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curriculum vitae

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1 Education

- BA in Political Science (1994, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México).
- PhD in Political Science (2001, University of California at San Diego).
Dissertation: “[Bully Pulpits: Posturing, Bargaining, and Polarization in the Legislative Process of the Americas](#)” co-advised by Gary W. Cox and Paul W. Drake. Citations: 6.

2 Research interests

- Comparative Political Institutions; legislative process; elections and electoral systems; formal theory; applied statistics.

3 Employment

- 2014–15, Visiting Scholar, [Department of Political Science](#), Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2000–present, Associate Professor, [Department of Political Science, ITAM](#).
- 2007, Visiting Professor, [Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals](#), Barcelona, Spain.
- 2004–2007, Chair, [Department of Political Science, ITAM](#).
- 2000–2003, Director of Undergraduate Studies, ITAM.
- 1994, Advisor to the Director Ejecutivo de Prerrogativas y Partidos Políticos, [Instituto Federal Electoral](#), Mexico City.

4 Awards

- 2005–present, Level “I” Researcher, [Sistema Nacional de Investigadores](#), Mexico.
- 2002–2005, Researcher candidate, [Sistema Nacional de Investigadores](#), Mexico.
- 2001, The [Peggy Quon Prize](#) for distinguished research contribution to political science, Dept. of Political Science, UCSD.
- 1994, Premio Los Mejores Estudiantes de México, *El Diario de México*.

- 1994, Premio a la Excelencia Académica Miguel Palacios Macedo, ITAM.
- 1994, [Honors Mention](#) in the BA thesis defense, ITAM.

5 Publications

5.1 In peer-reviewed journals

- “Datos abiertos, transparencia y redistribución en México” with Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman y Michael P. McDonald, forthcoming in *Política y Gobierno* vol. 23, num. 2, 2nd semester 2016 (accepted Jan. 2016).
- “Consideraciones metodológicas para estudiantes de política legislativa mexicana: sesgo por selección en votaciones nominales” with Francisco Cantú and Scott Desposato, *Política y Gobierno* vol. 21, num. 1, 1st semester 2014, pp. 25–53.
- “Gubernatorial Coattails in Mexican Congressional Elections” *The Journal of Politics* vol. 74 no. 2, Apr. 2012, pp. 383–99. Citations: 2.
- “Factions with clout: presidential cabinet coalition and policy in the Uruguayan Parliament” with Juan Andrés Moraes, *Party Politics* vol. 18 num. 3 (May 2012) pp. 427–51. Citations: 3.
- “Coalición y resultados: aprobación y duración del trámite parlamentario en Uruguay (1985–2000)” with Juan Andrés Moraes, *Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política* vol. 17, num. 1 (Jan.-Dec. 2008), pp. 39–70. Citations: 1.
- “Partisanship in Non-Partisan Electoral Agencies and Democratic Compliance: Evidence from Mexico’s Federal Electoral Institute” with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas, *Electoral Studies* vol. 27, num. 2 (June 2008), pp. 257–71. Citations: 8.
- “México: reformas pese a un gobierno dividido” with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 28, num. 1 (June 2008), pp. 265–85. Citations: 1
- “México en 2006: la accidentada consolidación democrática” with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 27, special num. (July 2007), pp. 184–204. Citations: 2.
- “How Much is Majority Status in the U.S. Congress Worth?” with Gary W. Cox, *American Political Science Review* vol. 93, num. 2 (June 1999), pp. 299–309. Citations: 35.
- “On the Absence of Centripetal Incentives in Double-Member Districts: The Case of Chile” with Marc R. Rosenblum and David Samuels, *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 31, num. 6 (December 1998), pp. 714–39. Citations: 40.

5.2 Chapters in edited volumes

- “The electoral institutions: party subsidies, campaign decency, and entry barriers” in *Mexico’s Evolving Democracy: A Comparative Study of the 2012 Elections*, ed. Jorge I. Domínguez, Kenneth G. Greene, Chappell Lawson and Alejandro Moreno (Washington DC: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2015, pp. 63–85).
- “Los contados cambios al equilibrio de poderes” in *Reformar sin mayorías: La dinámica del cambio constitucional en México, 1997–2012*, edited by María Amparo Casar and Ignacio Marván Laborde (Mexico City: Taurus, 2014, pp. 259–94).
- “Legalist vs. Interpretivist: The Supreme Court and Democratic Transition in Mexico” with Beatriz Magaloni and Arianna Sánchez in *Courts in Latin America*, edited by Gretchen Helmke and Julio Ríos Figueroa (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011). Translated to [Spanish](#) in *Tribunales constitucionales de América Latina*, edited by Gretchen Helmke and Julio Ríos Figueroa (Mexico City: Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, 2011). Citations: 1.

