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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Associate Professor of Political Science, ITAM, Mexico (from August 2014)

Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago, 2006 – 2014  
Affiliated Faculty, Center for Latin American Studies  
Affiliated Faculty, Center for Mexican Studies

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Stanford University, Political Science, 2005  
M.A. Stanford University, Economics, 2005  
B.Sc. Harvard College, Engineering Sciences, 1996

### RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

#### BOOKS

2013. *Why Governments and Parties Manipulate Elections: Theory, Practice, and Implications*, Series on the Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions, Cambridge University Press.
2014. *Constitutions in Authoritarian Regimes*, coedited with Tom Ginsburg, Series on Comparative Constitutional Law and Policy, Cambridge University Press.
- In progress. *Beyond Incentives: The Ideational and Attitudinal Foundations of Corruption*.

#### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- Forthcoming. "The Political Economy of Social Spending in Local Government: A Study of the 3x1 Program in Mexico," with Juan Fernando Ibarra, Lauren Duquette-Rury, and José Antonio Hernández Company, *Latin American Research Review*.
2014. "Electoral Manipulation as Bureaucratic Control," with Scott Gehlbach, *American Journal of Political Science*. (EarlyView DOI: 10.1111/ajps.12122)
2012. "Does Electoral Manipulation Discourage Voter Turnout? Evidence from Mexico," *Journal of Politics*, 74(3): 782-795.
2012. "Can International Election Monitoring Harm Governance?" with Daniela Donno, *Journal of Politics* 74(2): 501-513.

2011. “Comparing the Accuracy of RDD Telephone Surveys and Internet Surveys Conducted with Probability and Non-Probability Samples,” with Jon Krosnick and others. *Public Opinion Quarterly* 75(4): 709-747.
2008. “Unintended Consequences of Election Monitoring,” in Michael Alvarez, Thad Hall, and Susan Hyde, *Election Fraud: Detecting and Deterring Electoral Manipulation*, Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“The Intergenerational Persistence of Attitudes toward Corruption”

Recipient of the *Sage Best Paper Award*, given to the best paper presented in the field of comparative politics at the 2013 APSA Annual Meeting.

“Historical Legacies,” with Dan Slater, for the *Annual Review of Political Science*.

“Fraud is Not a Last Resort: Institutional Development and the Sequencing of Electoral Manipulation Tactics, with Evidence from Mexico,” with José Antonio Hernández Company.

“The Political Origins of Subnational Authoritarianism,” with Juan Fernando Ibarra.

“Pluralistic Ignorance and the Dynamics of Social Protest: Evidence from Israel,” with Jacob Shamir, Michal Shamir, and Yossi David.

“Voting Technology and Electoral Manipulation: Electronic Voting in the Philippines,” with Sebastián Galiani, John Nye, and Desiree Desierto.

#### WORKING PAPERS

“Cheating Big: On the Logic of Electoral Corruption in Developing Countries,” working paper.

“Education and Social Outcomes: Human Capital vs. Sorting Explanations,” with Norman Nie. Stanford Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society Working Paper, 2005.

“What Do American Internet Users Do Online? Analysis of the Knowledge Networks Panel Survey,” with Norman Nie, Lu Zheng, and Irena Stepanikova. Stanford Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society Working Paper, 2005.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

2008. Review of Andreas Schedler, ed., 2006, *Electoral Authoritarianism: The Dynamics of Unfree Competition*, Boulder: Lynne Rienner. *Perspectives on Politics* 6 (June): 212-13.

#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2014. Wharton School, Financial Institutions Center, and Faculty of Management, University of Warsaw. Conference on Institutions, Culture, and Long-Term Economic Effects, Warsaw, Poland.

2014. New York University, Department of Politics, Comparative Politics Workshop.

2014. George Mason University, Public Choice Seminar.

2013. Tel Aviv University, Department of Political Science.

2013. Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Department of Political Science.

