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Current Academic Positions

University of Essex, UK	
Academic Lead, Ready for Success, Office of the Vice-Chancellor	Aug. 2026 – present
Reader (Professor equivalent in the US), Department of Government	Jan. 2022 – present

Prior Academic Positions

University of Essex, UK	
Director of Education (Dept. of Government)	Aug. 2025 – July 2026
Faculty Dean Postgraduate (Faculty of Social Sciences)	Aug. 2023 – July 2025
Director of Postgraduate Research, Dept. of Government (PhD Program)	Aug. 2022 – July 2023
City, University of London, UK (now City St. George's, University of London)	
Deputy Head of Department	April 2020 – Dec. 2021
Senior Lecturer (Assoc. Professor in the US) in Int'l Political Economy	Sept. 2019 – Dec. 2021
Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico	
Professor, Department of Political Studies (Sabbatical Leave 2018 – 2019 at USP in São Paulo, Brazil)	July 2015 – Aug. 2019
Associate Professor, Department of Political Studies (Sabbatical Leave 2012 – 2014 at GIGA in Hamburg, Germany)	July 2009 – July 2015
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Studies (Leave of Absence 2004 – 2005 to work at Eurasia Group)	July 2001 – July 2009

Education

University of California, Los Angeles	2001
Ph.D. in Political Science	
Fields: Comparative Politics; Research Methods	
Dissertation Committee: Barbara Geddes (chair), George Tsebelis, Miriam Golden, William Summerhill (History)	
University of California, Berkeley	1991
B.A. in Political Science	
High Honors in Political Science, Distinction in General Scholarship	
Minor: French Literature (Study Abroad: Université de Poitiers, France 1989 – 1990)	
Senior Thesis Supervisor: Robert Price	

Research Areas

- **Comparative Political Economy:** the politics of subnational fiscal policy, especially how subnational leaders' career building strategies shape borrowing, taxation, and expenditure decisions in multitier systems, and how partisan and regime alignment, both vertically between subnational and national governments and horizontally among subnational governments, condition those strategies

- **International Political Economy:** politics and financial markets, especially how investors interpret political leaders' policy speech for signals about future policy direction and their policy resolve, how inconsistency in policy speech raises uncertainty and asset price volatility, and how the predictability of policy speech can be measured
- **Quantitative Methods:** volatility (ARCH-GARCH) modeling and dynamic simulation of substantive effects; cross-sectional dependence and methods for robust inference in its presence

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

20. "Beyond Free Riding or Free Racing: A Framework for Understanding Subnational Tax Policy Interdependence," *Public Choice*, July 2026 (online first).
 19. "Taking Variance Seriously: Visualizing the Statistical and Substantive Significance of ARCH-GARCH Models," with Soren Jordan and Andrew Q. Philips, *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 88, No. 1, January 2026 (pp.18-35).
- Featured in the [JOP Blog](#).
18. "Does the @realDonaldTrump Really Matter to Financial Markets?" with Andrew Q. Philips, *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 64, No. 1, January 2020 (pp. 169-190).
 17. "Party Leader or Party Reputation Concerns? How Vertical Partisan Alignment Reins in Subnational Fiscal Profligacy," *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 81, No. 1, January 2019 (pp. 201-214).
 16. "Violent Crime and Capital Market Punishment: How Violent Crime Affects the Supply of Debt to Municipal Mexico," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Vol. 52, No. 4, December 2017 (pp. 483-509).
 15. "The Impact of Parties and Elections on Municipal Debt Policy in Mexico," with Heidi Jane M. Smith, *Governance*, Vol. 30, No. 4, October 2017 (pp. 621-639).
 14. "The Role of Metropolitan Cooperation and Administrative Capacity in Subnational Debt Dynamics," with Heidi Jane M. Smith, *Public Budgeting & Finance*, Vol. 37, No. 2, Summer 2017 (pp. 58-82).
 13. "Configuring Authority over Electoral Manipulation in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Mexico," *Democratization*, Vol. 24, No. 3, April 2017 (pp.521-543).
 12. "How "Participatory Governance" Strengthens Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from Electoral Authoritarian Oaxaca, Mexico," *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, Vol. 8, No. 2, September 2016 (pp. 37-70).
 11. "Partisan Policy Promises and Sector-Specific Stock-Market Performance: Evidence from Mexico's 2006 Presidential Campaign," *Business & Politics*, Vol. 15, No. 2, August 2013 (pp. 187-215).
 10. "Bottom-Up Challenges to National Democracy: Mexico's (Legal) Subnational Authoritarian Enclaves," *Comparative Politics*, Vol. 44, No. 3, April 2012 (pp. 253-271).
 9. "The Catholic Church, Political Institutions, and Electoral Outcomes in Oaxaca, Mexico," *Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales*, Vol. LVI, Núm. 213, December 2011 (pp. 125-155).
 8. "What Makes Strong Federalism Seem Weak? Fiscal Resources and Presidential-Provincial Relations in Argentina," *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, Vol. 39, No. 4, Fall 2009 (pp. 651-676).

