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EXPERIENCE

Yale University, Department of Political Science

Associate Professor (tenured), July 2016-
Associate Professor (untentured), July 2013 - June 2016
Assistant Professor, July 2007 - June 2013

Yale University, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies

Research Fellow, July 2007 -

Yale University, Institution for Social and Policy Studies

Resident Fellow, September 2008 - 2019

Yale University, Jackson Institute for Global Affairs

Faculty Fellow, September 2011 -

Georgetown University, Government Department

Visiting Scholar, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014

University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy

Visiting Scholar, Fall 2009-Spring 2010

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, 2007

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Thesis Committee: James Snyder, Jonathan Rodden, Chappell Lawson, and Mike Piore

BA in Political Science, Distinction, 2001

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo De México

SPECIALIZATION

Comparative politics of developing countries; Political economy of development; Social policy, public goods provision, and institutional design in Latin America; Mexican politics.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

BOOK

- *Crafting Policies To End Poverty in Latin America: The Quiet Transformation*. 2015. New York, N.Y.: Cambridge University Press
Reviewed in *Latin American Politics and Society*, *The Journal of International Development*, and *Comparative Politics*.

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- “How Clientelism Undermines State Capacity: Evidence from Mexican Municipalities” *World Development*, 2024, 173, 106344.
- “Federal and State Audits Do Not Increase Compliance with a Grant Program to Improve Municipal Infrastructure: a Pre-registered Field Experiment” (with Pablo Fernandez Vazquez and Fernando Martel), *Journal of Development Economics*, 2023, 162, 103043.
- “Voluntary Audits: Experimental Evidence on a New Approach to Monitoring Front-line Bureaucrats” (with Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro and Lucas Gonzalez) *World Development*, 2023, 162, 106131.
- “Does Corruption Information Inspire the Fight or Quash the Hope? A Field Experiment in Mexico on Voter Turnout, Choice and Party Identification” (with Alberto Chong, Dean Karlan and Leonard Wantchekon), *Journal of Politics*, 2015, 77(1): 55-71
- “How Corruption Breeds Clientelism”, in Domínguez, Jorge I. et al (eds.) *Mexico’s Evolving Democracy: A Comparative Study of the 2012 Elections*. Baltimore, Maryland: The Johns Hopkins University Press. 2015: 181-200.
- “Do Federal and State Audits Increase Compliance with a Grant Program to Improve Municipal Infrastructure: Study Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial” (with Fernando Martel) *BMC Public Health* (peer-reviewed publication) 2014, 14: 912
- “Do Conditional Cash Transfers Affect Electoral Behavior? Evidence from a Randomized Experiment in Mexico.” *American Journal of Political Science*, 2013, 57(1): 1-14
- “The Causal Effect of Media-driven Political Interest on Political Attitudes and Behavior” (with Daniel M. Butler), *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, 2011, 5(4): 321-337
- “Experimental Research on Democracy and Development” (with Leonard Wantchekon), in Druckman, James N. et al. (eds), *Cambridge Handbook of Experimental Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, 2011

- “Strategies for Dealing with the Problem of Non-overlapping Units of Assignment and Outcome Measurement in Field Experiments” (with Daniel Rubenson), *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, March 2010, 628(1):189-199
- “Does Religion Distract the Poor? Income and Issue Voting around the World” (with Jonathan Rodden) *Comparative Political Studies*, 2008, 41: 437-476

WORKING PAPERS

- “Fiscal Contracts? A Six-country Randomized Experiment on Transaction Costs, Public Services, and Taxation in Developing Countries” (with EGAP’s Metaketa II team, which includes 25 principal investigators), presented at EGAP’s network-wide event, and policy webinars organized by UK’s DfID, USAID, UNDP, and IPA. Under Review.
- “Can Access to Information Increase Community Monitoring and Service Provision” (with Catlan Reardon), presented at APSA 2018, Harvard’s Center for Latin American Studies seminar series, and the conference “Plan DAI: Access to Information in Mexico”.
- “Incumbent Corruption and Vote Selling: Evidence from Mexican Local Elections”, presented at the comparative politics workshop, Wisconsin 2015
- “Fighting Poverty without Conditions?: How Program Design Affects Preferences for Redistribution” (with Baobao Zhang), presented at APSA 2014

INVITED LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

2023: LACIR Workshop in Cartagena, Colombia, Political Economy of Latin America–Princeton, Experiments on Governance and Politics (EGAP) in CDMX, Mexico.

2022: Latin American Politics Seminar Series at LSE, LASA, LACIR Workshop in Washington, DC, Political Economy of Latin America– Yale.

