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## Academic Appointments

2019–	Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, George Washington University
2016–9	Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of California, Davis
2015–6	Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Global Development

## Education

2016	Ph.D. in Political Science, New York University
2009	M.A. in Political Science, New York University (Terminal Degree Program)
2006	B.A. in Public Administration, El Colegio de México

## Research

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “Cross-Border Spillover: U.S. Gun Laws and Violence in Mexico” (with Arindrajit Dube and Oeindrila Dube). 2013. *American Political Science Review* [lead article] 107 (3): 397–417.
- “Partisan Losers’ Effects: Perceptions of Electoral Integrity in Mexico” (with Francisco Cantú). 2015. *Electoral Studies* 39: 1–14.
- “From Maize to Haze: Agricultural Shocks and the Growth of the Mexican Drug Sector” (with Oeindrila Dube and Kevin Thom). 2016. *Journal of the European Economic Association* 14 (5): 1181–1224.
- “Why Ethnic Subaltern-Led Parties Crowd Out Armed Organizations: Explaining Maoist Violence in India” (with Kanchan Chandra). 2019. *World Politics* 71(2): 367–416.
- “Trump-induced Anxiety among Latina/os” (with Bradford Jones and seven other collaborators). 2021. *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations* 24(1): 68–87.
- “Are Voters too Afraid to Tackle Corruption? Survey and Experimental Evidence from Mexico” (with Thomas Zeitzoff and Leonard Wantchekon). 2021. *Political Science Research and Methods* 9(4): 709–727.
- “Anger and Support for Retribution in Mexico’s Drug War” (with Lauren Young and Thomas Zeitzoff). 2022. *Journal of Peace Research*.
- “Peace and Health: Exploring the Nexus in the Americas” (with Adnan Hyder, Natalia Ambrosio, and Lorena Barberia). 2022. *BMJ Global Health*.
- “Organized Criminal Syndicates and Governance in Mexico and Central America”. 2023. *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*.

- “Who is to Blame? Youth Crime and Attribution of Responsibility in Urban Mexico.” (with Isabel Laterzo, Vivan Bronsoler, Elisa Lavore, and Shahriar Kibriya). 2023, *Journal of Criminal Justice*.
- “Critical Junctures: Independence Movements and Democracy in Africa” (with Leonard Wantchekon). 2023. *American Journal of Political Science*.

### Invited Contributions

- “Civil War and Female Political Participation: The Case of Peru.” 2017. *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*. 27(1): 25–31.
- “Independence Movements and Democracy in Africa.” (with Leonard Wantchekon). 2017. In Stelios Michalopoulos and Elias Papaioannou (Eds.) *The Long Economic and Political Shadow of History, Volume II*. London: Centre for Economic Policy Research.
- “Criminal Violence, the State, and Society.” In Progress. *Annual Review of Political Science*.

### Under Review

- “The Legacy of Mexico’s Drug War on Youth Political Attitudes.” (with Isabel Laterzo). Revision Requested, *Journal of Politics*.
- “Moral Reasoning and Support for Punitive Violence: A Multi-Methods Analysis.” (with Hannah Baron, Jorge Olmos Camarillo, Lauren Young, and Thomas Zeitzoff). Revision Requested, *Journal of Peace Research*.
- “Electoral Cycles of Corruption: Evidence from Municipal Audits in Mexico.” (with Viridiana Ríos). Revision Requested, *Electoral Studies*.
- “Women’s Political Participation in the Aftermath of Civil War: Evidence from Peru.”
- “Why Mafias Persist.” (with Ryan Hübert)
- “How Political Repression Shapes Attitudes Toward the State: Evidence from Zimbabwe.” (with Benjamin Pasquale)

### Selected Work in Progress

- “The Limits of Deliberation: A Field Experiment on Criminal Justice Preferences in Mexico” (with Hannah Baron, Lauren Young, and Thomas Zeitzoff)
- “Legacies of Colonial Repression.” (with Leonard Wantchekon)
- “Assessing and Counteracting Negative Attitudes toward Central American Immigrants in Mexico.” (with Bradford Jones, Jeffrey Sherman, and Daniel Zizumbo-Colunga)
- “Democracy and Internal Violence: A Cyclical Rather than Antithetical Relationship.” (with Kanchan Chandra)

### Grants & Awards

2022	UNU-WIDER Grant, \$5,000
2019	UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, \$60,454 (with R. Fernández de Castro)
2018	National Science Foundation, \$249,021 (with L. Young and T. Zeitzoff)
2017	National Science Foundation, \$256,724 (with B. Jones and J. Sherman) UC MEXUS-CONACYT, \$25,000 (with B. Jones, J. Sherman, and D. Zizumbo)
2016	NYU Abu Dhabi Global Seed Grant, \$55,000 (with S. Malik and K. Thom)