7. "On the Ground: Candidate Appearances and Events during the 2006 Mexican Presidential Campaign" with Joy Langston, *Política y Gobierno, 15 Aniversario, Volumen Temático: Elecciones en México*, ed. Allyson Benton, October 2009 (pp. 135-176).
6. "The Effect of Electoral Rules on Indigenous Voting Behavior in Mexico," *Política y Gobierno*, Vol. XVI, Núm. 1, Primer Semestre de 2009 (pp. 37-70).
5. "Do Investors Assess the Credibility of Campaign Commitments? The Case of Mexico's 2006 Presidential Race," *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 61, No. 3, September 2008 (pp. 403-418).
4. "The Strategic Struggle for Patronage: Political Careers, State Largesse, and Factionalism in Latin American Parties," *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, Vol. 19, No. 1, January 2007 (pp. 55-82).
3. "Who's Afraid of López Obrador? Market Responses to Election Polling Trends during the 2006 Mexican Presidential Campaign," *Colombia Internacional*, Núm. 64, julio-diciembre 2006, December 2006 (pp. 68-95).
2. "Dissatisfied Democrats or Retrospective Voters? Economic Hardship, Political Institutions, and Voting Behavior in Latin America," *Comparative Political Studies*, Vol 38, No. 4, May 2005 (pp. 417-442).
1. "Strong Presidents, Powerful Provinces: The Case of Argentina," *Política y Gobierno*, Vol X, Núm. 1, Primer Semestre de 2003 (pp. 103-137).

Articles Under Revision

- "Behind Enemy Lines: Vertical Regime Juxtaposition and Subnational Fiscal Policy Strategy," revise & resubmit at *World Politics*.
- "Friends or Frenemies? The Politics of Copartisan Subnational Fiscal Policy Interdependence," revise & resubmit at *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*.
- "Dissonant Policy Speech and Financial Markets," with Alex Newhouse and Andrew Q. Philips, revise & resubmit at the *Journal of Computational Social Science*.

Articles Under Review

- "Revealing Volatility Dynamics in ARCH-GARCH Models," with Soren Jordan and Andrew Q. Philips, under review at *The Stata Journal*. Introduces Stata commands `gbmake` and `gbplot` for simulating and visualizing conditional error variance, implementing Benton, Jordan, and Philips (*The Journal of Politics*, 2026).

Article Manuscripts In Process

- "Addressing Interdependence in TSCS Democracy Research," with Lorena Barberia and Luiz Cantarelli, article manuscript in process.
- "The Elements of Surprise: Perplexity and Political Text," with Alex Newhouse and Andrew Q. Philips, article manuscript in process.

Book Project

A study of how vertical alignment and juxtaposition between subnational and national political regimes shape subnational career building and, in turn, budget priorities and the allocation of public resources. Extends the argument in "Behind Enemy Lines" (revise & resubmit, *World Politics*) from Mexico to Argentina and Brazil.

Book Chapters

6. “(How) Do National Authoritarian Regimes Manage Conflictive Ethnically Diverse Populations? Evidence from the Case of Mexico,” in *Institutional Innovation and the Steering of Conflicts in Latin America*, Jorge Gordin and Lucio Renno, eds. (Colchester, United Kingdom: ECPR Press, 2017).
5. “Reconsidering Electoral Contestation through Voter Mobilization,” in *Conceptualising Comparative Politics*, Tony Spanakos and Francisco Panizza, eds. (New York, New York, USA: Routledge, 2015).
4. “Subnational Authoritarian Enclaves and Their Impact on National Democratic Rule: Evidence from Mexico,” in *Economy, Politics and Governance: Challenges for the 21st Century*, Víctor M. González Sánchez, ed. (Hauppauge, New York, USA: Nova Science Publishers, 2015).
3. “Candidate Selection Mechanisms,” in *Debatando la reforma política*, Gabriel Negretto, ed. (Mexico City, Mexico: Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, 2010).
2. “Policymaking in Mexico: Under One-Party Hegemonic and Divided Government,” (with Fabrice Lehoucq, Gabriel Negretto, Francisco Javier Aparicio, Benito Nacif), in *El juego político en América Latina: ¿Cómo se deciden las políticas públicas?*, Ernesto Stein and Mariano Tommasi, eds. (Washington, D.C., USA: Inter-American Development Bank, 2010).
1. “Policymaking Under One-Party Hegemonic and Divided Government in Mexico,” (with Fabrice Lehoucq, Gabriel Negretto, Francisco Aparicio, Benito Nacif), *Policymaking in Latin America: How Politics Shape Policies*, Ernesto Stein and Mariano Tommasi, eds. (Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA: David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University/Inter-American Development Bank, 2008).

Edited Volumes

1. *Elecciones en México, Política y Gobierno, 15 Aniversario, Volumen Temática*, ed. Allyson Benton, October 2009.

