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1. Employment

Director, Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University (2016-present).
Senior Fellow, Center for Democracy, Development and Rule of Law, Freeman Spogli Institute of International Affairs, Stanford University (2013-present).
Professor by courtesy, Political Science Department, Stanford University (2013-present).

Director, Center for United States – Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego (2009-2013).

Associate Professor, Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) and *Adjunct Associate Professor*, Political Science Department, at the University of California, San Diego (2009-2013)

Assistant Professor, Stanford University (2001-2008)

Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles (1999-2001)

Researcher, CIDAC, Centro de Investigación Para el Desarrollo, A.C. (1997-1999)

2. Education

Ph.D. in Political Science. Duke University. Durham, NC. December, 1997. Dissertation Title: "Political Responses to Regional Inequality: Taxation and Distribution in Mexico".

M. A. in Political Science. Duke University, Durham NC. September 1990 - March 1993.

Licenciatura in Economics. Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), CDMX, Mexico. August 1985 - March 1990. Thesis Title: "The Assessment of Tax Measures: The Case of the 2% Asset Tax in Mexico"

International Baccalaureate. Collegio dell Mondo Unito Dell'Adriatico. Trieste, Italy. August 1983-May 1985. Higher Level Exams: History, Economics and Biology.

3. Books

(2016) *The Political Logic of Poverty Relief: Electoral Strategies and Social Policy in Mexico* (with Federico Estevez and Beatriz Magaloni). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

(2016 paper [2006]) *Federalism, Fiscal Authority and Centralization in Latin America*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- (2003) with Jacqueline Martínez (eds.), *De la Descentralización al Federalismo: Estudios Comparados Sobre el Gobierno Local* (From Decentralization to Federalism: Comparative Studies of Local Government), México: M.A. Porrúa.
- (1995) *Desarrollo Económico e Inequidad Regional: Hacia un Nuevo Pacto Federal en México* (Economic Development and Regional Inequality: Towards a New Federal Pact in Mexico), México: Miguel Angel Porrúa.

4. Academic Articles in Refereed Journals

- (2019) with Beatriz Magaloni, Gustavo Robles, Aila Matanock and Vidal Romero, “Living in Fear: The Dynamics of Extortion in Mexico’s Drug War”. *Comparative Political Studies*, First Published 29 Oct. 2019.
- (2019) with Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler, “Public Good Provision and Traditional Governance in Indigenous Communities in Oaxaca, Mexico”, *Comparative Political Studies*. vol. 52, 12: pp. 1841-1880.
- (2017) with Pablo Beramendi and Melissa Rogers. “Barriers to Egalitarianism. Distributive Tensions in Latin American Federations”. *Latin American Research Review*. 52(4), pp. 529–551.
- (2016) with Vidal Romero and Beatriz Magaloni. “Presidential Approval in Hard Times: Mexico’s War on Crime” *Latin American Politics and Society*. 58(2):100-123.
- (2016) with Michael Albertus, Beatriz Magaloni, and Barry R. Weingast. "Authoritarian survival and poverty traps: Land reform in Mexico." *World Development* 77: 154-170.
- (2015) with Gabriela Calderon, Gustavo Robles and Beatriz Magaloni. “The Beheading of Criminal Organizations and the Dynamics of Violence in Mexico.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 59: 1348-1376.
- (2015) with Vidal Romero and Beatriz Magaloni. “The Mexican War on Drugs: Crime and the Limits of Government Persuasion.” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 27.1: 125-137.
- (2014) with Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler, “Direct Democracy, Decentralization and Governance in Indigenous Communities in Mexico”, *World Development*. 53: 80-93.
- (2009) with Beatriz Magaloni, “Aiding Latin America’s Poor” *Journal of Democracy* Vol.20 No. 4.
- (2008) “Electoral Risk and Redistributive Politics in Mexico and the United States”, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 43(1).
- (2005) “Endogenous Institutional Change in the Mexican Senate”, *Comparative Political Studies*, 38(10):1196-1218.
- (2004) “Coaliciones Legislativas y Reforma Fiscal en México” (Coalition Building Strategies and Fiscal Dependence in Mexican Federalism), *Política y Gobierno*, XI(2): 231-262.
- (2004) “El Federalismo y los Límites Políticos de la Redistribución” (Federalism and the Political Limits of Redistribution), *Gestión y Política Pública*, XIII(3): 663-687.
- (2002) with Rafael Gamboa and Fausto Hernández, “Determinants and Consequences of Bailing Out States in Mexico”, *Eastern Economic Journal* 28(3), pp. 365-380.

- (2001) with Beatriz Magaloni, “Party Dominance and the Logic of Electoral Design in the Mexican Transition to Democracy”, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 13(3):271-293.
- (1999) with Beatriz Magaloni “Autoridad Presupuestal del Poder Legislativo en México: una Primera Aproximación” (Budgetary Authority of the Mexican Legislature: A Preliminary Assessment) *Política y Gobierno*, Vol.5(2): 503-528.
- (1997) “Asignación Política de Recursos en el Federalismo Mexicano: Incentivos y Restricciones” (Political Resource Allocation in Mexican Federalism: Incentives and Constraints), *Perfiles Latinoamericanos*, 6(10):35-74.