2014	New York University, Field Research Grant, \$4,000
2013	CAF Citizen Security in Latin America Grant, \$15,000 (with O. Dube and K. Thom) New York University, Field Research Grant, \$4,000
2009–15	New York University, Henry MacCracken Fellowship for Doctoral Studies
2007–9	Fulbright-García Robles Fellowship for Master Studies New York University, Full-Tuition Scholarship for Master Studies
2004–5	Sciences Po Paris, Scholarship of Excellence
2000–4	El Colegio de México, Academic Achievement Scholarship

### Invited Talks & Conference Presentations

2023	<i>American Political Science Association: Annual Conference [scheduled]</i> <i>University of Pennsylvania: Crime and Policing in Comparative Perspective Conference</i> <i>Midwest Political Science Association: Annual Conference</i> <i>Columbia University: Comparative Politics Seminar</i> <i>International Studies Association: Annual Meeting</i> <i>Public Choice Society: Annual Conference</i> <i>Southern Political Science Association: Annual Meeting</i>
2022	<i>UC San Diego: Illicit Economies Conference</i> <i>CCU Tlatelolco: Long Range Development in Latin America Conference</i> <i>George Washington University: Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM)</i> <i>American Political Science Association: Annual Conference</i> <i>Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina: Annual Meeting</i> <i>Latin American Studies Association: Annual Conference</i> <i>CIDE: Programa para el Estudio de la Violencia</i> <i>UNU-WIDER: Institutional Legacies of Violent Conflict Workshop</i> <i>WADES Conference: University of Virginia</i> <i>Duke University: Security Peace and Conflict Workshop</i> <i>American University: Roundtable on the Future of Political Violence in the U.S.</i> <i>Public Choice Society: Annual Conference</i>
2021	<i>University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill: Comparative Politics Seminar</i> <i>NYUAD Institute: Online Conference on Global Political Violence</i> <i>Georgetown University: Comparative Politics Seminar</i> <i>American Political Science Association: Annual Conference</i> <i>Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina: Annual Meeting (hosted by Cornell University)</i> <i>WZB Berlin Social Science Center: Institutions and Political Inequality Seminar</i>

- The InterGroup Relations Workshop*  
*Harvard University: Workshop on the Political Science of Lynching in Global Comparative Perspective*
- 2020 *University of California, San Diego: Conference "Between War Making and Peace Building"*  
*American Political Science Association: Annual Conference*  
*Peace Science Society: Online Colloquium*  
*Public Choice Society : Annual Conference [cancelled]*  
*Yale University: Conference on Repression in China and the World [cancelled]*  
*Midwest Political Science Association: Annual Conference [cancelled]*  
*International Studies Association: Annual Meeting [cancelled]*
- 2019 *5th Annual Gun Violence Prevention Meeting: Washington, DC*  
*University of Maryland : Comparative Politics Seminar*  
*Peace Science Society: Annual Conference*  
*Yale University: Conference "Old and New Challenges to Mexican Democracy"*  
*American Political Science Association: Annual Conference*  
*Midwest Political Science Association: Annual Meeting*  
*Stanford University: Comparative Politics Seminar*  
*UC Davis School of Law: Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies*
- 2018 *Stanford University: CLAS Lecture Series*  
*George Washington University: Department of Political Science Seminar*  
*University of California, Merced: Department of Political Science Seminar*  
*Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México: Armed Violence Prevention Seminar*  
*American Political Science Association: Annual Conference*  
*European Political Science Association: Annual Conference*  
*Latin American Studies Association: Annual Conference*  
*Midwest Political Science Association: Annual Conference*  
*London School of Economics: Conference on Long-Run Development in Latin America*  
*University of California, San Diego: Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies*  
*New York University Abu Dhabi: Workshop on Legacies of Political Violence*  
*Yale University: Order, Conflict, and Violence Seminar*  
*Western Political Science Association: Annual Conference*  
*Southern Political Science Association: Annual Conference*
- 2017 *Uppsala University: Speaker Series*  
*University of California, Davis: Migration Research Cluster Seminar*  
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Political Behavior of Development Conference*  
*American University: School of Public Affairs Seminar*  
*Mexican Bank Association: International Money Laundering Seminar*