Invited Publications

(*Indicates Student Co-Author)

5. “Mexico 2017: Incumbent Disadvantage Ahead of 2018,” with Edwin Atilano Robles*, *Revista de Ciencia Política*, Vol. 38, No. 2, August 2018 (pp. 303-333).
4. “Introduction,” *Política y Gobierno, 15 Aniversario, Volumen Temática: Elecciones en México*, ed. Allyson Benton, October 2009 (pp. 5-14).
3. “Mexico’s Presidential Elections: Taking the Chávez out of López Obrador,” *ReVista, the Harvard Review of Latin America*, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS), Harvard University, Vol. 5, No.1, 2006.
2. “Las Elecciones presidenciales en México: Quitarle lo Chávez a López Obrador,” in *ISTOR*, Year 5, No. 25, 2006.
1. “Mexico’s (Temporary) Turn to the Left,” *Current History*, Vol 105, No. 688, February 2006.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), Mexico, National System of Researchers, Level II (Approx. \$12,000 US per year for five years; total value \$60,000 US).	2019 – 2023
Research Support Foundation of the State of São Paulo (FAPESP), Brazil, Visiting Researcher Grant (Approx. \$43,000 US).	2018 – 2019

National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), Mexico, Sabbatical Research Award (\$18,000 US).	2018 – 2019
National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), Mexico, National System of Researchers, Level II (Approx. \$12,000 US per year salary stipend for five years; total value \$60,000 US).	2014 – 2018
Center for Research and Teaching in Economics, Mexico, Field Research Award (Approx. \$5,000 US).	2014
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany, Humboldt Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers (Approx. \$62,000 US).	2012 – 2014
National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), Mexico, National System of Researchers, Level II (Approx. \$12,000 US per year salary stipend for four years; total value \$48,000 US).	2010 – 2013
National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), Mexico, National System of Researchers, Level I (Approx. \$12,000 US per year salary stipend for three years; total value \$36,000 US).	2007 – 2009
National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), Mexico, National System of Researchers, Candidate Level (Approx. \$10,000 US per year salary stipend for three years; total value \$30,000 US).	2002 – 2004
University of California, Office of the President, Chancellor's Dissertation Year Fellowship (Twelve-month stipend and tuition).	1999 – 2000
Title VI Award, Foreign Language (Spanish) and Area Studies Fellowship (Ten-month stipend).	1996 – 1997
Title VI Award, Foreign Language (Portuguese) and Area Studies Fellowship (Ten-month stipend).	1995 – 1996

Other Academic Appointments

Advance Higher Education, UK Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy	2021 – present
National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), Mexico Sabbatical Fellow (on Sabbatical Leave)	2018 – 2019
University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil Visiting Professor of Political Science (on Sabbatical Leave)	2018 – 2019
Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany Research Fellow (on Sabbatical Leave)	2012 – 2014
German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Germany Visiting Scholar, Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS) (on Sabbatical Leave)	2012 – 2014
National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), Mexico National Researcher (<i>Sistema Nacional de Investigadores</i>), Level II*	2019 – 2023

National Researcher (<i>Sistema Nacional de Investigadores</i>), Level II	2014 – 2018
National Researcher (<i>Sistema Nacional de Investigadores</i>), Level II	2010 – 2013
National Researcher (<i>Sistema Nacional de Investigadores</i>), Level I	2007 – 2009
National Researcher (<i>Sistema Nacional de Investigadores</i>), Candidate Level	2002 – 2004

*Mexico's national peer-reviewed ranking of research productivity is awarded competitively and must be won again by full application at the end appointment; standing is not renewed automatically. Level II denotes an established researcher with a sustained record of international publication.

Invited Talks and Workshops

Lund University, Sweden, “Behind Enemy Lines: Political Regime Juxtaposition and Subnational Fiscal Policy Strategy,” Political Economy and Political Behavior Workshop, September 2024.

Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, “Taking Cross-Sectional Dependence Seriously in Democratic Waves and Democratic Diffusion,” Visions in Methodology Workshop, May 2024.

University of Essex, UK, “Picture Perfect: Visualizing Statistical and Substantive Significance of ARCH and GARCH Models,” Departmental Research Seminar, March 2022.

University of Essex, UK, “Mind the Gap! Policy Dissonance and Financial Markets,” June 2021.

Pontífica Universidad Católica de Chile, “Does the @realDonaldTrump Really Matter to Financial Markets?,” Santiago, Chile, August 2019.

Fundação Getulio Vargas, “Does the @realDonaldTrump Really Matter to Financial Markets?,” Center for Public Sector Politics and Economics, São Paulo, Brazil, May 2019.

City, University of London, “Main Research Questions in International Political Economy,” Department of International Politics, London, UK, May 2019.

University of Birmingham, “Promoting Subnational Debt Policy Sustainability,” International Development Department, Birmingham, UK, April 2019.

Western University, “Does the @realDonaldTrump Really Matter to Financial Markets?,” Department of Political Science, London, Ontario, Canada, February 2019.

University of Durham, “Does the @realDonaldTrump Really Matter to Financial Markets?,” School of Government and International Affairs, Durham, UK, February 2019.

University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley, “Does the @realDonaldTrump Really Matter to Financial Markets?,” Edinburg, Texas, February 2019.

Universidad Tecnológico de Monterrey, “Does the @realDonaldTrump Really Matter to Financial Markets?,” Mexico City, Mexico, February 2019.

Universidade de São Paulo, “Friends or Frenemies? Explaining Copartisan Subnational Fiscal Policy Interdependence,” Department of Political Science, São Paulo, Brazil, December 2018.