5. Book Chapters

- (2019) Fiscal Federalism and Redistribution in Mexico. In Scott Greer, Alan Trench and Heather Elliott (eds.) *Federalism and Social Policy: Patterns of Redistribution in 11 Democracies*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press.
- (2016) “Non-Discrimination of Indigenous Peoples in Mexico: A component of positive peace.” *Mexico Peace Index 2016*. Mapping the Evolution of Peace and its Drivers. Institute of Economics and Peace. March. IEP Report 38.
- (2015) with Beatriz Magaloni and Vidal Romero. “Caught in the Crossfire: The Geography of Extortion and Police Corruption in Mexico”. In Lagunes, Paul and Rose-Ackerman, Susan (eds.). *Greed, Corruption and the Modern State: Essays in Political Economy*. E. Elgar.
- (2015) with Edgar Franco, Jorge Olarte and Beatriz Magaloni. "Drugs, Bullets, and Ballots: The Impact of Violence on the 2012 Presidential Election. *Mexico's Evolving Democracy: A Comparative Study of the 2012 Elections*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- (2013) with Andrew Seele, “Where are We? Assessing the U.S.- Mexico Relationship”. In Smith, Peter and Seele, Andrew (eds.). *Mexico and the United States: The Politics of Partnership*. Boulder: Lynne Rienne
- (2013) with Beatriz Magaloni, “International influences in the Mexican (failed and successful) transitions to democracy” in Katherine Stoner-Weiss, Larry Diamond, Desha Girod and Michael McFaul (eds.) *Transitions to Democracy: A Comparative Assessment*. Johns Hopkins University Press.
- (2013) “Entrenched Insiders: Limited Access Order in Mexico”. John Joseph Wallis, Steven B. Webb, and Barry R. Weingast (eds.) *In the Shadow of Violence*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (2009) with Federico Estevez and Beatriz Magaloni, “Buying-off the Poor: Effects of Targeted Benefits in the 2006 Presidential Race” Jorge I. Domínguez, Chappell Lawson, and Alejandro Moreno, eds. *Consolidating Mexico's Democracy: The 2006 Presidential Campaign in Comparative Perspective*. Johns Hopkins University Press.
- (2008) with Federico Estévez and Beatriz Magaloni, “A House Divided Against Itself: How the PRI Survives after 2000”, in Edward Friedman and Joseph Wong (eds.), *Learning to Lose: Dominant Party Systems and Their Transitions*, Routledge.
- (2007) with Beatriz Magaloni and Federico Estévez “Clientelism and portfolio diversification: a model of electoral investment with applications to Mexico”, in Herbert Kitschelt and Steve Wilkinson (eds.) *Patrons or Policies? Patterns of*

- Democratic Accountability and Political Competition*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (2006) with Jose Antonio Gonzalez and Fernando Rojas “Mexico’s Decentralization at a Cross-Roads”, T.N. Srinivasan and Jessica Seddon Wallack (eds.) *Federalism, Economic Reform, and Globalization*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (2004) “Decentralization, Democratization and Federalism in Mexico” in Kevin Middlebrook (ed.) *Dilemmas of Change in Mexican Politics* Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD, pp.198-236.
- (2004) “Do Federal Institutions Matter? Rules and Political Practices in Regional Resource Allocation in Mexico”, in Edward Gibson (ed.) *Federalism and Democracy in Latin America*, Johns Hopkins University Press, pp.297-322.
- (2004) with Beatriz Magaloni, “Mexico: Designing Electoral Rules for a Dominant Party”, in Josep Colomer (ed.) *Handbook of Electoral System Choice*, Palgrave: Macmillan/St Martin's, pp.145-154.
- (2000) with Steve Webb and Fernando Rojas, “Historical Forces: Geographic and Political”, in Marcelo Giugale and Steven B. Webb (eds.) *Achievements and Challenges of Fiscal Decentralization. Lessons From Mexico*, Washington: The World Bank, pp. 123-138.
- (2000) with Tom Courchene “Transfers and the Nature of the Mexican Federation”, in Marcelo Giugale and Steven B. Webb (eds.) *Achievements and Challenges of Fiscal Decentralization. Lessons From Mexico*, Washington: The World Bank, pp. 200-236.
- (2000) with Charles E. McLure, “Tax Assignment”, in Marcelo Giugale and Steven B. Webb (eds.) *Achievements and Challenges of Fiscal Decentralization. Lessons From Mexico*, Washington: The World Bank, pp.177-199.

6. Work in progress

- a. Policy involvement and ongoing research related to COVID-19

[Millones de años de vida perdidos por muertes prematuras de Covid-19](#) — *Gatopardo*. 4.8.20

[Case Mortality of COVID-19 patients in Mexico](#) — *Github* repository. 21.7.20

[State capacity and Mexico’s COVID-19 response](#) — *Medium* story. 2.7.20

[La desigualdad en el sistema de salud. El reto de México ante la Covid-19](#) — *Gatopardo*. 23.6.20

[La nueva normalidad: ¿cómo decidir cuando no hay información?](#) — *Gatopardo*. 24.5.20

[Municipios Esperanza](#). — *Github* repository. 24.5.20.

[Una ruta para políticos, expertos y ciudadanos ante la covid-19 en México](#) — *El País*. 2.5.20

[The balancing Act in Mexico’s COVID-19 response](#) — *Medium* story. 24.3.20

[Federalism and the challenge of a swift public response to COVID-19](#)— *Medium* story. 3.3.20

- b. Colonialism and development

Whispers of Silenced Voices: Indigenous Communities, Stateness and Cartography in Mexico. A book project seeking to understand, through the use of historical cartographic material in 70 maps from Mexico, the efforts by state institutions to control territorial space and its relationship with indigenous peoples.

(with Saumitra Jha). “[Conquered but not Vanquished: Complementarities and Indigenous Entrepreneurs in the Shadow of Violence](#)”.

“[Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico](#)”.

“Persistent voices: Domestic Workers and Indigenous Households in Mexico City
Voices of Indigenous power in Mexico City”

“Indigenous Identity and Colonial Rule in Mexico City”

“Naypes Indigenas: Consumer culture, preferences and monopoly in New Spain”

c. Violence, police professionalization and security

(with Beatriz Magaloni and Jon Furszyfer) “Incentives for Police Professionalization in Mexico”

(with Beatriz Magaloni and Mónica Terán) “Spatial Dynamics of Homicide and Violence in Mexico City”

d. Traditional governance

(With Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler) [Information, Female Empowerment and Governance in Oaxaca, Mexico.](#) R&R *Latin American Research Review*.

e. Public Health

(with Sonia Bhalotra, Grant Miller, Alfonso Miranda, and Atheen Venkataramani). (2017). [Urban water disinfection and mortality decline in developing countries](#) (No. w23239). National Bureau of Economic Research.

(with A. Egan, M. Floca, J. Furszyfer, M. Gell-Redman, L. Gomez Morin, Z. Razu). “[Atlas of Epidemiological Transition in Mexico.](#)” Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, 2017.

7. Scholarly Publications in Spanish

(2017) with Beatriz Magaloni and Brenda Jarillo. *Evaluación de Impacto del Programa Jóvenes con Porvenir.* México: México Evalúa, Centro de Análisis de Políticas Públicas.