	<i>American Political Science Association: Annual Conference</i>
	<i>Stanford University: LSE-Stanford Conference on Long Range Development</i>
	<i>Midwest Political Science Association: Annual Meeting</i>
	<i>Stanford University: CLAS Lecture Series</i>
2016	<i>New York University Abu Dhabi: Speaker Series</i>
	<i>American Political Science Association: Annual Conference</i>
	<i>City University of New York: Comparative Politics Seminar</i>
	<i>Center for Global Development: Research Seminar</i>
	<i>Washington Area Development Economics Symposium: Annual Conference</i>
2015	<i>Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse: Research Seminar</i>
	<i>Barcelona Institute of Political Economy and Governance: Research Seminar</i>
	<i>Columbia University: Political Economy of Latin America Group</i>
	<i>Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México: Department of Political Science Seminar</i>
	<i>University of California, Davis: Department of Political Science Seminar</i>
	<i>Center for Global Development: Research Seminar</i>
2014	<i>United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: Expert Group Meeting (hosted by GIZ Berlin)</i>
	<i>Center for Research and Teaching in Economics: Empirical Economic History Conference</i>
	<i>Harvard University: David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies</i>
	<i>Columbia University: Comparative Politics Seminar</i>
	<i>Princeton University: Workshop on Violence in India</i>
2013	<i>Princeton University: Political Economy Seminar</i>
	<i>Latin American &amp; Caribbean Economic Association: Annual Conference</i>
	<i>International Political Economy Society Conference: Annual Meeting</i>
	<i>Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy: Afrobarometer Conference</i>
	<i>American Political Science Association: Annual Conference</i>
	<i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology: Working Group on African Political Economy</i>
	<i>University of California, San Diego: Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies</i>
	<i>Midwest Political Science Association: Annual Meeting</i>
	<i>Princeton University: Center for the Study of Democratic Politics</i>

## Teaching

2022–23	The Political Economy of Organized Violence (undergraduate), GW US-Mexico Relations (undergraduate), GW
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2021–22	The Political Economy of Organized Violence (graduate), GW US-Mexico Relations (undergraduate), GW The Politics of Crime and Violence (undergraduate), GW Mexico Since Independence (undergraduate), GW
2020–21	The Political Economy of Organized Violence (graduate), GW US-Mexico Relations (undergraduate), GW The Politics of Crime and Violence (undergraduate), GW Introduction to Empirical Political Analysis (graduate), GW
2019–20	The Political Economy of Violence (graduate), GW US-Mexico Relations (undergraduate), GW Intrastate Conflict (undergraduate), GW
2018–19	Ethnic Conflict (undergraduate), UC Davis Mexican Politics (undergraduate), UC Davis
2017–18	Applications of Causal Inference Methods in Political Science (graduate), UC Davis Research Methods (graduate), UC Davis Ethnic Conflict (undergraduate), UC Davis
2016–17	Ethnic Conflict (undergraduate), UC Davis The Political Economy of Conflict and Development (graduate), UC Davis

## Advising

- Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member for Isabel Laterzo (UNC–Chapel Hill)
- Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member for María del Carmen Pantoja (UC Davis)

## Academic Service

- Referee for *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *American Journal of Political Science* (×2), *American Political Science Review* (×4), *British Journal of Political Science* (×2), *Crime, Law, and Social Change*, *Comparative Political Studies* (×4), *Comparative Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Economics and Politics*, *Electoral Studies* (×2), *Governance*, *International Organization* (×2), *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Development Economics* (×3), *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research* (×2), *Journal of Politics* (×2), *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Political Psychology*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, *Review of Economics and Statistics* (×2), and *World Politics* (×2), among others.
- Chair, LatinX Affinity Group at GW's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences (2023–present)
- Member, Non-State Armed Governance (NSAG) Working Group (2022–present)
- Member, Methods Comprehensive Examination Committee at GW (2020–present)
- Member, Faculty Advisory Committee of the Elliott School's LAHSP program at GW (2020–present)
- Member, The Urban Violence Research Network (2018–present)
- Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) network (2017–present)

- Co-coordinator, Comparative Politics Workshop at GW (2020–2022)
- Co-organizer, Online Conference on Global Political Violence (2021)
- Co-organizer, California-based Workshop on Empirical Political Science (2018)
- Co-organizer, Speaker Series at the UC Davis Department of Political Science (2016–18)

## **Non-Academic Employment**

2006–7 | Project Manager, Ipsos (Mexico), Public Affairs Unit

## **Skills**

*Languages:* Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), Italian (beginner), and Portuguese (beginner)

*Computing:* Stata, R, NetLogo, ArcGIS, QGIS, Python, HTML, and  $\LaTeX$