Universidade de São Paulo, “Lead us Not Into Temptation: The Devolution of Tax Authority to Subnational Governments with Revenue-Sharing Systems and Soft Budget Constraints,” Workshop on Taxation 2018, São Paulo, Brazil, November 2018.

El Colegio de México (Colmex), “How to Plant a Hypothesis?” Teorías y Metodologías de Investigación, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, Mexico City, Mexico, August 2018.

Instituto TInst (ITAM), “Does @realDonaldTrump Really Matter to Financial Markets?” Political Science in Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, May 2018.

Universidade de São Paulo, “Does @realDonaldTrump Really Matter to Financial Markets?” with Andrew Q. Philips, delivered at the IPSA-USP Summer School in Concepts, Methods, and Techniques in Political Science and International Relations, São Paulo, Brazil, January 2018.

Texas A&M University, “Party Leaders or Party Reputations? How Vertical Partisan Alignment Works to Rein in Fiscal Profligacy,” Policy & Politics Program Political Economy & Political Violence Program, Department of Political Science, College Station, Texas, October 2017.

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), “Indebted to your Friends and Enemies: The Mechanisms of Subnational Debt Policy Diffusion in Mexico,” Political Science in Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, May 2017.

CIDE-Region Centro, Aguascalientes, “Violent Crime and Capital Market Punishment: How Violent Crime Affects the Supply of Debt to Municipal Mexico,” Seminario Interno, Aguascalientes, Mexico, March 2017.

CIDE, “The US Elections and the Mexican Peso,” Workshop on New Directions in International Political Economy: The Political Economy of Exchange Rates, Mexico City, Mexico, October 2016.

El Colegio de México (Colmex), “How to Plant a Hypothesis?” Teorías y Metodologías de Investigación, Centro de Estudios Internacionales, Mexico City, Mexico, August 2016.

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), “Violent Crime and Capital Market Punishment: How Violent Crime Affects the Supply of Debt to Municipal Mexico,” Political Science in Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, May 2016.

University of Notre Dame, “Manipulating Aggregate Support and Territorial Control in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from the Case of Mexico,” Comparative Politics Workshop and the Kellogg Institute’s Mexico Working Group, South Bend, Indiana, December 2015.

CIDE, “Building Arguments and Developing Testable Hypotheses,” Workshop on Academic Publishing, Mexico City, Mexico, October 2015.

CIDE, “A Rational Partisan Explanation for Irrational (Sub)Sovereign Debt Behavior: Evidence from Municipal Mexico,” with Heidi Jane Smith, Workshop on New Directions in International Political Economy: The Political Economy of Foreign Direct Investment, Mexico City, Mexico, August 2015.

CIDE Región Centro, Aguascalientes, “A Rational Partisan Explanation for Irrational (Sub)Sovereign Debt Behavior: Evidence from Municipal Mexico,” with Heidi Jane Smith, Seminario Interno, Aguascalientes, Mexico, August 2015.

CIDE, “Manipulating Aggregate Support and Territorial Control in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from the Case of Mexico,” Political Economics Symposium: Institutions and Rational Choice, Mexico City, Mexico, December 2014.

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), “Manipulating Aggregate Support and Territorial Control in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes: Evidence from the Case of Mexico,” Mexico City, Mexico, October 2014.

Universidad Diego Portales, “(How) Do National Authoritarian Regimes Manage Confictive Ethnically Diverse Populations? Evidence from the Case of Mexico,” Workshop on Institutional Design and Conflict Management in Latin America, International Bank of Reconstruction and Development, Santiago, Chile, July 2014.

Electoral Integrity Project, “Innovations in Autocratic Rule: How the Decentralization of Political Manipulation Strengthens National Authoritarian Regimes,” Workshop: Citizens, Parties, and Electoral Contexts, Palais des Congrès de Montréal, Montreal, Canada, July 2014.

Princeton University and CIDE, “The Legacy of National Authoritarian Rule for Subnational Authoritarian Enclaves: Evidence from the Case of Mexico,” Empirical Political Economy Network Symposium on New Advances in Political Economy, Mexico City, Mexico, May 2014.

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), “A Rational Partisan Explanation for Irrational (Sub)Sovereign Debt Behavior: Evidence from Municipal Mexico,” with Heidi Jane Smith, Mexico City, Mexico, April 2014.

German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), “Does the Decentralization of Electoral Manipulation Strengthen National Electoral Authoritarian Regimes? Evidence from Mexico,” Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS), Hamburg, Germany, September 2013.

German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), “The Territorial Logic of Electoral Manipulation in an Electoral Authoritarian Regime: The Case of Mexico,” Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS), Hamburg, Germany, April 2013.

CIDE, “Building Arguments and Developing Testable Hypotheses,” Workshop on Academic Publishing, Mexico City, Mexico, February 2012.

Université Laval, “Subnational Regime Dynamics After National Authoritarian Breakdown: When Political Competition and Turnover Don’t Indicate Democratization,” Workshop on Elections, Electoral Behavior and the Economy in Latin America, Département de Science Politique, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada, October 2011.

Texas A&M University, “Energy and the Environment - Challenges for Mexico,” Mexico's 200 Years of Independence Lecture Series, September 2010 [broadcast from Mexico City, Mexico].