(2017) “Las Tensiones entre Federalismo y Centralismo Fiscal en las Constituciones”. In *Cien Ensayos para el Centenario.* Constitución Política de los Estados Unidos

- Mexicanos. Tomo 4. Estudios Políticos. Gerardo Esquivel (coord.). México. UNAM.
- (2014) with Zaira Razu. ¿Hacia Dónde va la economía política en México? *El Trimestre Económico*. October.
- (2012) with Beatriz Magaloni, Jorge Olarte and Edgar Franco. *La Geografía Electoral de 2012*. México: México Evalúa.
- (2012) with Beatriz Magaloni and Vidal Romero. “La Raíz del Miedo: ¿Por qué es la percepción de riesgo mucho más grande que las tasas de victimización?”. En José Antonio Aguilar (ed.). *Las Bases Sociales del Crimen Organizado y la Violencia en México*. México: SSP/CIES.
- (2006) “Pobreza y Precariedad Urbana en México: Un Enfoque Municipal” Prepared for the Comisión Económica para América Latina (CEPAL) Serie Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo, 130.
- (2004) “El Federalismo y los Límites Políticos de la Redistribución” (Federalism and the Political Limits of Redistribution), *Gestión y Política Pública*, XIII(3): 663-687.
- (2004) (with Sergio Silva Castañeda) “Descentralización a Escala Municipal en México: La Inversión en Infraestructura Social” (Municipal Scale Decentralization in Mexico: Social Infrastructure Investment), *Serie estudios y perspectivas*, México: Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL), No.15 (April) 72p.
- (2004) “Federalismo, Democracia y Desarrollo Local”. Background paper prepared for the Human Development Report, Mexico (PNUD).
- (2004) “Dependencia Fiscal y Estrategias de Coalición en el Federalismo Mexicano” (Coalition Building Strategies and Fiscal Dependence in Mexican Federalism), *Política y Gobierno*, XI(2): 231-262.
- (2003) “Balance Fiscal de los Estados en el Sistema Federal” (Fiscal Balance of the States in the Federal System) in Alberto Diaz-Cayeros and Jacqueline Martínez (eds.): pp.17-50.
- (2001) “Federalismo Fiscal” (Fiscal Federalism), in Rubio, Luis (ed.) *Alternativas para el Desarrollo. Políticas económicas del México contemporáneo*. México: CONACULTA, FCE, Serie: Biblioteca Mexicana, pp.187-219.
- (2000) “Viabilidad Política de la Focalización de las Políticas Sociales: una Perspectiva Comparada” (Political Viability of Targeted Social Policies: A Comparative Perspective) in Rolando Cordera and Alicia Ziccardi (eds.) *Las Políticas Sociales de México al Fin del Milenio*, México: M.A. Porrúa, pp.37-56.
- (2000) “Diez Mitos Sobre el Federalismo Mexicano” (Ten Myths on Mexican Federalism) in Merino, Mauricio (ed.) *Ciencia Política. Biblioteca Mexicana del Siglo XXI*. México: CONACULTA FCE, Serie: Biblioteca Mexicana, pp.138-160.
- (1999) with Beatriz Magaloni “Autoridad Presupuestal del Poder Legislativo en México: una Primera Aproximación” (Budgetary Authority of the Mexican Legislature: A Preliminary Assessment) *Política y Gobierno*, Vol.5(2): 503-528.
- (1999) “Un Análisis Institucional del Papel del Estado en América Latina” (An Institutional Analysis of the Role of the State in Latin America) in Rubio, Luis & Rolf Lüders *El Papel del Estado en América Latina* México: Miguel Angel Porrúa, pp.111-156.

- (1998) "Hacia una Prueba Empírica de la Distribución de Recursos en el Sistema Federal Mexicano" (Towards an Empirical test of the Distribution of Resources in the Mexican Federal System) in Sempere, Jaime & Sobarzo, Horacio (eds.) *Federalismo Fiscal en Mexico* México: El Colegio de México, pp. 73-118.
- (1997) "Asignación Política de Recursos en el Federalismo Mexicano: Incentivos y Restricciones" (Political Resource Allocation in Mexican Federalism: Incentives and Constraints) *Perfiles Latinoamericanos*, 6(10):35-74.
- (1996) "Supervivencia Política y Asignación de Recursos en el Sistema Federal Mexicano" (Political Survival and Resource Allocation in the Mexican Federal System) in Arellano Cadena, Rogelio (ed.) *México Hacia un Nuevo Federalismo Fiscal* Lecturas del Trimestre Económico Num. 83. México: Fondo de Cultura Económica / Gobierno del Estado de Puebla, pp.105-120.

8. Grants

- Luksic Foundation. Visiting Scholars and Fellows Program at Stanford Center for Latin American Studies, CLAS (\$500,000, 2020-22). To support visiting scholars from Chile at CLAS.
- (co-PI with Beatriz Magaloni) International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) of the US Department of State. Collaborative Agreement Grant (\$450,259, 2019) for a study of the process of Certification of Police Officers in the 32 Mexican states.
- US Department of Education. National Resource Centers and Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships. (\$481,000 each year, three years 2018-2021). Center for Latin American Studies. To support language training (Portuguese, Nahuatl and Quechua), MA program, outreach activities and programming in Latin American Area Studies.
- (co-PI with Beatriz Magaloni) International Narcotics and Law Enforcement (INL) of the US Department of State. Collaborative Agreement Grant (\$4,421,000, 2016-2019) for 3-year study and training for the Police Professionalization Program. Goal is to provide training to Federal Comisión Nacional de Seguridad as well as state and city governments in use of statistical analysis, hotspot policing, Geographic Information Systems and other technical training, in order to improve transparency and accountability and generate greater citizen trust in the police forces.
- (co-PI with Vidal Romero) United States Embassy in Mexico. Four cycles of grant support (\$40,000 each year, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019) for the summer course *Riesgos Globales: Biodiversidad, Seguridad y Gobernanza en Latinoamérica* organized with ITAM, ANUIES and the 100,000 Strong FOBESII initiative to support indigenous students attending the course.
- (co-PI with Beatriz Magaloni) Faculty GDP Exploratory Project Award, Stanford Global Development and Poverty. *Criminal Violence, Security and Poverty*. (\$925,000, 2014-2018). To build up critical capacity at Stanford for the understanding of criminal violence in developing countries, its causes and consequences, and the design of practical solutions for increasing security among the poor.
- Stanford Global Development and Poverty Faculty GDP Exploratory Project Award, *Measuring and Scaling Mortality in Mexico*. (\$50,000 December 2014). Analysis of a

dataset of 7.5 million death certificates in Mexico, seeking to understand the patterns of under-registration by cause of death at low levels of territorial disaggregation.

