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### EDUCATION

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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

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#### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

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International Politics (undergraduate) New York University, Teaching Assistant	New York, 2018
Impact Evaluation (executive education) Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Instructor	Caracas, Venezuela, 2016
Impact Evaluation (masters) Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Instructor	Caracas, Venezuela, 2016
Quantitative Methods II (masters) New York University, Preceptor	New York, 2016
Political Economy of Oil (masters) Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Instructor	Caracas, Venezuela, 2013
States, Markets and Society (masters)	Caracas, Venezuela, 2012 - 2013

Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Instructor

Microeconomics (masters)

Caracas, Venezuela, 2012 - 2013

Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Instructor

Intermediate Microeconomics (undergraduate)

Caracas, Venezuela, 2011 - 2013

Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Instructor

## **WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES**

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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

Abu Dhabi, UAE, 2016

NYU Abu Dhabi

Workshop on Research Design for Causal Inference

Chicago, 2015

Northwestern University

Studies of the GED Testing Program Conference

Chicago, 2011

University of Chicago

## **AWARDS**

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IESA Outstanding Research Award

Caracas, Venezuela, 2016

Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración

Excellence in Teaching Award Caracas

Venezuela, 2012 and 2013

Universidad Católica Andrés Bello, Teacher

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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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**

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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**

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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**

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

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

## REFERENCES

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