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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**      *Assistant Professor*      Fall 2021-Present  
University of Michigan  
Department of Political Science

*Postdoctoral Fellow*      2020-2021  
University of Michigan  
Michigan Institute for Data Science (MIDAS)

*Postdoctoral Fellow*      2019-2020  
University of Michigan  
National Center for Institutional Diversity

**EDUCATION**      *PhD in Political Science,*      January 2020  
Stanford University  
Subfields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology, Political Economy  
Dissertation: *Strategies of Indigenous Resistance and Assimilation to Colonial Rule*  
Committee: Beatriz Magaloni (chair), Alberto Díaz-Cayeros, Saumitra Jha, David Laitin, Jeremy Weinstein

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

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

**BOOK PROJECTS**

- **Contesting the Empire: The Politics of Indigenous Resistance Under Colonial Rule (Book workshop: August 2025)**
- **Paths of Early State-Development: Evidence from the Aztec, Maya, and Inca**

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer reviewed

- **Oil Theft and Violence in Mexico.** (with Cesar Martinez-Alvarez and Ivan

Flores-Martinez) *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, Vol. 15, Issue 2, May 2023

- **Justice as Checks and Balances: Indigenous Claims in the Courts of Colonial Mexico.** *World Politics*, Vol. 73, Issue 4, Sep. 2021, pp.713-773  
Recipient of the 2022 Mary Parker Follett Award for the best article in politics and history.
- **Killing in the Slums: Social Order, Criminal Governance, and Police Violence in Rio de Janeiro** *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 114, Issue 2, May 2020, pp. 552-572. (with Beatriz Magaloni and Vanessa Melo)  
Recipient of the 2021 Heinz I. Eulau Award, for the best article published in APSR.
- **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)
- **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. (pre-PhD)

## Book chapters

- **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. Domínguez, Kenneth Greene, Chappel Lawson, and Alejandro Moreno, JHU Press, (with Magaloni, B., Díaz-Cayeros A. and Olarte J.). Read book review.

## Other Writings

- Indigenous Agency Under Colonization Broadsheet, 2021
- La Geografía Electoral de 2012 (México), CDDRL, 2012

## SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

- **Jurisdictional Havens: The Geography of Indigenous Identity in Mexico** *Submitted* (with Jenny Guardado)
- **Fiestas and the Dynamics of Violent Collective Action: Evidence from Mexico** *Submitted* (with Jenny Guardado and Gema Kopple-Santamaria)
- **Criminal Territorial control and Civilian Victimization: Evidence from Rio de Janeiro** (with Beatriz Magaloni and Stephanie Gimenez Stahlberg)
- **Lynching and Criminal Violence: Evidence from the Mexican War on Drugs** (with Martin Macias-Medellin)
- **Neither Victims nor Rebels: Modeling Indigenous Resistance Under Colonial Rule** (with Collin Sullivan)
- **Oil Theft in Mexico: A Hidden Threat to Public Health (with Ivan Florez) Indigenous Provision of Public Goods Under Colonialism** (with Htet Thiha Zaw)
- **The Historical Origins of Police Violence: Slavery and the Brazilian Coercive State** (with Emily Russell and Beatriz Magaloni)

**TEACHING** *Politics and Society in Latin America*  
(POLSCI 347) Winter 2022, Fall 2022, Winter 2024, Winter 2025  
University of Michigan

*Text as Data for Social Scientists*  
(POLSCI 797) Winter 2024  
University of Michigan

*Indigenous Politics*  
(POLSCI 385) Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025  
University of Michigan

*Stranger than Fiction: Latin American Politics through its Novels*  
(POLSCI 385) Fall 2025  
University of Michigan

*The Politics of Criminal Violence*  
(POLSCI 489) Winter 2022  
University of Michigan

**AWARDS**

- 2022 Mary Parker Follett Award for the best article in politics and history.
- 2021 Heinz I. Eulau Award, for the best article published in APSR.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE** *Reviewer*

- American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, The Journal of Politics, Political Science & Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology, British Journal of Political Science, Política y Gobierno

*Conference and Panel Organizer*

- The Mexican Election in Context (University of Michigan, Apr. 2024)
- Indigenous Resistance in Latin America: A Historical Perspective (University of Michigan, Oct. 2023)
- The Covid-19 Crisis: Effects on Criminal Violence and Public Security in Latin America (University of Michigan, Nov. 2020)
- The Political Economy of the Rule of Law: Courts, Land Rights, and Legal Recognition (APSA 2019)
- Panel on World Empires, Colonial Governance and their Legacies in Modern Democracies (APSA 2018)
- Conference on Criminal and Political Violence in Mexico and Central America at UCSD, May 2018

**OTHER AFFILIATIONS** *Historical Institutions Lab* Sept. 2021 - Present  
ISR, University of Michigan

- Co-PI

*Center for Global Health Equity* 2024 - Present  
University of Michigan

- Affiliated Faculty

*Program in Race, Law, and History* Sept. 2023 - Present  
University of Michigan

- Affiliated Faculty

*Center for Political Studies* Sept. 2019 - Present  
ISR, University of Michigan

- Faculty Associate

*Michigan Institute for Data Science* Sept. 2021 - Present  
University of Michigan

- Faculty Associate

*Digging Early Colonial History Project* March 2019 - Present  
Lancaster University

- Researcher

*Poverty, Violence and Governance Lab* Sept. 2013 - 2020  
Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University

- Student affiliate and Researcher

## SKILLS

- Programming Languages: R, Stata, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X
- GIS Analysis: ArcGIS, QGIS
- Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (advanced), French (intermediate), Classic Nahuatl-16th century (reading comprehension)