Universidad Torcuato di Tella, “The Origins of Mexico's Municipal Usos y Costumbres Regimes: Supporting Local Multicultural Identities or Local Authoritarian Control?” Workshop on Subnational Democratization: Latin America, Russia and India in Comparative Perspective, Buenos Aires, Argentina [paper delivered *in absentia*], April 2010.

CIDE, “Candidate Selection Rules, Legislative Electoral Laws, and Political Behavior: An Analysis of Mexico’s 2010 Political Reform Proposals, with Recommendations for Improvement,” Workshop on Mexico’s Political Reforms, Mexico City, Mexico, April 2010.

University of California, Los Angeles and CIDE, “Political Institutions, Hydrocarbons Resources, and Economic Policy Divergence in Latin America,” Workshop on Latin American Economies: History and Globalization, UCLA Latin American Institute, the UCLA Center for Economic History, Los Angeles, California, April 2009.

CIDE, “Candidate Appearance Strategies during Mexico’s 2006 Presidential Campaign, American, Mexican, or Mexican-American Style?” with Joy Langston, Workshop on Mexico’s 2006 Elections, Mexico City, Mexico, April 2007. (Organized by Allyson Benton and Joy Langston.)

University of Miami, “Mexico’s 2006 Presidential Elections: Core Party Support vs. Independent Voters,” Winter Program, Mexico City, Mexico, January 2006.

Universidad de Torcuato di Tella, “Patronage Games: Political Institutions, Economic Reform, and the Decline of Party Systems in Latin America,” Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 2003.

Universidad de Buenos Aires, “Patronage Games: Political Institutions, Economic Reform, and the Decline of Party Systems in Latin America,” Buenos Aires, Argentina, May 2003.

University of California, Los Angeles, “Dissatisfied Democrats or Retrospective Voters? Economic Hardship, Political Institutions, and Voting Behavior in Latin America,” Latin American Workshop, Los Angeles, California, December 2002.

Universidad de Salamanca, “Dissatisfied Democrats or Retrospective Voters? Economic Hardship, Political Institutions, and Voting Behavior in Latin America,” Latin American Political Science Conference, Salamanca, Spain, 2002.

Conference Participation

Paper Presentations:

American Political Science Association (APSA): 1997, 2000, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2012 (conf. canceled), 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2020 (conf. canceled), 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2026
International Political Economy Society (IPES): 2018
International Studies Association (ISA): 2016
Latin American Studies Association (LASA): 1997, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2018 (declined), 2022
Latin American Political Economy Network (REPAL): 2018, 2019 (declined), 2020 (conf. canceled)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 1997, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (conf. canceled), 2021, 2022
PolMeth: Europe 2020 (postponed), Europe 2021, Europe 2023, Latin America 2023
Western Political Science Association (WPSA): 2004

Panel Organization:

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2017. “New Directions Latin American Political Economy: Subnational Politics, Elections, and Fiscal Resources at Work.”
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2017. “Governing Against Type: Participatory Institutions and Subnational Governance in Democratic and Authoritarian Regimes.”

Invited Roundtable Participation:

International Political Science Association (IPSA)-Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil, Summer School in Concepts, Methods, and Techniques. 2021. “The Challenges of Teaching and Learning Methods in the Virtual Classroom during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” This panel brought together academics from Brazil, the US, and the UK to discuss online teaching during the pandemic. February 2021.
American Political Science Association (APSA), 2017. “Crossing Bridges: Traversing a Global Discipline.” This panel brought together scholars from non-US academic institutions across the world to discuss how to build a successful academic career abroad.

Discussant Duties:

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2001, 2021, 2023

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA): 2004, 2006, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (conf. canceled), 2021, 2022
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA): 2022
 Virtual International Political Economy Society (vIPES): 2021
 Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (VWAR): 2026
 Western Political Science Association (WPSA): 2004

Workshop Organization

“New Research in Comparative Politics, Symposium,” Department of International Politics, City, University of London. This symposium brings together scholars doing innovative work on a variety of comparative politics topics to present their research. Co-organized with Konstantin Vössing. 2020-2021.

“Recent Research on Gender Bias in Political Science: A Review of the Evidence and a Discussion of its Implications,” Summer School in Concepts, Methods, and Techniques, International Political Science Association (IPSA), Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil. Panel discussion on quantitative research on the presence of gender bias in political science in teaching evaluations, syllabi content, citation patterns, professional networking, academic productivity, and hiring and tenure decisions, January 2018.

“Mexico’s 2006 Elections.” Organized with Joy Langston. This workshop brought together 18 scholars of Mexican politics, parties, and elections to discuss each stage of Mexico’s 2006 electoral process from US and Mexican universities, April 2007. The result was two edited volumes published in *Política y Gobierno*.

Teaching Interests

- *Comparative Politics*: Comparative Politics; Democracy, Dictatorship, and Regime Change; Latin American Politics; Federalism and Decentralization
- *Comparative Political Economy*: Comparative Political Economy; Economics and Elections (economic voting; political business/budget cycles); Latin American Political Economy; Political Risk Analysis
- *International Political Economy*: International Political Economy; Politics and Markets (states and markets; financial markets and foreign direct investment); Globalization and Development
- *Public Policy*: Public Policy; Subnational Public Policy
- *Research Methods*: Research Design; Introduction to Data Analysis
- *Graduate Professionalization*: Dissertation Writing and PhD Professionalization

Teaching Experience*

*Teaching buyout during service as Faculty Dean Postgraduate (2023–25), Director of Education (2025–26), and Academic Lead, Ready for Success (2026–present). Doctoral, Master’s, and Bachelor’s dissertation supervision continued throughout; see Student Advising for doctoral students below.