- “National Election Results for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Peru, and Venezuela during the 1980s and 1990s” with Kevin J. Middlebrook, statistical appendix in *Conservative Parties, the Right, and Democracy in Latin America*, edited by Kevin J. Middlebrook (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000).
- “Medios de comunicación y democracia” with Juan Molinar in *Elecciones, diálogo y reforma: México 1994*, vol. 2, edited by Jorge Alcocer and Jorge Carpizo (Mexico City: Centro de Estudios para un Proyecto Nacional Alternativo, 1996, pp. 145–42). Citations: 3.

5.3 Edited book

- *Mujeres legisladoras en México: avances, obstáculos, consecuencias y propuestas*, with Magdalena Huerta García (Mexico City: INMUJERES-CONACYT-Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-ITAM, 2006, ISBN 970-95099-0-X, 575 pp.) Citations: 1.

5.4 In magazine

- “IFE: La casa de la partidocracia” with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas, *Nexos* 376 (April 2009), pp. 124–7.

5.5 In working paper series

- “Of Coalition and Speed: Passage and Duration of Statutes in Uruguay’s Parliament, 1985–2000” with Juan Andrés Moraes, IBEI working papers num. 2008/15 ISSN:1886-2802 (June 2008).

5.6 Book reviews

- “Judicial Power and Strategic Communication in Mexico. By Jeffrey K. Staton,” *Latin American Politics and Society* vol. 53, num. 3 (Fall 2011), pp. 185–8.
- “Informal Coalitions and Policymaking in Latin America: Ecuador in Comparative Perspective. Por Andrés Mejía Acosta,” *Política y Gobierno* vol. 17, num. 2 (2nd semester 2010), pp. 384–6.
- “Ambition, Federalism, and Legislative Politics in Brazil. By David Samuels,” *The Americas* vol. 62, num. 3 (January 2006), pp. 498–500.
- “Nested Games: Rational Choice in Comparative Politics de George Tsebelis,” *Perfiles Latinoamericanos de FLACSO* vol. 2, num. 3 (December 1993), pp. 194–8.

5.7 Work under peer review

- “Components of partisan bias originating from single-member districts in multi-party systems: The case of Mexico” with Alejandro Trelles, Micah Altman, and Michael P. McDonald (Jan. 2016).

6 Professional conferences and seminars (since 2012)

- 29 Oct. 2015, “Transparency, automated redistricting, and partisan strategic interaction in Mexico”, at El Colegio de México.
- 29 Oct. 2015, “From open data to participation in redistricting”, at the Open Government Partnership Summit, Mexico City.
- 25 Sep. 2015, “Measuring malapportionment, gerrymander, and turnout effects in multi-party systems”, at the Political Science Research Seminar, ITAM.
- 4 Sep. 2015, “Presidential obstruction of the agenda in Chile’s Congress”, at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