- Hewlett Foundation. *Access to Health in Mexico: Empowering Citizens through Academic Outreach*. (\$180,000, 2012-2013). To promote a public health agenda in Mexico that emphasizes patient empowerment and high quality health services provision for the poor. Finding solutions to governance failures undermining public health, through the dissemination of research findings among scholars, NGOs and policy makers.
- University of California Office of the President (UCOP). *Mexico Social Science Laboratory and Research Incubator*. (\$700,000, 2009-2014) A new model of social science support based on short-term research incubators, field research laboratories, a GIS laboratory, and evaluation training clinics, for interdisciplinary scholarly research on Mexico and Mexico-California issues. A research agenda focused in understanding local governance and development experiences through carefully designed field experiments implemented through mobile social science laboratories geared towards the collection and analysis of novel datasets to gauge the effects of governance in development. To provide policy makers with advice on how to enhance the effectiveness of policy interventions, based on scientific studies that combine experimental methods, survey research and observational data, within an integrated approach.
- Hewlett Foundation. *The Governance of Public Health in Mexico* (\$300,000, 2010-2012). - For a project to understand the governance of public health in Mexico as it relates to the challenges of increasing democratic accountability and improving the provision of public goods. The research seeks to shed light on whether the devolution of health finance and clinics to state governments and the shift in governance after the transition to democracy have improved accountability in the provision of basic public health. Particular attention is paid to municipal practices in the delivery of sanitation and to state government finance determining the coverage and quality of health care.
- The Rockefeller Foundation. *Poverty, Democracy and the Political Economy of Vote Buying*. Conference at the Bellagio Center (co-organized with Beatriz Magaloni). Winter 2005.
- World Bank. Research Grant on *The Political Economy of Decentralized Poverty Relief in Mexico*. Summer 2000.
- Inter-American Development Bank. Research Grant. *The Bailout Problem*. 1998-99.
- Inter-American Development Bank. Research Grant. *Geography and Development*. 1998-99.

9. Student Advising

Stephanie Gimenez Stahlberg, (committee member, PhD Dissertation, Johns Hopkins, ongoing)

Jessica Magallón-Gálvez, (CLAS MA capstone, Stanford, 2020).

Jane Esberg, (committee member, PhD Dissertation, Stanford, 2019).

Edgar Franco, (committee member, PhD Dissertation, Stanford, 2019).

Julian Francisco Waltrous, (Honors Thesis, Political Science, Stanford, 2018).

Anna Blue, *Exploring the Integration of Protestants in Mexico since the Southern Reformation: Competition and Conflict* (Honors Thesis, Center for Democracy, Development and Rule of Law, Stanford, 2016).

Micah Gell-Redman, (Co-chair, Ph.D. Dissertation, UCSD, 2015).

Alex Ruiz Euler, (Chair, Ph.D. Dissertation, UCSD, 2014).

Alberto Simpser, *Making Votes Not Count*, (Chair, Ph.D Dissertation, Stanford, 2005).

Anna Jennett, *The Rule of Law in Indigenous Mexico: Impunity and Human Rights Violations in Oaxaca and Hidalgo*, (IR Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2006).

Lauren Meyer, *Breaking Out of Poverty: Micro-Level Financial Services in Venezuela* (PS Honor Thesis, Stanford, 2006)

Elizabeth Ayala, *Remittances in El Salvador* (IR Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2005)

Daniel Van Fleet, *An Institutional Analysis of Regional Integration in Latin America: The Case of Mercosur* (IR Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2005)

Natascha Grach, “*Chto Delat’i Kto Vinovat?*” *A Cross-Regional Analysis of Corruption in Post-Communist Russia*, (IR Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2004).

Brian Bird, *An Examination of Mexican States’ Corruption Levels and Their Ties to Political Parties*, (Latin American Studies Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2003).

Ellen Bradley, *Race, Nation and GDP: Antihaitianismo in the Dominican Republic*, (CSRE Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2003).

Fernando Gabriel Soledad, *The Erosion of Power: Resources and Democracy in Mexico*, (IR Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2002).

Advised M.A. and B.A. theses at ITAM on fiscal federalism, fiscal policy, regional development and the political economy of poverty targeting.

Has examined dissertations at the Ph.D. level in economics at UAM, Stanford and UCSD; social science at FLACSO; education and political science at Stanford and UCSD. At the M.A. level in political science at UCLA; in public policy at ITAM and Flacso. Theses at the B.A. level in economics and political science at ITAM.

10. Teaching Experience

Comparative Public Policy, INTPOL 308, Stanford University, 2020.

Seminar in Contemporary Issues in Latin American Studies, LATAM200, Stanford University, 2016-2020.

Mapping Poverty, Colonialism and Nation Building in Latin America, LATAM177, Stanford University, Fall 2017, Winter 2019.

Latin American Politics, POLISCI 348S, Stanford University, Fall 2017, 2016.

Riesgos Globales, Stanford University, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019.

Government and Regulation, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2011 and 2012.

Political Institutions in Latin America (PILA), School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

Democracy and Inequality in Latin America, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2009, 2010.

Mexican Politics, University of California, San Diego, 2010, Stanford University, Fall 2002, Fall 2003; UCLA, Spring 2001

Workshop in Comparative Politics, Stanford University, 2004-06, 2007-08.
Introduction to Comparing Political Systems, Stanford University, Spring 2005, Spring 2006.
Political Economy of Development, Stanford University, Spring 2006, Spring 2004, Spring 2002, Winter 2000.
Politics of Development, Stanford University, Spring 2004.
Theories in Comparative Politics (co-taught with David Laitin), Stanford University, Fall 2005.
Political Economics, Stanford University, Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2004.
Seminar in Comparative Political and Historical Analysis, Stanford University, 2002-03
Graduate Core in Comparative Politics (co-taught with Anne Wren), Stanford University, Winter 2002.
The Politics of Economic Policy Reform, UCLA, Spring 2001.
The Politics of Development (co-taught with Daniel Posner), UCLA, Winter 2001.
Fiscal Politics, Stanford University, Winter 2002; Spring 2000.
Seminario de Investigación: Economía Política (Research Seminar: Political Economy), ITAM-Mexico. Fall 1997, Fall 1998.
Economía Política del Financiamiento y el Gasto Público (The Political Economy of Public Finance and Expenditure). ITAM-México. Spring 1996 and Spring 1999.
Latin American Politics, Duke University. Spring 1995.
Economía Política de los Impuestos (The Political Economy of Taxation). ITAM-México. Spring 1994.
Economía IV (general equilibrium, game theory and factor markets). ITAM-Mexico. Spring 1994.
Collective Action (co-taught with Beatriz Magaloni). Humboldt Universität-Berlin. Summer 1994.
The Political Economy of Development (co-taught with Beatriz Magaloni). Humboldt Universität-Berlin. Summer 1994.
Introduction to Economics, Universidad Iberoamericana. Fall 1989.

