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Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2016-.

Major field: Comparative Politics

Date of advancement to doctoral candidacy: June 14th, 2019.

Expected: May 2022.

M.A. in International Policy (Energy and the Environment), Stanford University, 2014-2016.

B.A. in International Relations, El Colegio de Mexico, 2008-2012.

Areas of Interest

Environmental Politics and Policy, Climate Change Politics and Policy, Energy Politics and Policy, Political Economy of Development, Natural Resources Management, Environmental Justice, Institutional Analysis, Quantitative Methods, Forest Management Policy, Community-Level Governance.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. "Why Do Governments Encourage or Discourage Fossil Fuel Consumption?" with Michael L. Ross (UCLA) and Paasha Mahdavi (UCSB), accepted, *Journal of Politics*.
2. "The Diversification of Violence: Mining, Export-Agriculture, and the War on Drugs in Mexico", with Joel Herrera (UCLA), forthcoming, *World Development*.
3. "From Ghawar to Dalian: Diplomacy and Corporate Strategies in the China-Gulf Energy Relations, 1990-2010" (in Spanish), 2014, *Estudios de Asia y Africa* XLIX (2).
4. "The Geopolitical Situation of Mexico and Its Effects on National Security, 1810-2012" (in Spanish), 2012, *Foro Internacional*, 211, LII (4). With Humberto Garza Elizondo (El Colegio de Mexico).
5. "The Strategic Partnership between Russia and China, 2000-2011: Multipolarity, Regional Security and Economic Cooperation" (in Spanish), 2011, *Foro Internacional*, 206, LI (4).

Research in Progress

1. "Traditional Governance and the Stewardship of the Commons: Evidence from Mexico", dissertation chapter, *Manuscript in Preparation*.
2. "Access to Secure Property Rights and the Stewardship of the Commons in Mexico", dissertation chapter, *Manuscript in Preparation*.

3. "Natural Disasters, Electoral Performance, and Social Policy: Evidence from Mexico", with Jose Maria Rodriguez Valadez (Princeton University), *Under Review*.
4. "When Electoral Responsiveness Hurts Voters: Evidence from Electoral Pollution Cycles in Mexican Municipalities", with Shiran Victoria Shen (University of Virginia) and Edgar Franco Vivanco (University of Michigan), *Under Review*
5. "Political Leadership Has Limited Impact on Fossil Fuel Taxes and Subsidies", with Paasha Mahdavi (UCSB), Michael Ross (UCLA), and Chad Hazlett (UCLA), *manuscript in preparation*

Other Writing

1. "National Interests and Balance of Power in Russia-Mexico Relations, 1890-2012" (in Spanish) , 2011, *Revista Mexicana de Politica Exterior*.
2. "The political economy of energy transition in emerging countries from 1990 to 2012" (in Spanish), 2016, *Cuadernos Universitarios de Sustentabilidad*, 2 (3)
3. "China-Kazakhstan Energy Relations from 1997 to 2012" , 2016, *The Columbia Journal of International Affairs*, 69 (1), Fall/Winter 2015
4. Book review (in Spanish): Steve Coll, "Private Empire: ExxonMobil and American Power" (New York: Penguin Books, 2012, 704pp), *Foro Internacional*, 2019, 55, 2015, pp. 349-353.
5. Book review (in Spanish): Daniel Yergin, "The Quest: Energy, Security, and the Remaking of the Modern World" (New York: The Penguin Press 2012, 804pp.), *Foro Internacional*, 2012, 53.
6. Book review (in Spanish): Thomas Berger, Mike M. Mochizuki, and Jitsuo Tsuchiyama (eds.), "Japan in International Politics: The Foreign Policies of An Adaptive State (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2007, 349 pp.), *Foro Internacional*, 198 XLIX (4), 963-968.

