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Academic Appointments

University of California, Merced (starting 09/2020)

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Stanford University (from 09/2019 - 06/2020)

Postdoctoral Scholar at the Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI) in the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law (CDDRL)

University of California, San Diego (01 - 06/2019)

Pre-Doctoral Fellow at the Center for U.S. Mexican Studies (USMEX)

Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Ph.D. in Political Science, 09/2019 (expected).

Advisors: Lily Tsai (chair), Adam Berinsky, F. Daniel Hidalgo, and Chappell Lawson

Research Interests: Political Behavior, Political Economy of Development, Intermediaries, Bureaucracy, Clientelism, Accountability, Survey and Experimental Methodology.

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

B.A. in Political Science, 2012.

Senior Thesis: *The Political Incentives Behind the Expansion of Social Protection: the Case of Seguro Popular in Mexico*, Honorable Mention.

Research

Book Project

Clients or Citizens?: The Bureaucratic Costs of Claim-Making in Mexico

Paper version: **When Clients Exit: Breaking the Clientelist Feedback Loop.** (Latest Version, Pre-Analysis Plan)

Published Articles

Berinsky, Adam, Tesalia Rizzo, Leah Rosenzweig, and Elisha Heaps. (2018). "Attribute Affinity: U.S. Natives' Attitudes Towards Immigrants". *Political Behavior*

Working Papers and Projects in Progress

DISTRIBUTIVE POLITICS AND REPRESENTATION

Red Tape, Corruption, and Distributive Politics. (with Aditya Dasgupta) (paper).

Are Brokers Pro-Poor?: The Effects of Competition On Distributive Strategies of Local Political Intermediaries (paper).

Representation in Local Politics: Policy Congruence Across Citizens, Bureaucrats and Local Elites (with F. Daniel Hidalgo and Lily L. Tsai).

ELECTORAL POLITICS AND CLIENTELISM

Quid Pro Quo: Voter Reciprocity in Kenya (with Leah R. Rosenzweig) (paper).

Motivated Brokers: An Ethnography of Political Brokers during the Electoral Off-Season (paper).

Partisan Poll Workers: How Election Officials' Political Sympathies Affect Electoral Results (with F. Daniel Hidalgo).

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

Not All Noise is Created Equal: Diagnostics and Solutions for Poor Intercoder Reliability (with James Dunham and Adam J. Berinsky) (poster).

Teaching

17.850 Political Science Scope and Methods (Graduate Course), 09 - 12/2018.
Co-Instructor with Richard Nielsen.

17.801 Political Science Scope and Methods (Undergraduate Course), 09 - 12/2017.
Teaching Assistant for Chappell Lawson.

17.802 Quantitative Research Methods II: Causal inference (Graduate Course), 02 - 05/2017.
Teaching Assistant for F. Daniel Hidalgo.

17.800 Quantitative Research Methods I: Regression (Graduate Course) 09 - 12/2014.
Teaching Assistant for In Song Kim and Teppei Yamamoto.

Service & Membership

Graduate Student Member: MIT Political Methodology Lab (PML)

Research Assistant: Political Experiments Research Lab (MIT-PERL), August 2015 - May 2016 and January - May 2018.

Graduate Student Fellow: MIT Governance Lab (GOV/LAB)

Co-organizer: MIT - GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference, November 3, 2017 and October 28, 2016.

Comparative Politics Search Committee: Graduate student member of MIT Political Science faculty search committee, 2015.

Co-organizer: MIT - Latin American Research Group, 2014-2015.

Co-organizer: Harvard and MIT - Positive Political Economy Breakfast, 2013-2014.

Presentations

Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS) April 2018; APSA 2017 and 2018; Political Methodology Conference (PolMeth) 2017 and 2018 (poster presentation); MPSA 2018, 2017, 2013; Visions in Methodology (VIM) 2017; Harvard Experimental Working Group (HEWG) 2016 and 2018; UPenn Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism Workshop 2017; West Coast Experimental Conference 2016 (poster presentation); LASA 2015.

Invited:

Harvard University: *Frontiers of Clientelism*, 2019

University of Texas at Austin: *Conference Mexico's Elections in the Rearview*, 2018

Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies: Experiments Workshop 2017 and 2018.

Grants and Awards

Awards

INAI (Mexican National Institute for Access to Information and Protection of Personal Data): 2017 Innovation in Transparency Award (\$75,000 Mexican Pesos)

Grants

EGAP Standards Grant for "Experimental Question Repository" (Co-recipient, \$5000), 2017; "Established Grant-Maker"(prefers to remain anonymous¹) (85,800 euro), MIT Departmental Fellowship, 2012-2017; ITAM Academic Excellence Scholarship, 2005-2009; European Recovery Scholarship, 2007 (5,000 euro)

Other Experience

German Parliament: Internship at the parliamentary subcommittee "Health in Developing Countries", Berlin, 2010

Federal Ministry of Education: Consultant and Teacher in the Middle School Program "Estás a Tiempo", Mexico City, 2010

Skills and Training

Technical: R, \LaTeX , Qualtrics, python, STATA.

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent), German (Advanced), French (Intermediate), Mayan (Basic).

Fieldwork in Mexico: Chiapas (2012), Nuevo León (2013, 2014, 2015), Oaxaca (2014), Estado de México (2014), Cd. de México (2014), Hidalgo (2014), Yucatán (2015, 2016, 2017)

¹Please email me for details on this grant.

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