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PhD Candidate in Political Science Stanford University

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Economy of Development, Comparative Politics, Economic History, Latin American History and Politics, Political Identity, Educational Policy, Human Capital, Criminal Governance, Policing, Social Norms, Computational Social Science.

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, September 2013 - June 2020 (expected)
Stanford University
Subfields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology, Political Theory
Committee: Beatriz Magaloni (chair), David Laitin, Jeremy Weinstein, Alberto Diaz-Cayeros, Saumitra Jha

MA in Public Policy & MA in Educational Policy, September 2010 - June 2012
Stanford University

BA in Economics & BA in Political Science, September 2002 - June 2008
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork in Tlaxcala, Puebla and Yucatan; Mexico Summer 2017, Winter 2018

- As part of my dissertation related project “The Origins of Cooperative Behavior: Evidence from historical institutions in rural Mexico”

Fieldwork in Rio de Janeiro; Brazil Spring 2013 and Summer 2013

- Interviewed police officers and local officials about the police pacification process.
- Collected data of violent events for geo-processing.

Fieldwork in Santiago Tlacotepec, Mexico June 2011

- Conducted ethnographic work during the local elections.

Archival Experience

- Archivo General de la Nación (AGN). Mexico City, Mexico
- Archivo General de Indias (AGI). Seville, Spain
- Archivo Histórico del Estado de Tlaxcala (AHET). Tlaxcala, Mexico

TEACHING

Instructor

Introduction to Machine Learning for Social Scientist
(POLISCI 251A)
Stanford University

Summer 2018

TA

Machine Learning for Social Scientist (POLISCI 150B)
Stanford University
with Prof. Justin Grimmer

Winter 2017

Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLISCI 104)
Stanford University
with Prof. Johnathan Rodden

Spring 2015

Some of my evaluations (more available upon request):

- 'Probably the best TA I've had a Stanford!'
- '[...]Edgar also seemed willing to help and genuinely concerned about student's understanding'.

Statistical and Software Consultant
Social Science Data and Software, Green Library
Stanford University

April 2016 - Present

- Providing consulting on R and Stata programming languages.
- Designing and presenting workshops for the R programming language.

PUBLICATIONS and WORKING PAPERS

- Drugs, Bullets and Ballots: The Impact of Violence on the 2012 Presidential Election (2014). In *Mexico's Evolving Democracy: A Comparative Study of the 2012 Elections*, edited by Jorge I. Dominguez, Kenneth Greene, Chappel Lawson, and Alejandro Moreno, JHU Press, (with Magaloni, B., Díaz-Cayeros A. and Olarte J.). Read book review.
- How the Mexican Drug War Affects Kids and Schools? Evidence on Effects and Mechanisms (Nov. 2016). *Journal of Educational Development*, Vol.51. (with Brenda Jarillo, Beatriz Magaloni and Gustavo Robles)
- Killing in the Slums: The Problem of Social Order and Police Violence in Rio de Janeiro (2017). Revise and Resubmit at the *American Political Science Review*. (with Beatriz Magaloni and Vanessa Melo)
- Measuring Civilian-Criminal Cooperation and Trust in the Police with Anonymous Calls from Rio de Janeiro. Working Paper (Presented at APSA 2017)
- Justice as Checks and Balances: Indigenous Claims in the Courts of Colonial Mexico. Working Paper (Presented at LSE 2018)
- Colonial Rule, Local Governance and Development: Evidence from Tlaxcala, Mexico (2016). Working Paper (presented at MPSA 2016, APSA 2016 and LASA 2017)
- The Political Economy of Talent: An Analysis of High Performing Students in PISA from a Comparative Perspective (2016). Working Paper (presented at the Mexico's Education System in the 21st Century Symposium, Columbia University 2014)
- When Change Matters: Identifying Score Gains School Determinants in Mexico, an intra-cohort value-added approach (2013). *Economía Mexicana Nueva Época*, Vol. Cierre de Época.

**ACADEMIC
PRESENTA-
TIONS***Presenter*

- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (APSA): 2016, 2017, 2018.
- Stanford-LSE-UniAndes conference on long-range development 2017, 2018.
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA): 2017.
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference: 2016
- Pacific Conference for Development Economics: 2016
- Mexico 2012 Public Opinion and Election Conference: The 2012 Public Opinion Panel Project, Harvard University January 2013

Discussant

- Contemporary Challenges to Inclusion and Representation in Latin America, Stanford May 2016

**PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE***Reviewer*

- Political Science & Politics, Latin American Politics and Society

Conference and Panel Organizer

- Panel on World Empires, Colonial Governance and their Legacies in Modern Democracies at APSA 2018
- Conference on Criminal and Political Violence in Mexico and Central America at UCSD, May 2018

**GRANTS,
FELLOWSHIPS
and AWARDS***Competitive Grants*

- The Europe Center at Stanford, to conduct archival research in Spain during 2018 (\$4,000)
- SCID fellowship to conduct a survey in Mexico during 2017 (\$15,000)
- FSI research-grant to conduct field-work in Mexico during 2017 (\$8,900)
- VPGE Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity (DDRO) grant, 2017 (\$1,000)
- CSS fellowship to purchase a dataset on criminal activity in Rio de Janeiro Fall 2016 (\$10,00), IRiSS Center for Computational Social Science, Stanford University
- Graduate Research Opportunity Spring 2015-16 (\$2,952), Stanford University.
- Center for Latin American Studies Working Group Grant 2016 (with Jane Ensborg, \$2,187), Stanford University.

Fellowships

- Predoctoral Fellowship CDDRL (Stanford University) 2018-2019
- Mexico Fund (Stanford University) 2011
- Claudio X. González Fellowship (Stanford University) 2010
- Bailleres Fellowship for Academic Excellence (ITAM) 2002-2008
- Mancera Fellowship for Academic Excellence (ITAM) 2002-2008

Awards

- Award Research ExITAM (Honors) 2010
- National Award of Public Finance, Mexican Congress 2009
- Banamex Award for Economic Research (Honors) 2009

OTHER AFFILIATIONS *Poverty, Violence and Governance Lab* Sept. 2013 - Present
Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University
■ Student affiliate and Researcher.

My90 2016 - Present
An organization oriented to help connect communities and the police.
■ Member of the board of advisors.

SKILLS *Programming Languages:* R, Stata, Python, Java, C++, L^AT_EX

Web Backend Technologies: AWS, Mechanical Turk.

GIS Analysis: ArcGIS, arcpy, GeoDA.

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (advanced), French (intermediate), Classic Nahuatl-16th century (reading comprehension)