- 2 Sep. 2015, “Transparency, automated redistricting, and partisan strategic interaction in Mexico”, at the Electoral Integrity Project pre-APSA workshop, San Francisco, CA.
- 28 Jul. 2015, “Measuring malapportionment, gerrymander, and turnout effects in multi-party systems”, at the Political Economy of Social Choices workshop, Casa Matemática Oaxaca.
- 18 Apr. 2015, “The effects of malapportionment, turnout, and gerrymandering in Mexico’s mixed-member system”, at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 13 Mar. 2015, “Malapportionment, party bias, and responsiveness in Mexico’s mixed-member system”, at the Seminar in Politics, University of Florida, Gainesville.
- 9 Feb. 2015, “Congress skips turn, again: agenda obstruction in the Chilean Congress”, at the Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Illinois at Urbana-Campaign.
- 14 Nov. 2014, “Malapportionment and representation: party bias and responsiveness in Mexico”, at the Analyzing Latin American Politics conference, University of Houston.
- 3 Oct. 2014, “Who calls the tune? The search for constituent effects in the Mexican Congress”, Rice University.
- 31 Aug. 2014, “The Effects of Automated Redistricting and Partisan Strategic Interaction on Representation: The Case of Mexico”, at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- 13 Jun. 2014, “The veto as electoral stunt: EITM and test with subnational comparative data”, Executive Politics Conference, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 16 May 2014, “Partidismo entre expertos,” on-line conference for the Reconexión event, ITAM Mexico City.
- 4 Apr. 2013, Discussant at panel 26–5 “When Candidates Win Elections” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 3 Apr. 2013, Discussant at panel 6–5 “Candidate Selection and Party Entry” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 20 Nov. 2013, “El PAN ante las reformas pendientes,” National Executive Committee of the Partido Acción Nacional, Mexico City.
- 8 Nov. 2013, “Partidismo entre expertos,” TEDxITAM, Mexico City.
- 29 Aug. 2013, “Judges’ Law: Ideology and coalitions in Mexico’s Electoral Tribunal, 1996–2006” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago IL.
- 25 Apr. 2013, Book presentation, *Tácticas parlamentarias hispanomexicanas* by Alonso Lujambio and Rafael Estrada Michel, ITAM, Mexico City.
- 17 Apr. 2013, “Dibuja México: quienquiera podrá redistrictar con esta herramienta” at the IV congress of the Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Parlamentarios, Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City.
- 13 Apr. 2013, Discussant at panel 6–22 “Ruling politics” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 12 Apr. 2013, “The Veto as Electoral Stunt: EITM and a Test with Comparative Data” at the EITM conference of the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 11 Apr. 2013, “Partisanship among the experts: The dynamic party watchdog model of IFE, 1996–2011” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 30 Nov. 2012, “Gubernatorial coattails in Mexican Congressional elections,” Banco de México.
- 19 Oct. 2012, “Methodological Considerations for Students of Mexican Legislative Politics: Selection Bias in Roll Call Publications” at the Legislatures in Mexico and the Americas Conference of the Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Parlamentarios, Center for U.S.–Mexican Studies, UCSD.

- 17 Oct. 2012, “Why and when is the election referee trustworthy? IFE’s dynamic party watchdog model, 1996–2012” at the Festschrift in honor of Wayne Cornelius’ career, Center for U.S.–Mexican Studies, UCSD.
- 30 Aug. 2012, “The Veto as Electoral Stunt: EITM and a Test with Comparative Data” at the EITM conference of the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 9 May 2012, Discussant of the paper “Misfits, groundbreakers, or plain old politics” by Verónica Hoyo presented at CIDE’s Política y Gobierno research seminar, Mexico City.
- 27 Apr. 2012, “Who calls the tune? The search for constituent effects in the Mexican Congress” (with Federico Estévez) at the Workshop on Evidence-Based Approaches to Latin American Constitutionalism, UT–Austin, TX.
- 15 Apr. 2012, Discussant at panel 6–19 “Comparative Legislative Politics and Executive Power” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 13 Apr. 2012, “Are missing votes a problem for research on the Mexican Congress? No” (with Francisco Cantú and Scott Desposato) poster at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 12 Apr. 2012, “Who calls the tune? Gubernatorial and constituent effects in roll-call voting in the Mexican Congress” (with Federico Estévez) at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 30 Mar. 2012 “[Preferencias en regulación electoral: partidismo en el IFE](#)” at the R users workshop, ITAM, Mexico City.
- 14 Mar. 2012, “Equilibrio de poderes (o y, sin embargo, no se mueve)” at the Pluralismo y reformas constitucionales en México: 1997–2012 conference, CIDE–UNDP, Mexico City.

7 Referee/reviewer

7.1 Journal articles

American Journal of Political Science (2000, 2004, 2004, 2006), *American Political Science Review* (2003, 2004, 2004, 2007), *Comparative Political Studies* (1998, 2009), *Economía Mexicana Nueva Época* (2008, 2011), *EconoQuantum* (2012, 2012), *Foro Internacional* (2012), *Journal of Legislative Studies* (2010), *Journal of Politics in Latin America* (2014), *Journal of Politics* (2011, 2015), *Latin American Politics and Society* (2015), *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (2013, 2014), *Revista Sociológica de la UAM* (2003), *Party Politics* (2008), *Perfiles Latinoamericanos de FLACSO–México* (2009), *Política y Gobierno* (2001, 2002, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015), *Political Research Quarterly* (2013), *Revista Mexicana de Sociología* (2001, 2005), *Social Choice and Welfare* (2012), *World Politics* (2004).

