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

Other Writings

- IndigenousAgency 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 thorugh 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 *Reviewer*
SERVICE
- 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   *Historical Institutions Lab*   Sept. 2021 - Present
AFFILIATIONS   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, LaTeX
- GIS Analysis: ArcGIS, QGIS
- Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent), Portuguese (advanced), French (intermediate), Classic Nahuatl-16th century (reading comprehension)