Politics and Political Economy:

University of Essex, UK, Department of Government

- International Economic Development: Fall 2025
- Political Economy (MA): (CPE) Fall 2022, (IPE) Spring 2023
- The Politics of Public Policy (MA): Spring 2022
- Democracy, Dictatorship, and Regime Change: Spring 2022, Spring 2023

City, University of London, UK, Department of International Politics

- Comparative Political Economy: Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021
- Global Political Economy of Development: Fall 2019

- Economics and Politics of the Real World: Spring 2020

University of São Paulo, Brazil, Department of Political Science

- Politics and Markets (MA), co-taught with Lorena Barberia: Fall 2018

Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico, Department of Political Science

- Latin American Politics: Spring 2002
- Latin American Political Economy (Section): Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017
- Political Economy (MA/PhD): Spring 2017

Research Methods:

City, University of London, UK, Department of International Politics

- Analysing Economic and Political Data in the Real World: Spring 2021
- International Politics Dissertation (UG): Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021
- International Politics Dissertation (MA), co-taught with Dr. Laust Schouenborg: Spring 2020

Center for Research and Teaching in Economics (CIDE), Mexico, Department of Political Science

- Game Theory in Political Science (MA): Fall 2001, Fall 2002
- Game Theory in the Social Sciences (MA): Fall 2002
- Statistics I (Beginning Data Analysis): Spring 2003
- Statistics II (Intermediate Data Analysis): Spring 2006
- Statistics III (Advanced Data Analysis): Spring 2007
- Research Design (BA/MA/PhD): Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018
- Thesis Seminar: Fall 2003, Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Spring 2012, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2018

International Summer Schools:

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis (ESS)-University of Essex, Colchester, UK

- Applied Research Design: From Idea to Proposal, July 2026

International Political Science Association (IPSA)- Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil, Summer School in Concepts, Methods, and Techniques in Political Science and International Relations

- Designing Feasible Research Projects for Political Science, January 2017, January 2018, January 2019, January 2020
- Comparative Research Design Workshop, January 2021
- Advanced Research Design in Political Science: From Modeling to Manuscript, University of São Paulo, Brazil, January 2019

European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR), Summer School on Latin American Politics

- National Democratization and Democracy through a Subnational Lens, Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS), German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg, Germany, July 2013

Student Advising (Doctoral Students)

- Kristigian Garic. *Agent-Based Models of Policy Learning*. University of Essex. In progress.
- Dorsa Heidari. *The Politics of Monetary Cooperation in the Gulf*. Co-Chair Carolina Garriga, University of Essex. In progress.

- Andrew Stinson. *Federalism and Emergency Services Provision*. Co-Chair John Bartle, University of Essex. In progress.
- Ángel Torres Guevara. *Gifts or Gambits? Understanding the Provision of Goods and Services by Criminal Organizations in Mexico*. Co-Chair Brian Phillips, University of Essex. Expected September 2026.
- Tabatha Poulter. *Civil Aid and Insurgency*, Co-Chair Thomas Davies, City, University of London. Completed 2025.
- Giovanna Rodríguez García. *Corruption in Legislatures: The Effect of Party Nationalization*. PhD in Political Science, CIDE, Mexico City. Completed 2021.
- Edwin Atilano Robles. *The Politics of Authoritarian Income Redistribution*. PhD in Political Science, CIDE, Mexico City. Completed 2020.
- Juan Jesús Ramírez Ramírez. *Subnational Party System Fragmentation: The Effective Number of Parties in Mexican Municipalities, 1993-2017*, Co-Chair Rodrigo Salazar Elena (FLACSO), PhD in Political Science, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Mexico City. Completed 2019.

Academic Leadership

Academic Lead, Ready for Success, Office of the Vice-Chancellor, University of Essex. Lead the pedagogic design, development and promotion of the University's Ready for Success online skills course portfolio, reporting to the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education)	2026 – present
Director of Education, Department of Government, University of Essex. Charged with overseeing all UG and PGT provision in the department.	2025 – 2026
Faculty Dean Postgraduate, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Essex. Support Dean Postgraduate Education in overseeing MA and PhD programs across the Faculty, including ensuring academic standards and conducting student-related casework. Support Executive Dean of Social Sciences in student recruitment and progression targets.	2023 – 2025
Director of Post-Graduate Research (PhD Program), Department of Government, University of Essex. Charged with directing the PhD program in Political Science.	2022 – 2023
Steering Committee, MA/PhD in Political Science, CIDE. Charged with overseeing MA and PhD Programs in Political Science.	2016 – 2019
Political Economy Field Chair, MA/PhD in Political Science, CIDE. Charged with designing core Political Economy field curriculum and determining electives.	2014 – 2019
Research Methods Field Member, MA/PhD in Political Science, CIDE. Charged with designing core Research Methods curriculum and determining electives.	2014 – 2019
Executive Board, MA/PhD in Political Science, Appointed Member, CIDE. Responsible for overseeing admissions, curricula, thesis committee membership, and student progress.	2016 – 2018
Founding Committee, MA/PhD in Political Science, CIDE. Charged with designing MA and PhD Programs in Political Science.	2014 – 2016