Grants and Awards

1. Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Grant, 2021-2022 — **\$7,500**
2. Humane Studies Fellowship, Summer 2021 — **\$4,000**
3. Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (EIEF) — Research Grant for the project "Local Politics and Environmental Degradation: Identifying the Effects of Elected Office on Deforestation in Brazil" — **€10,000**
4. National Science Foundation (NSF) and the American Political Science Association (APSA) — Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2020 — **\$9,535**
5. UCLA Collegium of Teaching University Fellowship, 2020 — University Fees and Teaching Fellow Position during quarter of instruction
6. Mercatus Center Oskar Morgenstern Fellowship, (declined) 2021-2022 — **\$7,500**.
7. Mercatus Center Don Lavoie Fellowship, 2021 — **\$1,250**.
8. Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) at the University of California, San Diego, Dissertation Fellowship, 2019-2020 — **\$25,000**
9. UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, 2017-2018 — **\$12,000**

10. UCLA Latin American Institute - Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant, 2017 and 2020 — **\$4,000**
11. CONACYT-SENER-Energy Sustainability Doctoral Fellowship, 2016-2021 — **\$129,271** (tuition fees, stipend, and medical insurance)

Pre-doctoral honors and awards

12. Stanford University, Ford Dorsey Fellowship, 2014.
13. U.S. Department of State, Fulbright-Garcia Robles Scholarship, 2014-2016.
14. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies-Harvard University, Fellowship for Exchange Studies, 2012.
15. El Colegio de Mexico, Undergraduate Merit Scholarship 2008-2012.

Conference Presentations

1. **California Workshop in Empirical Political Science (CaliWEPS)**, 2021.
2. **American Political Science Association**, APSA Annual Meeting, 2018, 2020, 2021.
3. **Midwest Political Science Association**, MPSA Annual Meeting 2019, 2021.
4. **Annual Conference of Environmental Politics and Governance**, 2020, 2021.
5. **Duck Family Graduate Workshop in Environmental Politics and Governance**, 2021.
6. **Climate Pipeline Project**, 2021.
7. **Latin American Studies Association**, LASA Annual Meeting, accepted to present 2022.

Teaching Experience

1. **UCLA — Spring 2021**. Instructor of Record for PS 169 (**The Politics of Climate Change Mitigation**).
Overall mean score: **9.00 / 9.00**. Overall median score: **9.00 / 9.00**.
2. **UCLA — Winter 2021**. Teaching Assistant for PS 50 (**Intro to Comparative Politics**).
Overall mean score: **8.87 / 9.00**. Overall median score: **9.00 / 9.00**.
3. **UCLA — Summer 2020**. Instructor of Record for PS 169 (**Global Environmental Politics in Comparative Perspective**).
Overall mean score: **8.29 / 9.00**. Overall median score: **9.00 / 9.00**.
4. **UCLA — Spring 2019**. Teaching Assistant for Global Studies 100A (**Governance and Conflict**).
Overall mean score: **8.20 / 9.00**. Overall median score: **8.67 / 9.00**.
5. **UCLA — Fall 2019**. Teaching Assistant for PS6 (**Intro to Data Analysis**).
Overall mean score: **8.86 / 9.00**. Overall median score: **9.00 / 9.00**.
6. **UCLA — Spring 2018**. Teaching Assistant for PS169 (**Special Topics on Comparative Politics: Political Economy of Development**).
Overall mean score: **8.72 / 9.00**. Overall median score: **9.00 / 9.00**.

7. **UCLA — Winter 2018.** Teaching Assistant for PS169 (**Special Topics on Comparative Politics: Political Corruption**).

Overall mean score: **8.54 / 9.00**. Overall median score: **9.00 / 9.00**.

8. **UCLA — Fall 2017.** Teaching Assistant for PS50 (**Intro to Comparative Politics**).

Overall mean score: **8.54 / 9.00**. Overall median score: **9.00 / 9.00**.

Professional Experience

1. Consultant, United Nations Development Program (Mexico City Office), Summer 2020.
2. Consultant, *Cohesion Comunitaria e Innovacion Social, A.C.*, 2020.
3. Consultant, United States Agency of International Development and the Ministry of Energy of Mexico (Mexico Low-Emissions Development Program), 2016.
4. Head of Department, National Institute of Ecology and Climate Change of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Mexico, 2013-2014.
5. Analyst, Office of the Chief of Staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mexico.

Skills

1. Linguistic: Spanish (Native), English (Proficient), French (Intermediate)
2. Programming: R (Advanced)
3. Others: QGIS (Intermediate), ArcGIS (Intermediate), LaTeX (Intermediate)

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