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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania		
PhD in Political Science		2019 - Present
Exam Fields: Comparative Politics, American Politics.		
University of Michigan (Ann Arbor)		
MA in Economics		2017
Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá, Colombia)		
MA in Economics		2015
BSc in Mathematics		2014
BA in Economics		2011

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Political Economy of Development, Comparative Politics, Methodology.

MONOGRAPHS

“A Practical Introduction to Regression Discontinuity Designs: Extensions”, with Matias Cattaneo and Rocío Titiunik. Cambridge Elements: Quantitative and Computational Methods for Social Science, Cambridge University Press, to appear, 2022.

“A Practical Introduction to Regression Discontinuity Designs: Foundations”, with Matias Cattaneo and Rocío Titiunik. Cambridge Elements: Quantitative and Computational Methods for Social Science, Cambridge University Press, 2020.

MAIN PUBLICATIONS

“Do Shifts in Late-Counted Votes Signal Fraud? Evidence from Bolivia”, with Dorothy Kronick and Francisco Rodríguez. Accepted at The Journal of Politics.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Hidden Power of Money: How Campaign Contributions to Legislators Buy Influence Through Executive Action”, with Miguel Rueda and Nelson Ruiz.

“The Steroid Era in Political Science”, with Arthur Lupia, Hwayong Shin and Rocío Titiunik.

“Covariate Distributions and Feasible Questions in Comparative Politics and Political Economy”, with Rocío Titiunik.

PRE-DOCTORAL PUBLICATIONS

“Illegal Gold Mining and Violence in Colombia”, with Daniel Mejía and Ana María Tribín. *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*. Volume 20, Issue 1, Pages 83-111.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at the University of Pennsylvania:

Statistical Analysis for Political Science (graduate, Political Science)	Spring 2021, Fall 2022
International Political Economy (undergraduate, Political Science)	Fall 2021, Spring 2022

Instructor at the University of Pennsylvania:

Math Camp (graduate, Political Science)	Summer 2020, Summer 2022
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Guest Lecturer at the University of Michigan:

Multivariate Analysis (graduate, Political Science)	Winter 2019
One class on Instrumental Variables	

Teaching Assistant at the University of Michigan:

Econometric Analysis I (graduate, Economics)	Fall 2018
Principles of Microeconomics (undergraduate, Economics)	Winter 2018
Multivariate Analysis (graduate, Political Science)	Fall 2016

Instructor at Universidad de los Andes:

MATLAB Introductory Course	2013-2, 2014-1
MATLAB Introductory Course, joint with David Zarruk	2013-1

Teaching Assistant at Universidad de los Andes:

Advanced Econometrics	2012-1, 2012-2, 2013-1
Impact Evaluation with Heterogeneous Effects	Summer 2013
Macroeconomics III	2012-1, Summer 2012, 2012-2, Summer 2013
Mathematical Methods for Economists	2010-2, 2011-1
Microeconomics I	2013-2

RELEVANT POSITIONS

Research assistant for:

Dorothy Kronick and Guy Grossman, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania
Rocío Titiunik, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan
Camilo García-Jimeno, Department of Economics, University of Pennsylvania
Daniel Mejía, Department of Economics, Universidad de los Andes

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Browne Center Research Grant (\$1,500) and Department of Political Science Summer Grant (\$1,500), University of Pennsylvania. Project: “The Hidden Power of Money: How Campaign Contributions to Legislators Buy Influence Through Executive Action” with Miguel Rueda and Nelson Ruiz. Summer 2022.

Mumford Graduate Fellow, University of Pennsylvania. 2021-2022.

Browne Center Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania (\$3,000). Project: “Property Rights and Violence in Rural Mexico” with Dorothy Kronick and Francisco Garfias. Summer 2020.

Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania. 2019-2024.

Best Graduate Student Instructor in a Graduate Class in Economics (awarded by Ph.D. students), University of Michigan. Winter 2019.

Rackham Summer Award, University of Michigan. Spring/Summer 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

2020:

Penn Development Research Initiative (UPenn)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Student organizer:

Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS), UPenn, September 2021.

Reviewer for:

American Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Economía, Oxford Bulletin of Economics and Statistics, Patterns, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Science Advances, The Social Science Journal.

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Spanish (native).

COMPUTER SKILLS

ArcGIS, Github, L^AT_EX, Matlab, R, Stata.