11. Professional Associations and Service

American Political Science Association (APSA)
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
 Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA)
 Fulbright Alumni Association
 United World Colleges Mexico Alumni Association

Referee for: *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Economía, Sociedad y Territorio*, *Economía Mexicana*, *Estudios Económicos*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *National Science Foundation*, *Política y Gobierno*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Publius*, *Revista Mexicana de Sociología*, *World Development*, *World Politics* and several University Presses.

Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Bryce Wood Award Committee Member awarding outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in English 2019.

Latin American Studies Association (LASA) FORD/LASA Special Projects Committee Member 2017-2018

Member of the Expert Panel of the Mexico Peace Index, Institute of Economics of Peace. Member of the Editorial Board of *The Journal of Public Governance and Policy. Iberoamerican Review* (2014-)

Member of the Editorial Board of *Política y Gobierno* (1997-2004)

Chair of the Almond Award Committee for the Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics of the American Political Science Association (2014).

Member of the External Evaluation Board of the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica (CIDE), Mexico (2009-2014).

12. Public policy involvement

- Medium blog contributions ([Balancing Act...](#) 37k views; [Conflictos Distributivos...](#) 8.8k views; [Jacarandas...](#) 7.7k views; [Teoría de Juegos...](#) 4.6k views)
- Monthly contributor to *Gatopardo* magazine (since May 2020).
- Evaluation of CFYR youth retraining program with USAID in the Caribbean (Saint Lucia, Guyana and St. Kitts Nevis) (2016-2020).
- Evaluation of YSET risk assessment tool for USAID (2020- in progress).
- Articles in newspapers *El País*, *Reforma*, *El Universal*, *El Economista*, *El Financiero*, *Animal Politico*, *HuffPost Mexico*, *American Interest*, *San Diego Union Tribune*, and *Chicago Tribune*, and magazines *Nexos*, *Voz y Voto*, and *Hoover Digest*.
- Mexico Moving Forward, 2011-2013. A series inviting business leaders, scholars and social entrepreneurs to provide diverse perspectives on the current economic challenges of Mexico, what can and is being done to address them and how these lessons can be applied globally (more than 1,000,000 hits/views on UCSDTV <https://www.uctv.tv/mexico-moving-forward/>).
- Evaluation of Security Strategy for the Secretary of the Interior (July – November 2012). Set of confidential white papers prepared for the ministry of the interior to assess the effects of the strategy against drug traffic organizations on violence; the embeddedness of these organizations in the social fabric; the incentives of public security fiscal transfers in the federal organizations; and the structuring of municipal, state and federal police forces.
- Presentation on Federalism and Regional Cohesion for the Committee of Social Development, Chamber of Deputies, Mexico, December 9, 2010.
- MacArthur Foundation. Consultation on Grant Making in Mexico (February 11-12, 2010).
- State Department. Mexico Policy Discussion Dinner with Secretary Clinton (Thursday, March 12, 2009).
- Advised United Nations Development Program (UNDP) project on Protection of Social Programs from Electoral Pressures (2006).
- Advised United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for Human Development Report of Mexico (2006).

- Advisor to the World Bank – USAID task force to support the National Fiscal Convention (Convención Nacional Hacendaria) in Mexico (July 2004).
- Member of the Consulting Expert Group for the Presidential Liaison of the National Fiscal Convention in Mexico (January 2004)
- Consultant to CIDAC on decentralization and social policy, supporting the Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL) (December 2003).
- Presentation to the Foro Nacional de Consulta Sobre Federalismo Hacendario organized by the Mexican Senate (June 26, 2001).
- Presentation to the Office of the Budget of the Venezuelan Congress on the Reform of Fiscal Federalism in Mexico (February, 2001).
- Technical advisor on Fiscal Federalism to the head of the fiscal reform transition team of president elect Vicente Fox (August 2000)
- Consultant to the World Bank Mission on Fiscal Reform in Mexico (March – July 2000)
- Consultant to the World Bank Mission on Structural Adjustment of the Estado de Mexico (April – July 2000)
- Proposal on Fiscal Federalism for the construction of the Electoral Platform of the Partido Democracia Social in Mexico (October 1999).
- Participation in a World Bank Mission to Mexico for “Policy Agenda on Reform of Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations”, writing, along with Charles McLure and Thomas Courchene, background papers on tax assignment and fiscal transfer systems (January-August, 1999).
- Recommendation for the Social Policy Committee in the Chamber of Deputies on the proposals for evaluation of the Programa de Educación, Salud y Nutrición (PROGRESA) (November, 1998).
- Presentations to the Planning, Budget and Public Accounts Committee in the Chamber of Deputies on the Creation of Budgetary Item 33 for the Transfer of Financial Resources to States and Municipalities (November 1997).
- Presentation to the Fundación Preciado Hernández of the Partido Acción Nacional on the Mexican fiscal federalism arrangement (October, 1996).
- Presentation to the Social Security Committee in the Senate on the Reform of the Pension System (Fall, 1996).
- Advise to state government officials (Puebla, Guanajuato, México) on topics of fiscal federalism.
- Participated extensively in public fora on fiscal federalism, social policy and the political economy of regional development at universities (ITAM, UAM, UABJO, CIDE, UDLA, Anáhuac, UNAM), academic meetings and congresses (APSA, IPSA, LASA, ISTR) and other institutions (Chamber of Deputies, Instituto de Desarrollo Municipal, AMMAAC, Colegio del Ejército, Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público).
- Participated in radio and T.V. programs for IMER, Multivisión, Radio Centro, XEW, Conexión Financiera, Nexos TV and Expansión Financiera.

13. Honors

- Victoria Schuck Faculty Scholar, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University. 2007-08.

- American Political Science Association. Award for the Best Paper presented in the 2000 meeting by the Comparative Politics Section.
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford University, January – June 2000.
- American Political Science Association. Award for the Best Dissertation in Political Economy, 1998.
- Visiting Fellow, Harvard University. September 1996 - August 1997.
- Institute for the Study of World Politics (ISWP) Dissertation Grant. September 1993 - August 1994.
- Distinction in Preliminary Examinations, Duke University. March 1993.
- Tinker Foundation, Field Research Grant in Mexico, through the Center of Latin American Studies at Duke. August 1992.
- Center for International Studies at Duke, Field Research Grant in Czechoslovakia. June - July 1992.
- James B. Duke International Fellowship. Duke University. 1990 - 1993.
- Fulbright Fellowship. 1990 - 1992.
- Ford-McArthur Fellowship. 1990 - 1992
- High Honors (ITAM). 1990.

