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### ACADEMIC POSITION

Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Houston, 2013-

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2013.  
M.A. Political Science, University of California, San Diego, 2009.  
B.A. Political Science, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, 2004.

### PUBLICATIONS

"Groceries for Votes: The Electoral Returns of Vote Buying." *Journal of Politics*, forthcoming

"Pedagogical Value of Polling Place Observation By Students." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, forthcoming (with Chris Mann and others)

"The Politics of Committee Chairs Assignment in Ireland and Spain." *Parliamentary Affairs*, forthcoming (with Jorge Fernandes and Pedro Riera)

"Determinants of Legislative Committee Membership in Proportional Representation Systems." *Party Politics*, forthcoming (with Pedro Riera)

"Poll Worker Recruitment: Evidence from the Mexican Case." *Election Law Journal*, Vol. 16, No. 4: 495-510, 2017 (with Sandra Ley)

"Endogenous Ballot Structures: The Selection of Open and Closed Lists in Colombia's Legislative Elections." *Electoral Studies*, Vol. 49: 136-154, 2017 (with Susan Achury and Margarita Ramírez)

"The Utility of Unpacking Survey Bias in Multiparty Elections." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, Vol. 28, No. 1: 96-116, 2016 (with Verónica Hoyo and Marco Morales)

"Partisan Losers' Effects: Perceptions of Electoral Integrity in Mexico." *Electoral Studies*, Vol 39: 1-13, 2015 (with Omar García-Ponce)

"Identifying Electoral Irregularities in Mexican Local Elections." *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 58, No. 4: 936-951, 2014

"Methodological Considerations for Students of Mexican Legislative Politics: Selection Bias in Roll-Call Publications." *Política y Gobierno*, Vol. XXI, No. 1, 2014 (with Scott Desposato and Eric Magar)

"The Rise of Federal Politics in Mexico's Legislative Branch." *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, Vol. 19, No. 4: 3-38, 2012 (with Scott Desposato)

"Fraudulent Democracy? An Analysis of Argentina's Infamous Decade using Supervised Machine Learning." *Political Analysis*, Vol. 19, No. 4: 409-433, 2011 (with Sebastián Saiegh)

WORK IN PROGRESS "The Fingerprints of Fraud: Evidence from Mexico's 1988 Presidential Election." Revision invited

"Right On Time: An Electoral Audit for the Publication of Vote Results." Under Review (with Leonardo Antenangeli)

"Window of Opportunity: The Short-term and Long-term Effects of Multi-party Elections on Democratic Regime Change." Under Review (with Paul Schuler and Dimitar Gueorguiev)

"Gender and Family Ties in Latin American Legislatures" (with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer and Agustín Vallejo)

"Estimating the Magnitude of Fraud in Mexico's 1988 Presidential Election"

"Do Polls Move Electoral Preferences? Evidence from a Survey Experiment" (with Javier Márquez)

"Negative Partisanship in Latin America" (with Agustina Haime)

"The Impact of Electoral Systems on Ideological Voting" (with Pedro Riera)

OTHER  
PUBLICATIONS

"México, 2016: El Declive de la Confianza Institucional." *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 37, No. 2: 493-519, 2017 (with Verónica Hoyo)

TEACHING

*Graduate*: Seminar in Comparative Elections, Introduction to Game Theory.

*Undergraduate*: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Comparative Elections, Politics of Mexico, Latin American Politics, Politics in the Southern Cone of Latin America. Institutional Change: Limits and Opportunities (Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá. Summer, 2016).

FELLOWSHIPS AND  
GRANTS

*Grants*: UH Research Progress Grant (2015); UH Research Small Grant (2015); UH New Faculty Grant (2014); UCSD Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (2010).

*Fellowships and Scholarships*: Mexican Ministry of Education (2007-2010), National Counsel of Science and Technology (2007-2012), Bret Harte International Fellowship (2007-2008), ITAM Tuition Scholarship (2000-2003).

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS  
AND TALKS

*Conferences*: American Political Science Association (2010-14, 2016-17); Midwest Political Science Association (2009-2017); Society of Political Methodology (2017); Southern Political Science Association (2017); Institutional Change: The Origins and Evolution of Political Institutions, SciencesPo (2016); The Making Electoral Democracy Work Project's Workshop (2014); Analyzing Politics of Latin America, UH (2014); Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies Corruption Symposium (2013); Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics, UCLA (2012); Southern California Comparative Political Institutions, USC (2012); Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD (2010); The Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy, NYU (2010).

*Talks*: UCSD (2018); MIT (2017); University of Oregon (2017); Instituto Nacional Electoral (2016); Rice University (2015); Washington University, St. Louis (2015); ITESM, Santa Fe (2015); Florida State University (2014); Universidad Católica Boliviana (2014); Fundación Milenio, La Paz (2014); University of Houston (2012); CIDE (2012); ITAM (2012); University of San Diego (2011).

MANUSCRIPT  
REVIEWER

*American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Bulletin for Latin American Research, Comparative Political Studies, Economics & Politics, Electoral Studies, Inter-American Development Bank, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Journal of Comparative Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Latin American Politics and Society, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Oxford University Press, Perfiles Latinoamericanos, Political Analysis, Political Psychology, Political Research*

*Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Política y Gobierno, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Revista de Ciencia Política, Revista Mexicana de Sociología.*

FACULTY SERVICE Member: Graduate Studies Committee, Undergraduate Committee; Faculty co-sponsor: Latin American Politics Workshop; Conference co-organizer: "Analyzing Latin American Politics" (2014) and "The Political Economy of Elections" (2017).

Dissertation Committee Member: L. Allarackia, C. Huang, M. Ramírez (Political Science); D. Bostashvili, S. Chatterjee, P. Garófalo (Economics). Honor Thesis Director: M. Ferreira. Honor Thesis Reader: A. Lastra.