2021: APSA, Round table discussion “The Politics of Social Policy” at the Political Science Annual Conference in Uruguay, Launch event of LACIR organized by the Inter-American Development Bank.

2020: Conference “Plan DAI: Access to Information in Mexico”, UNU-WIDER’s “Clientelist Politics and Development” Workshop, Speaker series at Stanford’s Center for Latin American Studies, EGAP network-wide event to present the results of Metaketa II, Webinar USAID “Formalization, Fiscal Contracts, and Taxation: From Evidence to Policy Making”, Webinar DfID “What Can Developing Countries Do to Promote Formalization: Lessons from EGAP’s Metaketa II”, Webinar IPA “Taxation and Formalization: From Evidence to Policy Making”, Webinar UNDP “Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning”.

2019: Experiments on Governance and Politics (EGAP)-DC, Political Economy of Latin America Conference- NYU, LASA, APSA, invited speaker to LACEA-Puebla, Co-organizer of conference “Challenges to Mexican Democracy” at Yale.

2018: Comparative Politics seminar at Georgetown, LASA, APSA, Center for Latin American Studies seminar at Harvard.

2017: Seminar at Cornell Latin American Studies program, Metaketa Harmonization meeting of the Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)-Yale, Political Economy of Latin America Conference- Yale, APSA.

2016: Political Economy Seminar at the London School of Economics, Political Economy Conference at Florida State University, Comparative Politics Seminar at Stanford University, MWPSA, Discussant at book conference in Tulane University, Experiments on Governance and Politics (EGAP)-Chile, Washington Political Economy Conference sponsored by the Inter-American Development Bank and Georgetown University, LASA, Experiments on Governance and Politics (EGAP)-Yale.

2015: “Development and Accountability” conference at Michigan University, comparative politics workshop at Princeton, comparative politics workshop at Yale, MIT’s comparative politics workshop, department-wide seminar UVA, department-wide seminar Tec. de Monterrey, Warwick-Princeton political economy conference, comparative politics seminar at Wisconsin University, MWPSA, Experiments on Governance and Politics (EGAP)-Berlin, “Political Institutions and Elite Behavior: Field Experimental Approaches” conference at SPSA, “Governance and Local Development” conference at Yale

2014: “Accountability and Public Goods Provision” conference at Brown University, EGAP-Princeton, APSA, comparative politics seminar at Maryland University, comparative politics seminar at Rochester, comparative politics conference at Washington University St. Louis, research seminar at the Inter-American Development Bank, “Strengthening Institutions and Governance” seminar series at the International Food Policy Research Institute, Yale Program on Democracy workshop

2013: Berkeley’s Center for Political Economy seminar series, Columbia University’s comparative politics seminar, “Mexico 2012 Public Opinion and Election” conference at Harvard University’s Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, department-wide seminar at Georgetown University, UCSD comparative politics workshop, comparative politics workshop at the University of Chicago, ITAM’s economics seminar, positive political economy seminar at Harvard University

2012: Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law speaker series at Stanford, Yale Program on Democracy workshop, EGAP-Stanford, political behavior workshop at Harvard University, New York University Department of Politics external speaker series, department-wide seminar UCLA, comparative politics workshop at Washington University in St. Louis, APSA, LASA, IMT Lucca’s external speaker series, the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies seminar at Harvard University, “New Approaches to Poverty and Inequality Reduction in the Global South” conference at Brown University,

“Causal Inference and the Study of Conflict and State Building” conference at Princeton

2011: MPSA, APSA, EGAP- MIT, “Beyond Poverty Alleviation? Evolving Welfare Regimes and Declining Inequality in Post-Neoliberal Latin America” conference at Columbia University

2010: Political economy workshop at University of Chicago, Mexican studies seminar at University of Chicago, experimental lunch seminar at the Economics Department –University of Chicago, Center for the Study of Development Strategies’ seminar at Columbia University, UNC-Duke working group on Latin American Politics, Northeast Universities Development Consortium Conference at MIT, EGAP-NYU, MWPSA, organizer of the conference “Redistribution, Public goods and Political Market Failures” at Yale

2009: Columbia University, Brown University, Georgetown University, APSA, PolMeth, comparative political economy workshop at Duke University, EGAP-Columbia University

2008: MWPSA, University of Manchester, Conference “International Development: Achieving Universal Primary Education and Reducing Child Mortality” at Yale University, CLAIS seminar at Yale University

2007: Comparative politics workshop at Yale, Institution for Social and Policy Studies’ workshop at Yale

2006: Department-wide seminar Yale, MIT Political Science work in progress colloquium, the North East Political Science Association conference, MWPSA