14. Languages

Spanish (Native speaker)

Italian (Reading and Speaking; 70% Writing)

German (70% Reading and Speaking)

Portuguese (90% Reading)

15. Papers and presentations delivered at professional conferences and seminars

2020

“[Federalism and the COVID-19 response in Mexico.](#)” Center for Democracy, Development and Rule of Law, Stanford University. May 7, 2020.

“Incentives for Police Professionalization in Mexico.” Center for Democracy, Development and Rule of Law, Stanford University. January 23, 2020.

2019

“Democracia y Desigualdad en América Latina”, Instituto Belisario Domínguez, Senado de la República, México (Conferencia Magistral). November 13.

“The Future of Social Policy in Mexico” BUAP Puebla, Mexico, Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association, November 8.

“Evaluation of Secondary Prevention in the Community, Family and Youth Resilience (CFYR) program in St. Lucia, St. Kitts and Nevis and Guyana.” CFYR USAID Dissemination Event. Castries, St. Lucia, August 8.

“Citizen Trust and Evidence-Based Accountability and Professionalization in Mexico: The Importance of Geo-Referencing / Mapping”, INL Implementation Partners Conference, Mexico City, May 15.

“Persistent Voices: Domestic Workers and Indigenous Households in Mexico City”, Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, Harvard University, April 25.

2018

“The Political Economy of Poverty Relief: Reflections on the Future of Social Policy in Latin America” Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, November 27.

“Whispers of Silenced Voices: The Survival of Indigenous Linguistic Distinctiveness in Mexico City”, Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, September 28.

“Latin America: Democracy and Inequality” Center for Democracy Development and Rule of Law, Stanford University, July 25.

“Police extortion and corruption in Mexico”, European Political Science Association Meeting, Vienna, June 20-23.

“Indigenous Identity and Colonial Rule: The Survival of Indigenous Linguistic Distinctiveness in Mexico.” LSE-Stanford-UNIANDES Conference on Long Run Development in Latin America, London, May 17-18.

Panelist in the Club de Madrid North American Roundtable. San Francisco, February 29.

“Identidad Indígena y pobreza en México.” Heritage Spanish Teachers Seminar, Stanford University, January 20.

2017

“Violent Crime as a Development Challenge”, University of Tokyo Social Science Institute, November 23.

“Violent Crime as a Development Challenge”, Waseda University, Tokyo, November 24.

Technical report on the effects of FAIS on welfare outcomes “Impacto del FAIS en desarrollo regional en Mexico” Quality Enhancement Review (QER) Meeting, World Bank, Washington, September 21.

“Mexico at the Crossroads: Prospects for Continuity and Change on Economic, Security, and Political Issues”. US Department of State Bureau of Intelligence Research and the National Intelligence Council, Washington, September 22.

“Conquered but not Vanquished: Complementarities and Indigenous Entrepreneurship in the Shadow of Violence”, American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA Sept 2.

Keynote speaker 2nd Internationalist University Students Congress, ITAM, Mexico, August 23-25.

“Latin America: democracy and inequality.” CDDRL, July 19.

“Ethnic Divisions, Income Inequality (and Agrarian Rights)” World Congress of the International Economics Association, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica (CIDE), Mexico City, June 20.

(with Saumitra Jha) “Conquered but not Vanquished: Complementarities and Indigenous Entrepreneurship in the Shadow of Violence” Long Range Development in Latin America Conference, Stanford University, May 11.

Keynote speaker at the Congress at the Universidad Popular Autonoma del Estado de Puebla at the Congress Finanzas Publicas, Gobiernos Locales y Federalismo en Mexico. UPAEP, Puebla, Mexico, April 20-22.

“Desigualdad como fuerza de disrupción de la democracia.” Reunión RAP. Stanford, March 20.

“Public Good Provision and Traditional Governance in Indigenous Communities in Oaxaca, Mexico.” Comparative Politics Seminar. UC Berkeley, January 24.

2016

“Poverty, geography and education in Mexico.” Conference Education: Equalizer or Reproducer of Social Inequality. PIPE CIDE and Stanford GSE, December 8-9.

(with Beatriz Magaloni) “Group based inequality, traditional governance and public good provision in Mexico.” Conference Political Implications of Group Based Inequalities. UNU-WIDER, Helsinki, 9-10 September.

“Federalism and Redistribution in Mexico”. Participation in the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 31 to Sept 2, Philadelphia, PA

“Latin America: Democracy and Inequality.” Graduate School of Business, Stanford University, July 12.

(with Beatriz Magaloni) “The Role of Traditional Governance in Public Goods Provision in the States of Oaxaca and Chiapas in Southern Mexico” Traditional Governance and Indigenous Peoples Workshop, University of Konstanz, June 15-17.

“Conquered but not Vanquished: Complementarities and Indigenous Capitalists in Mexico”. Contemporary Challenges to Inclusion and Representation in Latin America, Hoover Institution and CDDRL, Stanford University. May 16.

“Police reform, Corruption and Rule of Law in Mexico”. Analytic Exchange “The Future of Mexico through 2020” at the Partnership for Public Service, Washington, D.C.. March 4.

“Por Una Estrategia de Prevención del Delito Basada en Evidencia”. Foro Internacional de Prevención del Delito. México Evalúa. Unión Europea. Secretaría de Gobernación. Mexico City. February 25-26.

“Stateness and the construction of political authority in Guerrero” Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, January.

2015

“Stateness and the construction of political authority in Guerrero” Center for Latin American Studies, Berkeley. December.

“Trading Colors: The Effects of the Cochineal Dye Cultivation on Indigenous Identity, Poverty and Governance”. Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, November 13.

“Legacies of Color: The Effects of the Spanish Dye Trade on Indigenous Identity, Poverty and Governance. International Conference “Bringing History Back to Development

- Economics". Moscow, National Economics School (NES) NES Center for the Study of Diversity and Social Interactions, Moscow, October.
- "Federalismo, Desarrollo y Desigualdad." Foro Federalismo de El Clarin, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 24.
- "Barriers to the Left Turn: Distributive Tensions in Latin American Federations", Universidad de Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 23.
- "Fiscal Federalism and Redistribution Mexico" Conference Federalism in Good Times and Bad, March 21-22, Ann Arbor, University of Michigan.
- "Political Economy of Mortality in Mexico", CDDRL Stanford University, February.

