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EDUCATION

- 2019 **Ph.D., Political Science (expected), Columbia University**, New York
Dissertation: “Essays on the Distributive Politics of Bureaucracy”
Major: Comparative Politics (with Distinction)
Minor: Political Economy (Formal Theory)
- 2016 **M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University**, New York
- 2014 **M.A., Political Science, Columbia University**, New York
- 2012 **B.A., Political Science (with Honors), Rice University**, Houston
B.M., Music Performance (Violin), Rice University, Houston
Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL

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| 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 Nielson, and 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

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| 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 |

RESEARCH

REVISION REQUESTED

- 2018 “Public Policy under Limited State Capacity: Spatial Spillovers and Deforestation Control in the Brazilian Amazon,” with Johannes Urpelainen. Revise and Resubmit, *American Journal of Political Science*.
- 2018 “A Dynamic Model of Primaries,” with Erin York and Michael Ting. Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Politics*.

UNDER REVIEW

- 2018 “Misgovernance and Human Rights: Experimental Evidence of Illegal Detention without Intent,” with Christopher Fariss.
- 2018 “After Defeat: Governing Party Response to Electoral Loss,” with Yotam Margalit and Michael Ting.

WORKING PAPERS

- 2018 “Bureaucrats Driving Inequality in Access: Experimental Evidence from Colombia.”
- 2018 “A Model of Bureaucratic Hiring in Plural Societies”
- 2018 “Rewards for Programmatic Reforms? Re-Assessing the Electoral Effects of Mexico’s Progresa Conditional Cash Transfer Program,” with Horacio Larreguy and John Marshall.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2019 *Monitoring and Evaluation Manual in Fragile States* (with Alicia Cooperman, Alexander Hamilton, and Erin York). Forthcoming, The World Bank.

Articles

- 2015 “Light for All? Evaluating Brazil’s Rural Electrification Progress, 2000-2010.” *Energy Policy*, 86(C): 315-327 (with Johannes Urpelainen and Joonseok Yang.)
- 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.)

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.)

ONGOING PROJECTS (WITH LINKS TO PRE-ANALYSIS PLANS, WHERE UNGATED)

- “The Distributive Consequences of Bureaucratic Discretion”
- “A Model of Bureaucrats and Retrospective Electoral Accountability”
- “Endogenous Units of Analysis.”

- “Heterogeneous Treatments: Limits to Inference and Advice for Experimental Designs.”
- “On the Limitations of Electoral Regression Discontinuity Designs.”
- [Metaketa-III: Natural Resource Governance](#). Pre-Analysis Plan written with Miriam Golden, Daniel Nielson, Daniel Rubenson, and Donald Green.
- [Community Monitoring and Technology Transfer to Prevent Deforestation: A Field Experiment in the Peruvian Amazon](#). Pre-Analysis Plan with Jacob Kopas and Johanes Urpelainen.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 [“The Promises and Pitfalls of Dyadic Data.”](#) *International Studies Quarterly* Symposium, June 2016. (with Allison Carnegie.)

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED SEMINARS

- 2019 Yale Methods (scheduled)
- 2018 University of Pennsylvania Comparative Politics (scheduled)
 American University Political Science (scheduled)
 Columbia Political Economy (scheduled)
 Universidad del Rosario Economics
 Universidad del Rosario Political Science
 Universidad de los Andes Political Science
 Yale Experiments
 WZB Measurement of Political Inequality Workshop
- 2017 WZB Berlin Social Science Center

INVITED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference (scheduled)
 Peace Science Pre-Conference on Haiti (scheduled)
 Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science-11, NYU (scheduled)
 Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference
- 2017 Political Economy of Development Conference, WZB
 Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science-9, Princeton
 Fifth Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, Emory
 Harvard Experiments Working Group
- 2015 Political Economy of Latin America Conference, Columbia

ANNUAL MEETINGS

- APSA 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 (scheduled)
- MPSA 2016, 2017, 2018
- SPSA 2017
- LASA 2016

INVITED POLICY PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Departamento Administrativo de la Función Pública (Bogotá, Colombia)
 Departamento Nacional de Planeación (Bogotá, Colombia)
 Prosperidad Social (Bogotá, Colombia)

- 2016 USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (DRG) Impact Evaluation Clinic, (Arlington, VA)

TEACHING

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHING ASSISTANT:

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

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, INSTRUCTOR:

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

RESEARCH DESIGN WORKSHOPS FOR ACADEMICS, POLICYMAKERS:

- 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 M. Victoria Murillo, Pablo Querubín, and Eric Arias

CONSULTING

2016-7 DFID–contracted by the World Bank
2015-7 USAID–contracted by the National Opinion Research Center (NORC)

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

LANGUAGES: Spanish (fluent)

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)

REFERENCES

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