, Daly, Gerez, & Marshall.

"Messaging Interventions that Increase Covid-19 Vaccine Willingness in Latin America" (2021). PLOS One. With Argote, Barham, Daly, Gerez, & Marshall.

"Vaccine Diplomacy: How Covid-19 Vaccine Distribution in Latin America Increases Trust in Foreign Governments." (In Progress). With Barham, Daly, Gerez & Marshall.

"Dynamic Transparency: An Audit of Mexico's Freedom of Information Act." (2019). *Public Administration.* With Lagunes.

"Crime, Electoral Campaigns, and Credibility." (In Progress).

"When Do Anti-Crime Policies Help Politicians? Evidence From a Survey Experiment in Mexico." (In Progress).

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

"What We Learned About Vaccine Hesitancy and How to Overcome It." (2021). *Columbia News.*

"Why El Salvador's Multi-Party System is on the Brink of Collapse." (2021). *El Faro.*

"Conditional Cash Transfers: International Experience and Policy Implications." (2013). Book chapter with de Iruarrizaga and Gallego.

SKILLS

LANGUAGES
+ Spanish (native), Portuguese (conversational), French (conversational).

DIGITAL SKILLS
+ R, Stata, GIS, basic Python, Qualtrics, text analysis, web-scraping.

TRAINING
+ Hostile environment and awareness training for research in violent contexts, Academic Research on Conflict and Contention of the London School of Economics. Summer 2018.