2013. New Economic School and Higher School of Economics, Moscow. International Conference on Culture, Diversity, and Development.
2013. Higher School of Economics, National Research University, Moscow, Center for the Study of Institutions and Development.
2013. Harvard University. Harvard Conference on Election Fraud.
2013. Higher School of Economics, National Research University, Moscow, Russian Summer School on Institutional Analysis.
2013. University of California, San Diego. Comparative Politics Speaker Series and Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, IR/PS.
2013. University of Wisconsin, Madison, Political Economy Colloquium.
2013. Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption, Fifth Global Conference. Manila, Philippines.
2012. Angara Centre for Law and Economics. Manila, Philippines.
2012. Universidad de los Andes, Programa de Alto Gobierno. Workshop on Corruption. Bogotá, Colombia.
2012. Northwestern University, Political Parties Working Group.
2012. University of Chicago Law School. Conference on Law and Development of Middle-Income Countries. Discussant.
2012. Northwestern University School of Law, Faculty External Workshop Series.
2012. Yale University, Yale Center for Globalization. Global Commission on Elections, Democracy and Security Workshop.
2012. University of Texas at Austin. Comparative Politics Workshop.
2011. International Anti-Corruption Summit, United Nations (UNODC) and Government of Colombia, Procuraduría General de la Nación. Bogotá, Colombia.
2011. Northwestern University and University of Chicago, Political Economy in the Chicago Area (PECA) Conference. Gleacher Center.
2011. Juan March Institute, Center for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences. Madrid, Spain.
2011. Universidad de los Andes, Programa de Alto Gobierno. Workshop on Corruption. Bogotá, Colombia.
2011. University of California, Los Angeles. Comparative Politics Seminar.
2011. Asian Development Bank, Conference on Development Issues in Asia. Manila, Philippines.
2010. Harvard-MIT Political Economy Seminar.
2010. Public Choice Seminar, George Mason University.
2010. Higher School of Economics, National Research University, Moscow, RCI Workshop Faculty and Presenter.
2009. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Comparative Politics Workshop.
2008. Peking University, China Center for Economic Research, RCI Workshop Faculty and Presenter.
2008. Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Seminar.
2008. Northwestern University and University of Chicago, Political Economy in the Chicago Area (PECA) Conference. Gleacher Center.
2008. Singapore National University, RCI Workshop Faculty and Presenter.
2007. University of British Columbia, Peter Wall Center for Advanced Studies, Corruption and Democracy Conference.

- 2007. Yale University. Elections and Political Identities in New Democracies Conference, Yale Program on Democracy, Discussant.
- 2007. University of Wisconsin at Madison, Political Economy Colloquium.
- 2007. University of Chicago. Political Economy Workshop.
- 2006. University of Chicago. Ronald Coase Institute Alumni Conference.
- 2006. MIT-Utah Vote Fraud Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2006. Harvard University. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies.
- 2005. Yale University. Comparative Politics Seminar.
- 2005. Princeton University. International Relations Colloquium.

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2013. Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models mini-conference, Chicago.
- 2005-2014: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Latin American Studies Association Annual Convention, Social Science History Association Annual Conference, International Society for New Institutional Economics Meeting.

#### FELLOWSHIPS

- 2011. National Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University.
- 2005-2006. Research Fellow, Center for Globalization and Governance (now Niehaus Center), Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.
- 2005-2006. Visiting Scholar (courtesy position), New York University.
- 2005. Fellow, Ronald Coase Institute, Barcelona, Spain. September.

#### GRANTS

- 2013. Division of Social Sciences Research Grant in support of experimental work on corruption, University of Chicago.
- 2010. Book Conference on *Why Parties and Governments Manipulate Elections*, sponsored by the Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University.
- 2009. Norman Wait Harris Award, University of Chicago Center for International Studies.
- 2009. Center for Latin American Studies Junior Faculty Research Grant, University of Chicago.
- 2008. Division of Social Sciences Research Grant, University of Chicago.
- 2007. Division of Social Sciences Research Grant, University of Chicago.

