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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-2020 **University of California, Berkeley**
Predoctoral Fellow, Evidence in Governance and Politics
- 2019- **New York University**
Assistant Professor, Department of Politics (starting 2020)
Visiting Scholar, Department of Politics (2019-2020)

EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D., Political Science (expected), Columbia University**
Dissertation: “Essays on the Distributive Politics of Bureaucracy”
Committee: Michael Ting (Chair), John Huber, Macartan Humphreys, and John Marshall
Major: Comparative Politics, with Distinction
Minor: Political Economy (Formal Theory)
- 2016 **M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University**
- 2014 **M.A., Political Science, Columbia University**
- 2012 **B.A., Political Science (with Honors), Rice University**
B.M., Music Performance (Violin), Rice University
Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH

ARTICLES

- 2020 “A Dynamic Model of Primaries,” with Erin York and Michael Ting. Forthcoming, *Journal of Politics*.
- 2015 “Light for All? Evaluating Brazil’s Rural Electrification Progress, 2000-2010.” *Energy Policy*, 86(C): 315-327 (with Johannes Urpelainen and Joonseok Yang.)

REVISION REQUESTED

- 2018 “After Defeat: Governing Party Response to Electoral Loss,” with Yotam Margalit and Michael Ting. Revise and resubmit, *American Journal of Political Science*.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2018 “Bureaucrats Driving Inequality in Access: Experimental Evidence from Colombia.”
- 2019 “Misgovernance and Human Rights: Experimental Evidence of Illegal Detention without Intent,” with Christopher Fariss.
- 2019 “Public Policy under Limited State Capacity: Spatial Spillovers and Deforestation Control in the Brazilian Amazon,” with Johannes Urpelainen.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 “[Midiendo el acceso a programas sociales en Colombia](#)” (in Spanish). Prepared with Innovations for Poverty Action.
- 2017 “[Impact Evaluation of USAID Haiti PROJUSTICE Program Pretrial Detention Component](#).” Report for USAID. (with Christopher Fariss.)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS IN OTHER FIELDS

- 2013 “Electronic Medical Records System for Palliative Care in Low-Resource Settings.” *BioMed Central Palliative Care*, 12(31). (with Kamal Shah et al.)
- 2013 “Design, Evaluation, and Dissemination of a Plastic Syringe Clip to Improve Dosing Accuracy of Liquid Medications.” *Annals of Biomedical Engineering*, 41(9). (with Garrett Spiegel et al.)

OTHER WRITINGS

- 2019 “[10 Things to Know about Measurement in Experiments](#)”, EGAP Methods Guide.
- 2019 “[10 Things to Know about Missing Data](#)”, EGAP Methods Guide.
- 2016 “[The Promises and Pitfalls of Dyadic Data](#).” *International Studies Quarterly* Symposium, June 2016. (with Allison Carnegie.)

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL

2018	PI, Private donor grant to support project in the Peruvian Amazon, with Jacob Kopas, Johannes Urpelainen, and Rainforest Foundation US.	\$250,000
2017	Co-PI, NSF Law and Social Science (LSS) Dissertation Improvement Grant, with Michael Ting (advisor).	\$21,231
2017	PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-III Natural Resource Governance. Steering Committee Member with Daniel Rubenson (since October 2017). Total excludes sub-award for Peru project listed below.	\$1,196,780
2017	PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-III Natural Resource Governance Sub-Award for Experiment in Peru. With Jacob Kopas and Johannes Urpelainen.	\$203,220
2016	J-PAL Governance Initiative Travel Grant	\$6,140
2015	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2015-2018)	\$138,000
2015	Co-PI, USAID Impact Evaluation Grant (AID-0AA-M-13-00013). With Christopher Fariss. (Grant administered by NORC.)	\$481,672

INTERNAL

2017	Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies Grant	\$5,000
2017	Department of Political Science Dissertation Development Fellowship	\$2,800
2016	Giancarlo Doria Research Fellowship in Comparative Politics	\$1,600
2016	Department of Political Science Dissertation Development Fellowship	\$2,750
2015	Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies Seed Grant	\$4,700
2014	Institute for Latin American Studies Summer Field Research Fellowship	\$1,800
2011	Rice University Parish Fellowship	\$3,000

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Yale Methods Seminar; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference; MPSA; PolMeth (scheduled); APSA (scheduled)

- 2018 BITSS Forecasts of Social Scientific Results Conference, UC Berkeley; MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference; Peace Science Mini-Conference on Haiti; University of Pennsylvania Comparative Politics Seminar; American University Political Science Seminar; Columbia Political Economy Seminar; Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-11), NYU; Universidad del Rosario Economics Seminar; Universidad del Rosario Political Science Seminar; Universidad de los Andes Political Science Seminar; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference; Yale Experiments Seminar; WZB Measurement of Political Inequality Workshop; APSA; MPSA
- 2017 WZB Social Science Center; Political Economy of Development Conference, WZB; Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-9), Princeton; Fifth Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, Emory; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference; APSA; MPSA; SPSA
- 2016 APSA; LASA; MPSA
- 2015 Political Economy of Latin America Conference, Columbia; APSA

TEACHING

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHING ASSISTANT:

- 2016 Game Theory and Political Theory, Graduate Level, Professor John Huber
 2015 Multivariate Political Analysis, Graduate Level, Professor Benjamin Goodrich
 2015 Advanced Topics in Quantitative Research, Graduate Level, Professor Greg Wawro
 2014 Math Methods for Political Science, Graduate Level, Professor Johannes Urpelainen

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, INSTRUCTOR:

- 2017, Math Refresher (Math Camp) for Incoming Graduate Students
 2018

RESEARCH DESIGN WORKSHOPS FOR ACADEMICS, POLICYMAKERS:

- 2019 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days XI (scheduled)
 African School of Economics, Abomey-Calavi, Benin
 2019 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days X
 Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
 2018 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days IX
 Universidad Católica del Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay
 2017 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days VI
 Salima, Malawi
 2016 TA, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days IV
 Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile
 2016 Academic Collaborator, Impact Evaluation Clinic
 USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, Washington DC
 2015 Academic Collaborator, Impact Evaluation Clinic
 USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED:

- 2017 Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science-8, Columbia University
 2015 Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) Conference, Columbia University

SEMINARS COORDINATED:

- 2017-8 Coordinator, Columbia Graduate Student Seminar
 2015-6 Graduate Student Coordinator, Seminar on the Study of Development Strategies

2014-6 Graduate Student Coordinator, Columbia Comparative Politics Seminar

WORKING GROUPS FOUNDED:

2014 Co-Founder, Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) series, with Maria Victoria Murillo, Pablo Querubin, and Eric Arias

PEER REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Energy Policy

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

LANGUAGES: Spanish

SOFTWARE: R, Mathematica, \LaTeX , Python, Stata

FIELD RESEARCH: Colombia (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018); Peru (2017); Nigeria (2016); Haiti (2015, 2016); Argentina (2015); Malawi (2012); Venezuela (2011)