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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science (ABD), New York University	exp. May 2019
M.A. Political Science, New York University	2015
MPhil Economics, University of Cambridge	2010
BA Economics, <i>with honors</i> , University of Chicago	2007

PUBLICATIONS

Papers

“Partisan Representations: Partisan Differences in Semantic Representations and their Role in Attitude Judgments” (with Halpern, D.), forthcoming in CogSci 2018 conference proceedings.

“Direct Distribution of Oil Revenues in Venezuela: ¿A Viable Alternative?” (with Monaldi, F. and Morales, J.R.), Center for Global Development Working Paper 306, 2012. ([link](#))

“Taking the Easy Way Out: How the GED Induces Students to Drop Out of School” (with Heckman, J., LaFontaine, P. and Humphreys, J.E.), Journal of Labor Economics, 2012, Vol. 30, n. 3.

“La inflación en Venezuela: marco institucional y un modelo VAR”, Revista BCV N°2/2009. (Translation: “Inflation in Venezuela: Institutional Framework and a VAR Model”) ([link](#)).

Book

“El petróleo como instrumento de progreso: una nueva relación Ciudadano-Estado-Petróleo” (with Rodríguez, L.R.), IESA Press, currently on its 2nd edition, 2012. (Translation: “Oil as an Instrument for Progress: A New Citizen-State-Oil Relationship”) ([link](#))

Book Chapters

“De subsidiados a propietarios: replanteando el subsidio a la gasolina”, chapter in “Venezuela 2015: Economía, Política y Sociedad”, edited by Ronald Balza, UCAB Press, 2015. (Translation: “From Subsidy Recipients to Proprietors: Rethinking the Gasoline Subsidy”) ([link](#))

“Panorama de los sistemas financieros en América Latina: avances y desafíos” (with Arreaza, A.), chapter in “Servicios Financieros para el Desarrollo: Promoviendo el Acceso en América Latina”, edited by Corporación Andina de Fomento (CAF), 2011.

(Translation: “Outlook of Latin America’s Financial Sectors: Progress and Challenges) ([link](#))

Papers Under Review

“Who Hears, Who Cares: How Social Networks Spread Information and Motivate Action in Rural Uganda” (with Larson, J. and Lewis, J.)

Working Papers

“Modeling Semantic Memory Search for Concrete and Abstract Categories” (with Halpern, D.).

“Taxes, Windfalls and Accountability: The Role of Property Rights” (with Bernabel, R.).

“Not All Ties are Created Equal: The Attenuation Effect of Aggregating Networks” (with Larson, J.).

Research in Progress

“Partisan Representations: Measuring Linguistic Differences in Political Texts Using Word Embeddings” ([link](#) to PolMeth XXXV poster).

“Hugo Chavez as a Political Entrepreneur: Text as Data Methods to Measure the Use of Heresthetics” (with Kronick, D. and Plunkett, B.).

Software (in development):

“RSemantica: R package to collect and analyze semantic fluency data” (with Halpern, D.).

TEACHING

International Politics (undergraduate)	New York, 2018
New York University, Teaching Assistant	

Impact Evaluation (executive education)	Caracas, Venezuela, 2016
Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Instructor	

Impact Evaluation (masters)	Caracas, Venezuela, 2016
Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Instructor	

Quantitative Methods II (masters)	New York, 2016
New York University, Preceptor	

Political Economy of Oil (masters)	Caracas, Venezuela, 2013
Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Instructor	

States, Markets and Society (masters)	Caracas, Venezuela, 2012 - 2013
Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Instructor	

Microeconomics (masters)	Caracas, Venezuela, 2012 - 2013
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Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Instructor

Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate)
Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Instructor

Caracas, Venezuela, 2011 - 2013

WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

PolMeth XXXV	Provo, 2018
International Society of Political Psychology Annual Conference	San Antonio, 2018
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	Chicago, 2018
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	Chicago, 2017
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference	New Orleans, 2017
Doctoral Consortium on NLP and Computational Social Science	Austin, 2016
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (online poster)	Philadelphia, 2016
Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute NYU Abu Dhabi	Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2016
Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference Northwestern University	Chicago, 2015
Studies of the GED Testing Program Conference University of Chicago	Chicago, 2011

AWARDS

IESA Outstanding Research Award Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración	Caracas, Venezuela, 2016
Excellence in Teaching Award Caracas Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Teacher	Venezuela, 2012 and 2013

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Half MacCracken Fellowship (2018-2019), \$14,000

Humane Studies Fellowship (2018-2019), \$4,000

George Downs Memorial Prize (2016, 2018), \$4000, \$3000

MacCracken Fellowship (2013 – 2018), \$110,000 (total)

NYU-Politics Summer Funding (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017), \$20,000 (total)

Center for Experimental Social Science (2015), \$2000

Charles G. Koch Summer Fellow (2005)

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor (on leave) Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Caracas, Venezuela	2012 - present
Academic Coordinator, International Center for Energy and Environment (CIEA) Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Caracas, Venezuela	2011 - 2013
Executive of the Vice-Presidency of Development Strategies and Public Policy CAF-Development Bank of Latin America, Caracas, Venezuela	2010 - 2011
Research Assistant to Professor James J. Heckman University of Chicago, Chicago, USA	2007 - 2008

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Reviewer Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing Annual Conference 2018	USA, 2018
Discussant 11th Annual NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference	USA, 2018
Program committee member ACL 2017 workshop on NLP+CSS	USA, 2011 - 2013
Guest Lecturer Jenn Larson's Undergraduate Networks Class	USA, Fall 2017
Guest Lecturer Pablo Querubin's Undergraduate Latin American Politics Class	USA, Fall 2014/2015
Dissertation Advisor (2 masters/2 undergraduate) UCAB/IESA	Caracas, Venezuela, 2011-2013

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (fluent), English (fluent), German (advanced), French (intermediate)

Software: R, RShiny, Stata, Latex, zTree, Qualtrics, Python, TensorFlow, Keras.

REFERENCES

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