Service to the University

Departmental:

Department Ethics Officer, Department of Government, University of Essex. Charged with vetting departmental and school level ethics approval requests.	2022
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Deputy Head of Department, Department of International Politics, City, University of London. Charged with representing and supporting the Head of Department.	2020 – 2021
Panel Member, Annual Research Quality Monitoring (ARQM) and Research Excellence Framework (REF) Panel Member, City, University of London. Charged with ranking departmental scholarly outputs.	2020 – 2021
Research Committee Member, City, University of London. Charged with determining departmental research strategy, departmental research expenses.	2019 – 2021
Employability Officer, City, University of London. Charged with designing and executing professionalization program to prepare students for nonacademic careers.	2019 – 2020
Library Committee, Departmental Representative, CIDE, Responsible for overseeing and determining library acquisitions in political science.	2005 – 2012

University:

Research Integrity Officer, Faculty of Social Sciences, City, University of London. Served on school-wide panel evaluating serious academic offenses and determining sanctions.	2019 – 2020
Tenure Board, Elected Member, CIDE. Body charged with conducting all promotion and tenure decisions. Members include the chancellor, academic dean, department chairs, two appointed outside members, and one member chosen by faculty in a campus-wide election.	2018 – 2019
Ethics Commission, Appointed Member, CIDE. First instance for reviewing and determining ethical (academic and nonacademic) breaches by students and faculty and making recommendations to the Director General (Chancellor) on appropriate sanctions.	2018 – 2019
Board of Directors, National Public Policy Laboratory, National Laboratories Program, National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), CIDE, Appointed Member. Applied public policy data science center, using experiments, surveys, focus groups.	2018 – 2019
Academic Senate, CIDE, Elected Departmental Representative. Final authority on all matters, including such things as the founding of new programs, appeals of tenure and promotion decisions, and appeals of professional ethics or misconduct decisions.	2017 – 2018
Committee Member, Retirement Fund Account, Association of Research Professors (APICIDE), CIDE. Responsible for retirement fund operations and membership.	2010 – 2019
Ethics Committee Founding Group, Appointed Member, CIDE, to guide the foundation of an Ethics Commission to govern student and faculty academic and professional conduct.	2008

Service to the Discipline

Section Co-Chair, Subnational Politics Section, Latin American Studies Association. (By invitation.)	2022 – 2024
Program Chair, Federalism Section, American Political Science Association 2023 Annual Meeting (By invitation.)	2022 – 2023
External Funding Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities, European Research Council. (By invitation.)	2023

Chair, Martha Derthick Award for Best Book on Federalism Committee, Federalism Section, American Political Science Association, with Scott Greer and David Konisky. (By invitation.)	2022
Chair, William Anderson Prize for Best Dissertation on Federalism Committee, American Political Science Association, with Gwen Arnold and Philip Rocco. (By invitation.)	2022
Chair, Best Article Award Committee, <i>Publius: The Journal of Federalism</i> , with Liesbet Hooghe and Jake Grumbach. (By invitation.)	2021
Junior Faculty Mentoring Program, Midwest Political Science Association. (By invitation.)	2021
Executive Committee, <i>Federalism and Intergovernmental Relations Section</i> , American Political Science Association. (By invitation.)	2020 – 2023
Best Article Award Committee, <i>Political Science Research and Methods</i> , with Mark Kayser and Craig Volden. (By invitation.)	2020
Member, Board of Advisors, Summer Methods Schools, International Political Science Association. (By invitation.)	2020 – 2022
Program Co-Chair, Annual Meetings (2020) of the Latin American Political Economy Research Network (REPAL), Buenos Aires, Argentina. (By invitation.)	2019 – 2020
Best Paper Award Committee, Annual Meetings (2018) of the Latin American Political Economy Research Network (REPAL), University of the Andes, Colombia. (By invitation.)	2018
Best Poster Award Committee, Summer School in Concepts, Methods, and Techniques in Political Science and International Relations, International Political Science Association (IPSA), University of São Paulo, Brazil. (By invitation.)	2017, 2018, 2019
Junior Scholar Symposium, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA). (By invitation.)	2017, 2019
Mexico Country Expert, Varieties of Democracy Project. (By invitation.)	n.d.
External Funding Reviewer, Norwegian-Estonian Cooperation Programme, Estonian Research Council, Estonia. (By invitation.)	2013
External Grant Reviewer, National Commission for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICYT), Ministry of Education, Chile. (By invitation.)	2013
External Post-Graduate International Fellowship Reviewer, National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), Mexico. (By invitation.)	2013
External Post-Graduate Program Reviewer, National Program for Quality Post-Graduate Programs, National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT), Mexico. (By invitation.)	2011, 2012

Journal Reviewing:

General and comparative: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Business & Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Democratization*, *Economics &*

Politics, Electoral Studies, Governance, International Interactions, Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy, Journal of Politics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Legislative Studies Quarterly, Local Government Studies, Political Research Quarterly, Public Administration Review, Publius: The Journal of Federalism, Research & Politics, World Development, among others.