2005: Conference “Ten years of change in Mexican social policy” sponsored by the Center of Research for Development and Universidad Ibero Americana, Mexico City

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Academic Merit Award, ITAM, 2016

Associate on term Faculty Fellowship, Yale 2013- 2014

Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy grant 2011

Junior Faculty Fellowship, Yale 2009-2010

InterAmerican Development Bank (ICT) grant (\$60,000 USD), PI, March-December 2009

MacMillan Center research grant, Yale 2007-

Institution for Social and Policy Studies research grant, Yale 2007-

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Fellowship, 2001 -2006

Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT) Fellowship, 2001 -2006

UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT, AND DISCIPLINE SERVICES

Committee Selection, Comparative Politics Luebbert Best Article Award, American Political Science Association, 2017

Committee’s Chair, EGAP’s Metaketa on Taxation, 2017

Quantitative Political Science Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Yale, 2023
Omnibus Senior Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Yale, 2022
Omnibus Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Yale, 2019
Junior Faculty Search Committee, American Politics, Yale, 2018
Race, Ethnicity and Migration Search Committee, American Politics, Yale 2018
Race, Ethnicity and Migration Search Committee, American Politics, Yale 2016
Middle East Search Committee, Comparative Politics, Yale, 2016
South Asia Search Committee, Comparative Politics, Yale, 2016
Junior Faculty Search Committee, American Politics, Yale, 2010
Omnibus Junior Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Yale, 2009

Associate on term Faculty Promotion Committee, American Politics, Yale 2016
Junior Faculty Reappointment Committee, American Politics, Yale 2014

Yale University's Executive Committee, Fall 2014 & Spring 2015

Director of the Ethics, Politics and Economics program, Yale, 2022 –
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Latin American Studies, Yale, –
Graduate Certificate Adviser, Latin American Studies, Yale, –
Acting Chair, Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies, Yale, Spring 2012

Organizer of the Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale. Fall 2016- Spring 2017; Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
Organizer of the Leitner Political Economy Seminar, Yale, Fall 2015- Spring 2106
Organizer of the MacMillan Center-CSAP Workshop on Quant. Methods, Spring 2013
Organizer of the Leitner Political Economy Seminar, Yale, Spring 2009 & Fall 2008

The MacMillan Center Pre Dissertation and Dissertation Fellowships, Yale, Spring 2013
Thomas C. Barry Travel Fellowship, Yale, Spring 2013
Charles Washburn Clark Prize Committee, Spring 2012
Latin American Studies Senior Essay Prize Committee, Spring 2012
Yale Program on Democracy, Fellowship Selection Committee, 2012-2013, 2011-2012 & 2010-2011
Fox Fellowship Selection Committee, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale, 2015, 2012 & 2009
LAIS Summer Travel Grant Selection Committee, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale, 2012 & 2009

TEACHING AT YALE

PLSC 503: Quantitative Methods, graduate lecture
PLSC 508: Research Design and Causal Inference, graduate seminar
PLSC 510: Introduction to the Study of Politics, graduate seminar
PLSC 540: Research and Writing, graduate seminar
PLSC 796: Political Economy of Redistribution, graduate seminar

PLSC 116: Introduction to Comparative Politics, undergraduate lecture
GLBL 263/PLSC 439: Challenges of Young Democracies, undergraduate lecture
PLSC 380: Paradigms of Political Economy, undergraduate lecture
PLSC 399: Political Power and Inequality in Latin America, undergraduate seminar
EPE 243/PLSC 423/LAST 423/GLBL 336:
Political Economy of Poverty Alleviation, undergraduate seminar

Dissertation committees: Sheree Bennet, Pia Raffler, Tiago Peterlevitz, Itumeleng Makgetla, Ana Sofía Everdin, David Cerero Guerra, Ekin Dursun.

Qualifying exams: Comparative Politics 2022, 2023, 2024; Political Economy- August 2019, January 2020; Quantitative Methods Field Exam- December 2018, August 2016, August 2015, January 2015, August 2014, January 2012, August 2012, January 2011, August 2011, & August 2010; Latin American Politics Field Exam- Fall 2008.

REFEREE SERVICES

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, QJPS; Journal of Development Economics, Comparative Political Studies, Political Studies, Electoral Studies, The Review of Economics and Statistics, Estudios Economicos, Latin American Politics and Society, World Development, Editorial del Depto. de Ciencias Sociales y Políticas de la Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City

OTHER

Member of the American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, and Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)

Visiting Researcher, Center of Research for Development, A.C., Summer 2001 & 2002

Advisor for the Ministry of Political Development, Ministry of the Interior, Mexico, 2001

Languages: Spanish (native), English, and French (basic)