2014

- "Criminalidad Organizada y Corrupción". V Conferencia Anticorrupcion Internacional, Lima, Perú. September 24.
- "Presidential Approval and Public Security: Do Citizens Reward Performance or Effort?" Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, August 30.
- "Global Trade, Contracts and Poverty Alleviation in Indigenous Communities: Cochineal in Mexico". Empirical Methods in Economic History Conference, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica, Mexico, May 27-28.
- "The Political Economy Mexico". Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, May 22-25.
- "Living in Fear: The Dynamics of Extortion in Mexico's Criminal Insurgency." Conference on Grand and Petty Corruption in Developing States: Business, Citizens, and the State, Yale University. May 2.
- "Governance of Public Health in Mexico." Center for Democracy, Development and Rule of Law Seminar, April 10.
- "Youth retraining programs for the reconstruction of social fabric." World Bank Impact Evaluation 4 Peace Conference , Lisbon, March 26
- "La gobernanza de la salud pública en México." United Nations Development Program, Mexico DF, February 21.
- "La gobernanza de la salud pública en México." Centro Universitario de Ciencias de la Salud, Universidad de Guadalajara. Feb 19.
- "Territoriality, Conflict, and the Polis in New Spain: The Creation of Colonial Communities after the Great Death". USMEX, San Diego. January 22-23.
- "The Governance of Public Health in Mexico". Institute of the Americas. University College, London. January 17.

2013

- "Governance of Public Health in Mexico. Center for US-Mexican Studies, UCSD, San Diego, December 4.
- "Traditional Governance, Civic Engagement and Local Public Goods: Evidence From Mexico". Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 29 (with Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler).

- "Frame Effect and its Limits on Crime and Violence Policy Interventions: The Mexican War on Drugs". Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 29 (with Beatriz Magaloni and Vidal Romero).
- "Accountability Measured in Human Lives: Evidence from Mexico's Democratic Transition". Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 29 (With Micah Gell-Redman).
- "La Gobernanza de la Salud en Mexico". Fundacao Joao Pinheiro, Minas Gerais, Brazil, July 4.
- "Drugs, Bullets and Ballots: The Impact of Violence on the 2012 Presidential Elections". Mexico 2012 Public Opinion and Election Conference, Harvard University, January 24.

2012

- "Atlas de la Gobernanza de la Salud Pública en México". Keynote address at the 3rd International Conference on Poverty, Migration and Development. San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico (October 31).
- "Global Trade, Contracts and Poverty Alleviation in Indigenous Communities: Cochineal in Mexico" London School of Economics (September 27). (With Saumitra Jha).
- "Global Trade, Contracts and Poverty Alleviation in Indigenous Communities: Cochineal in Mexico". Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics (SITE). Stanford University (August 3). (With Saumitra Jha).
- "La Arquitectura del Federalismo y la Seguridad Publica". Seminario Federalismo y Seguridad Pública en México. Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Colef), San Antonio del Mar (May 17)
- "Living in Fear: Mapping the Social Embeddedness of Drug Gangs and Violence in Mexico". University of California, San Diego (May 23).
- "Governance and the Territorial Reach of the State" State Building in the Developing World: Latin America. Princeton University and the University of São Paulo. Sao Paulo (February 10).
- "Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico". Comparative Politics Workshop. University of California, Los Angeles (January 20).

2011

- "Distancia y Acceso a Clinicas" La Gobernanza de la Salud en Mexico. Casa de California, Mexico City (Noviembre 11). (With Justin Levitt).
- "Economic Perspectives". Mexico: Challenges for the New President. Vecinos Lecture Series. Rice University (October 20).
- "Living in Fear: Mapping the Social Embeddedness of Drug Gangs and Violence in Mexico". Violence, Drugs and Governance: Mexican Security in Comparative Perspective. Stanford University (October 4). (With Beatriz Magaloni, Aila Matanock, Vidal Romero).
- "The Territoriality of Public Health Governance in Mexico". Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Seattle (September 1-4). (With Justin Levitt.).

- “Local Governance Structures, Civic Engagement and the Distribution of Public Goods”. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Seattle (September 1-4). (With Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler).
- “Global Trade, Contracts and Poverty Alleviation in Indigenous Communities: Cochineal in Mexico”. Space and Place in Latin American History Conference. University of California, San Diego (May 20). (With Saumitra Jha).
- “Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico”. The Impact of Colonial and Post-Independence Institutions on Economic Development in Latin America. SIPA, Columbia University (March 3-4).
- “Traditional Governance and Public Goods: Generating Counterfactuals for Assessing Institutional Effects”, New Methodologies and Their Applications in Comparative Politics and International Relations, Princeton University (February 4-5) (With Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler).

2010

- “Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico”, Latin America and Caribbean Economic Association Meeting, Medellin, Colombia (November 11-13)
- “Poverty, Governance and the Provision of Local Public Goods”, International Conference on Localizing the Millenium Development Goals: Local Agendas for Human Development organized by UNDP, SEDESOL and the Government of Chiapas, Chiapas, Mexico (28-30 July).
- “Information, Female Empowerment and Governance in Oaxaca, Mexico” Redistribution, Public Goods & Political Market Failures, Yale University (April 9-10). (With Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler).
- “Democracy, Autocracy and Fertility” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC (September 2-5). (With Ruth Kricheli and Beatriz Magaloni).

2009

- Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico. Center for Latin American Studies. University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, California (February 9),
- “International influences in the Mexican (failed and successful) transitions to democracy”. presented at the Conference Evaluating International Influences on Democratic Development”. Center for Democracy Development and Rule of Law (CDDRL), Stanford University (March 5-6). (With Beatriz Magaloni).
- Conditional Cash Transfer Programs and the fight against poverty in Latin America. Conference on Inequality, Poverty and Democracy. Bratislava, Slovak Republic (April 26-28).
- Why Developing Countries Sabotage Economic Growth: Land Reform in Mexico. Research Group on Political Institutions and Economic Policy, Princeton University, Princeton, New York (May 16).
- Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico. The Great Death Conference. UCSD, San Diego, California (Also presented on January 21, 2009 in the Mexico Seminar at UCSD) (June 4).