Latin American and regional journals (including regionally based journals): *Brazilian Political Science Review, Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Colombia Internacional, El Trimestre Económico, Journal of Latin American Studies, Journal of Politics in Latin America, Latin American Politics & Society, Latin American Research Review, Monetaria, Perfiles Latinoamericanos, Política y Gobierno, Revista de Ciencia Política, Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales*, among others.

Book Reviewing:

Fondo de Cultura Económica, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Editorial Boards:

- *Italian Political Science Review* (2014 – present)
- *Political Science Research & Methods* (2019 – present)
- *Publius: The Journal of Federalism* (2019 – present)

Non-Academic Positions

Analyst, Latin America Practice, Eurasia Group, New York, New York. Full-Time: July 2004 – July 2005, based in New York City. Part-Time: August 2005 – December 2005, September 2008 – April 2012, based in Mexico City, 20 hours per week.

Provided 100+ top-tier financial, corporate, and US government clients with comprehensive and tradable research and analysis of political and economic trends and risks in Latin America. Covered different Latin American markets at different stages, including Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, and Venezuela, as the firm's practice needs shifted. Specialized in Mexico, which became my sole country of focus after relocating to Mexico City. Advised financial institutions and multinational corporations on Mexico-specific investment strategies. Major contributor to business development through accurately assessing client needs and designing project proposals. Produced written analyses and conducted on-site presentations. Managed and worked with team of analysts to ensure high-quality deliverables.

- Analyzed impact of fiscal and structural economic policy reforms in Mexico and their chances of approval, supporting clients in evaluating investment opportunities.
- Analyzed complex patterns and trends in Mexican violence, helping both portfolio and foreign direct investors devise their investment strategies.
- Analyzed Mexican field level and regional oil production trends to forecast shifts in government oil sector investments, supporting investors' equity strategies.

Director, Emerging Markets, Medley Global Advisors, New York, New York, January 2006 – April 2007, based in Mexico City, 20 hours per week.

Advised financial institutions on Mexican political, economic, and energy policy risk. Initiated coverage of Mexican oil and natural gas production risk. Contributed to the development of the Emerging Markets research platform and client base. Expertise on Mexican hydrocarbons sector frequently requested by equity and fixed income investors to forecast production trends and capital investment shifts.

- Successfully guided clients through 2006 Mexican presidential election with early prediction of near electoral tie, saving clients from taking unnecessary risks.
- Accurately predicted timing and extent of Mexican oil production losses, helping predict trends in equity and fixed income investment returns.

Non-Academic Consulting

Consultant, Longview Global Advisors, Los Angeles, California, August 2015 and September 2016.
Analysis of Mexican political and policy risk for multinational corporations. Based in Mexico City.

Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, The Latin American Research Network, Political Institutions, Policymaking Processes and Policy Outcomes Project, September 2003 – September 2004.
Evaluation of policy-making in Mexico. Based in Mexico City.

Consultant, Inter-American Development Bank, Red de Gestión y Transparencia del Diálogo Regional de Política, June 15 – December 2, 2002. Evaluation of Mexican public sector employment and civil service systems. Based in Mexico City.

Public and Professional Engagement

Selected Professional Talks: Banamex/Citigroup, Bear Stearns, Credit Suisse, Scotiabank Inverlat

Selected Media Contributions: Print – Associated Press, Bloomberg News, Business News Americas, BusinessWeek, Financial Times, Forbes, Foreign Policy, CBS, CNN, Market News International, Wall Street Journal, Oil Daily, Reuters, Upstream, USA Today. Television/radio – Bloomberg en Español, CNN, CNN en Español, Larry King Live.

Additional Training

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, University of Essex, UK	
Hierarchical Modelling; Spatial Econometrics	2021
Webscraping; Quantitative Text Analysis	2020
Summer School in Concepts, Methods, and Techniques in Political Science and International Relations, IPSA-USP, São Paulo, Brazil	
Survey Research Design; Survey Research Analysis	2018
Mixed Methods; Spatial Econometrics	2017
Beginning Time Series; Advanced Time Series; Time Series Cross-Sectional	2016
Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan	
Advanced Linear Regression; Maximum Likelihood Estimation	2003
Time Series Cross-Sectional; Simultaneous Equation Modeling	2003

Professional Memberships

- **By Invitation:** Research Council Member, Mexican Daily *Reforma*, Mexico, 2007 & 2012
- **Other:** APSA, EPSA, LASA, MPSA

Field Research

- Mexico: Mexico City 1997, 2001-2019 (resident); Oaxaca State (municipalities) 2014, 2016
- Argentina: Buenos Aires 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003

- Brazil: Brasilia 2004; Rio de Janeiro 2004; São Paulo 2004, 2018-2019 (resident, sabbatical)
- Venezuela: Caracas 2004

Languages

English (native); Spanish (fluent); Portuguese (reading knowledge)

Citizenship and Residency

- US Citizen
- UK Indefinite Leave to Remain
- Mexico Permanent Resident
- Brazil Temporary Resident (2018-19)

References

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