7.2 Books

FLACSO–Sede México (2003, 2004), Fondo de Cultura Económica (2013), Oxford University Press (2008).

7.3 Book chapters

Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (2012, 2012)

7.4 Research projects

- Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (2009, 2009)

8 Academic and Research Committees

- 2014, Fulbright-García Robles Scholarship Award committee member, (COMEXUS, Mexico City).
- 2014–18, Editorial Board member, *Política y Gobierno*, (CIDE, Mexico City).
- 2013, Kellogg/Notre Dame Award selection committee, Midwest Political Science Association.
- 2012–14, **Member** of the Academic Coordination Committee for the Masters in Government and Public Affairs, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.
- 2010–12, Editorial Board member, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.
- 2009–, Research Associate, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (UC, San Diego.)
- 2006–, Editorial board member, *La Gaceta de Ciencia Política* (ITAM, Mexico City.)
- 2001–2004, Member of the Academic Coordination Committee for the Masters in Government and Public Affairs, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.

9 Other committees

- 2012, Comité Técnico de Especialistas de la Comisión Temporal de Debates, member of the advisory board to the committee in charge of televised presidential candidate debates, Instituto Federal Electoral, Mexico City.
- 2006, *Reforma* newspaper, member of the Research Board, Mexico City.
- 2005–2006, Tu Rock es Votar, member of the Advisory Board, Mexico City.

10 Professional association membership

- American Political Science Association (since 1998)
- Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (since 2002)
- Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Parlamentarios (since 2011)
- Midwest Political Science Association (since at least 2001)
- Public Choice Society (since 2006)

11 Recent academic events organized

- 13–17 Jun. 2011, “Latent variable estimation workshop” co-taught with Professor Guillermo Rosas from Washington University St. Louis, Mexico City, ITAM.
- 6–7 Nov. 2008, “Bayesian methods in the social sciences” seminar, co-organized by the Political Science Departments of Washington University in St. Louis, CIDE and ITAM, Mexico City, at CIDE and ITAM.

12 Courses taught

12.1 Graduate level

- La separación de poderes en América Latina y Estados Unidos, Judicial Training Program for Argentine Judges, Washington University in St. Louis (with Guillermo Rosas, 2 hours: S2015).
- Teoría política positiva y estudios legislativos en Latinoamérica, maestría y doctorado en ciencia política del Instituto de Ciencia Política, Universidad de la República, Uruguay (6 hours: F2008).
- Estudios de América Latina, Máster en Relaciones Internacionales IBEI, Barcelona (16 hours: F2007).
- Introducción al Análisis Político, maestría en políticas públicas ITAM (33 hours: W2006).

- Análisis político institucional, mtría. en políticas públicas ITAM (33 hours: F2000, F2001, F2002, F2003)

12.2 Undergraduate level

- Latent variable estimation workshop (15 hours: S2011).
- Política Comparada II (comparative political institutions), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: S2014, F2013, F2012, S2012, F2011, F2010, S2010, S2009, F2008, S2008, F2006, F2005, F2004, F2003, S2003, F2002).
- Política Comparada III (Latin America and the U.S.), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: F2001, F2000).
- Elección Pública III (legislative bargaining), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: S2014, S2013, F2012, S2012, F2011, S2011, F2010, S2010, F2009, S2009, F2008, S2008, F2006, S2006, S2005, S2004, S2003).
- Seminario de Investigación Política (thesis workshop), lic. en ciencia política ITAM (48 hours: F2013, S2013, S2011, F2009, S2004, S2002, S2001).

13 Students

I have advised theses for one Ph.D. student, four M.A. students, and 18 B.A. students.

14 Consulting

- 2008–09, “The Political Economy of Fiscal Reforms in Latin America: The Case of Mexico” with Vidal Romero and Jeffrey F. Timmons, background paper for the Inter-American Development Bank *The Political Economy of Fiscal Reforms in Latin America* by Mark Hallerberg.
- 2006, “Changing Patterns of Governance in Mexican States: What do They Tell Us About Future Directions of National Politics?” with Vidal Romero, background paper for the Institutional Governmentability Report *Democratic Governance in Mexico: Beyond State Capture and Social Polarization* by Philip Keefer (Mexico City: World Bank-INAP-CIDE, 2007).

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