Direct Democracy, Decentralization and Governance in Indigenous Communities in Mexico. Initiative for Policy Dialogue Decentralization Task Force. Columbia University, New York (June 10-11).

Developing Institutions in Limited Access Orders: Mexico Case Study. Workshop on Limited Access Orders. World Bank. Washington, DC (September 16).

Political Economy Analysis of Averting the Resource Curse: Mexico Case Study. Workshop Myths and Realities of Commodity Dependence. World Bank. Washington, DC (September 16-17).

Decentralization and local governance: Indigenous Communities in Mexico. RTI-Duke-Carolina workshop on decentralization, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (September 24).

La infraestructura social y el sesgo de cabecera municipal. Seminario Ramo 33 de CONEVAL. Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico (September 25).

Democracy Audits and Governmental Indicators” Conference at the Goldman School of the University of California, Berkeley (October 30-31st).

Before 2009

With Beatriz Magaloni, "The Core Voter Model: Evidence from Mexico" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the APSA 2008 Annual Meeting, Hynes Convention Center, Boston (August 28, 2008).

“Federalismo y desigualdad territorial: Economía política del diseño de transferencias compensatorias”, Foro de Federalismo Hacendario y Descentralización de las Finanzas Públicas, Chihuahua, México (August 1st, 2008)

With Beatriz Magaloni and Federico Estevez, “Poverty and Vote Buying: The Politics of Social Transfers in Mexico, 1989-2006”, (presented at the conference “Distributive Politics and Development”, Stanford, Sept 22-23, 2006).

With Pablo Beramendi, “Distributive Tensions in Developing Federations”, (102nd Meeting of the American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, August 31-September 3, 2006).

With Beatriz Magaloni and Federico Estevez, “Clientelism as Risk Hedging”. (Poverty, Democracy and Clientelism: The Political Economy of Vote Buying, Bellagio Conference Center, November 28-December 2, 2005).

“Accountability and Local Public Goods in Mexico” (Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4 2005).

“Fiscal Centralization, Political Institutions and the Territoriality of Local Public Goods Provision in Europe in the 20th Century”. (Political Institutions and Public Policy, Princeton University, May 7 2005).

“Mexican Federalism and the Institutionalization of the Politics of Governors”, (Democratic Institutions in Latin America: Implications for Mexico’s Evolving Democracy, University of California, San Diego, March 5-6 2005).

“Federalism and Democratic Accountability in Mexico” (Democratic Accountability and Rule of Law in Mexico, Stanford University, October 7, 2004)

“The Centralization of Fiscal Authority: An Empirical Investigation of Popitz’s Law” (Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2004).

- “Federalism and the Political Limits of Redistribution” (Nuevos Retos de la Descentralización Fiscal en América Latina” Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica, Mexico, March 7 2003)
- with Kenneth M. McElwain, Vidal Romero and Konrad A. Siewierski “Fiscal decentralization, legislative institutions and particularistic spending” (Conference on Comparative Analysis of Political Institutions, Princeton University, April 18-19 2003)
- with Federico Estevez and Beatriz Magaloni “Electoral Risk and Redistributive Politics in Mexico and the United States” (Midwest Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago, April 3-6 2003).
- With Federico Estevez and Beatriz Magaloni, "The erosion of one-party rule: Clientelism, portfolio diversification and electoral strategy" (98th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 29-September 1, 2002).
- “The Political Limits of Redistribution in Decentralized Systems” (98th Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 29-September 1, 2002).
- With Federico Estevez and Beatriz Magaloni, “A Portfolio Diversification Model of Electoral Investment (Frontiers in Latin American Political Economy Conference, Stanford University, January 18-19, 2002).
- With Federico Estevez and Beatriz Magaloni, ““A Portfolio Diversification Model of Electoral Investment” (97th American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, August 30-September 2, 2001).
- With Beatriz Magaloni and Federico Estévez “Federalism, Redistributive Politics and Poverty Relief Spending: The Programa Nacional de Solidaridad in Mexico (1989-1994)” (96th American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 31 to September 3, 2000).
- With Beatriz Magaloni and Barry Weingast “Federalism and Democratization” (96th American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 31 to September 3, 2000).
- “Federalism and the Political Economy of Government Transfers: Reflections From the Mexican Case” (International Political Science Association World Congress, Quebec, Canada, August 1-5, 2000).
- with Michael D. Layton “Partners or Adversaries?: The Relationship of NGOs and Government in Making Democracy Work” (International Society for Third Sector Research, Fourth International Conference, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, July 5-8, 2000).
- “Decentralization of taxation and expenditure: a Latin American phenomenon?” (Conference on Decentralization, University of Minnesota, February 11-12, 2000).
- “Decentralization, Democratization and Federalism in Mexico” (Conference “Dilemmas of Change in Mexican Politics”, organized for the XXth. anniversary of the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD, October 8-9 1999).
- with Beatriz Magaloni “From Authoritarianism to Provisional Democracy: The Unfinished Transition in Mexico” (95th American Political Science Association Meeting, Atlanta GA, Sept. 2-5, 1999).

- “Do federal institutions matter? Rules and political practices in Mexico.” (Paper prepared for the Workshop “Federalismo, Democracia y Políticas Públicas: Perspectivas Comparadas”, CIDE, Mexico City, June 14-15 1999).
- “Transfers as Political Bargains” (Comment presented at the Annual World Bank Conference on Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, Valdivia, Chile, June 21-23, 1999).
- “Endogenous Institutional Change in the Mexican Senate” (Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Chicago, September 1998).
- “Institutional Rules and Bureaucratic Discretion in the Allocation of Federal Funds in Mexico” (93rd American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, Aug. 28-31 1997).
- “Federalism and Veto Players” (93rd American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, Aug. 28-31 1997).
- with Beatriz Magaloni “Legislative Agenda Setting: President and Congress in Mexico” (International Political Science Association World Congress, Seoul, Korea, Aug.17-21 1997).
- with Beatriz Magaloni "Transition Games. Initiating and Sustaining Democracy" (Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Guadalajara, Mexico, April 1997).
- with Jaqueline Martínez "Resources, public works and political representation in Mexican municipalities" (Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Guadalajara, Mexico, April 1997).
- "Federal Resource Allocations Under a Dominant Party: Fiscal Transfers in Mexico" (92nd American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, Sept. 1996).
- with Beatriz Magaloni "Transition Games. Initiating and Sustaining Democracy" (91st Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, Aug. 31 - Sept. 3, 1995)