#### TEACHING

##### UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

- Causal Inference (PhD seminar, 2014)
- Political Economy of Corruption and Development (PhD seminar, 2012, 2013, and 2014)
- Undemocratic Elections (PhD seminar, 2009, 2012, and 2013)
- Political Economy of Development: Selected Topics (PhD seminar, 2007, 2008, and 2011)
- Research Approaches in Political Science (PhD seminar, 2007 and 2008)

Introduction to the Political Economy of Development (undergraduate lecture course, 2007-2009 and 2011-2013)

Social Science Inquiry (undergraduate lecture course, 2007-2009 and 2011-2014)

UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES (BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA)

Corruption, Government, and Development (Summer 2011, 2012, and 2014)

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Latin American Studies Association

American Economic Association

International Society for New Institutional Economics

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Election Technology and Systems (JETS/USENIX)*, edited by Walter Mebane and Dan Wallach, University of Michigan.

Planning Committee Member, *Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (CSES)* Module 5.

Reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Latin American Politics*, *Journal of Politics*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Public Choice*, *TESS (Time Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences)*, *World Politics*.

#### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Methods Reform Committee, Department of Political Science, 2012.

Search Committee, Target of Opportunity, Department of Political Science, 2007-2008.

Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, 2007 and 2012.

Comparative Politics Workshop, Faculty Supervisor, 2012-Present.

Center for Latin American Studies, Steering Committee. 2008-2010.

Center for Latin American Studies, Faculty Associate, 2006-Present.

Katz Center for Mexican Studies, Faculty Associate, 2006-Present.

Committee on International Relations, Faculty Associate 2006-2009.

Tinker Visiting Professorship Sitting Committee, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

Lecturer in Latin American Studies Search Committee, Center for Latin American Studies, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

Goettler Political Institutions Prize committee, April 2007.

#### PHD STUDENT ADVISING (UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO)

##### DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dissertation committee member for Lauren Duquette-Rury, PhD 2011 (now Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles)

Dissertation committee member for Juan Fernando Ibarra, PhD expected 2014 (now Assistant Professor of Public Administration, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico City, Mexico)

Dissertation committee member for Milena Ang, PhD candidate

Dissertation committee member for Chris Haid, PhD candidate

Dissertation committee member for José Antonio Hernández Company, PhD candidate

Dissertation committee member for Dina Rasheed, PhD candidate

Dissertation committee member for Manuel Viedma, PhD candidate

#### OTHER DEPARTMENTS (UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO)

Dissertation committee member for Miguel Díaz, Booth School of Business, PhD 2009 (now Economics Researcher at the Central Bank of Mexico)

Dissertation committee member for Jorge Fábrega, Harris School of Public Policy, PhD 2009 (now Assistant Professor of Government, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Santiago, Chile)

Dissertation committee member for Dimitrios Batzilis, Department of Economics

#### MA STUDENT ADVISING (UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO)

Thesis advisor for MA in Social Sciences, Joel Capellan (now PhD student at City University of New York, Program in Criminal Justice)

Thesis advisor for MA in Social Sciences, Joe Florence (now PhD student at Cornell University, Department of Political Science)

Thesis advisor for MA in Social Sciences, Milagros Ruete

Thesis advisor for MA in International Relations, Alejandro Chacoff

Thesis advisor for MA in International Relations, Emily Donelson

Thesis advisor for MA in International Relations, Andrea Escobedo Lastiri

Thesis advisor for MA in International Relations, Brooke Olsen

Thesis advisor for MA in International Relations, Chris Pericak

Thesis advisor for MA in Public Policy, Harris School of Public Policy, Rita Costa (now at Human Development Network, World Bank)

#### SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

2012. *Enfoque*, Sunday magazine of *Reforma* newspaper, Mexico, [“5 Millones de Votos, ¿Comprados?”](#), July 15. [English version](#) in *The Monkey Cage*.

2011. *Esquire Magazine*, Russia, [“No Choice,”](#) December 1.

2009. *The Washington Post*, [“What’s the Big Idea?”](#) Sunday Outlook, July 5, p.B5.

#### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Analyst, McKinsey & Company, 1996-1998.

Projects: Fuels policy, optimization modeling of Mexican energy sector, financial valuation of public companies.

Hugo García Prize, 1998 (awarded to one member of Analyst class).

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Spanish, English, Hebrew; basic French.