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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, Yale University, 2011
- M.A. and M.Phil. Political Science, Yale University, 2006 and 2007
- B.A. and M.A. Economics, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, 2002 and 2003

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Assistant Professor of Political Science, New York University Abu Dhabi, Division of Social Sciences, 2011-present
- Faculty Fellow/Assistant Professor, New York University Abu Dhabi and New York University, Politics Department, 2010-2011

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- NYUAD REF Grant. Project: “Political Institutions and Armed Conflict: A Micro-level Dataset on the Nepalese War,” 35k USD (with Christopher Paik)
- NYUAD REF Grant. Project: “The Environmental Impact of Local Governments in the Brazilian Amazon,” 40k USD
- University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University, 2008-2009
- Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Institute for Quantitative Social Science-IQSS, Harvard University, 2007-2008
- University Dissertation Teaching Fellowship, Yale University, 2006-2007
- The MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Grant and the Georg Walter Leitner Program Grant, Yale University, 2007

## **PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMITTED PAPERS**

- “When is Democracy an Equilibrium? Theory and Evidence from Colombia’s *La Violencia*,” (with James Robinson and Ragnar Torvik), *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2011, 55(3): 366-96
- “The Institutional Causes of Southern Secession” (with Jeff Jensen) *under review*
- “In the Line of Fire: Political Violence and Decentralization in Colombia” *under review*
- “De Facto Power, Democracy, and Taxation: Evidence from Military Occupation during Reconstruction” (with Jeff Jensen) *under review*
- “The Political Effects of Authoritarian Elections:” *submitted*
- “Direct Democracy, Constitutional Reform, and Political Inequality in Post-Colonial America” (with Jeff Jensen) *under review*

## **WORKING PAPERS**

- “The Impact of War on the Quality of Local Governance” (with Ana Arjona)
- “Ballots and Bullets: The Electoral Origin of the Maoist Insurgency in Nepal” (with Christopher Paik)

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS (drafts available upon request)**

- “The Legacy of Competitive Authoritarian Institutions in Mexico” (with Omar Garcia-Ponce, UC Davis)
- “Can the Size of the Legislature Decrease Government Efficiency? Evidence from Colombia’s Municipal Councils” (with Natalia Garbiraz-Garcia, UC Berkeley)
- “Compromise and Religious Radicalism: The Case of Islamic Parties in the Arab Spring”

## **NON-ENGLISH PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

- “Polarizacion Politica y Violencia en Colombia,” 2007, (with Fabio Sánchez) in *Las Cuentas de la Violencia* edited by F. Sánchez. Bogotá; Norma.
- “Belief Systems, Economic Incentives and Inequality, an Experimental Investigation,” 2007, (with Santiago Suarez) in *New Directions in Political-Economic Experiments and Behavioral Research* edited by Kohno Masaru and Tatsuyoshi Saijo. Keisoshobo; Tokio.

- “Conflicto, Estado y Descentralización: del progreso social a la disputa armada por el control local, 1974-2002,” 2006, (with Fabio Sánchez) in *Nuestra guerra sin nombre. Transformaciones del conflicto en Colombia* edited by F. Gutierrez. Bogotá; Norma.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

At New York University Abu Dhabi and New York University

- Foundations of Peace: Economic and Political Perspectives (PEACE-AD 102)
- Introduction to Game Theory (POLSC-AD 112)
- Advanced Game Theory (POLSC-AD 113)
- Wealth of Nations (CORES-AD 2)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLSC-AD 150)
- Introduction to Political Thinking (POLSC-AD 130)
- The Politics of Latin America (V53.0530)
- Political Economy of Development (V53.0725)

At Universidad de los Andes and Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá

- The Economics of Crime and Conflict (Graduate course)
- Game Theory (Undergraduate course)
- Foundations of Peace (Graduate course)

## **SELECTED INVITED TALKS**

- Seminar Institute of International Relations, Sao Paulo University, Aug 2018
- Political Science Seminar, Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 2018
- Social Science Division Seminar, HKUST, Hong Kong, May 2018
- Comparative Politics Seminar, UC Davis, Oct 2017
- Economics Department Seminar, Pontifical Xavierian University, Bogotá, March 2017
- Political Science Department Seminar, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, June 2016
- Peace Research Institute Oslo-PRIO, Oslo, October 2014
- American Politics Seminar, Northwestern University, March 2014
- Economics Department Seminar, Pontifical Xavierian University, Bogotá, August 2014
- Economics Department Seminar, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, August 2014
- Comparative Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, April 2014
- School of Government Seminar, Maastricht University, November 2013
- Department of Politics Seminar, University of Virginia, May 2013
- Public Lecture, Embassy of Colombia in Madrid, December 2012
- Juan March Institute Seminar, Madrid, December 2012
- Carnegie Mellon University Workshop, Qatar, November 2012
- IMT Institute for Advanced Studies, Lucca, June 2012
- Institut d'Anàlisi Econòmica, Barcelona, May 2012
- School of Economics Seminar, University of Nairobi, March 2012
- Political Science Department Seminar, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, August 2011

- Comparative Politics Workshop, Columbia University, February 2011
- Department of Politics, New York University, February 2010
- Econnet Seminar, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington D.C., February 2010
- Political Economy Breakfast, MIT, March 2008
- Microeconomics Seminar, Universidad de San Andres, Buenos Aires, June 2007
- Leitner Political Economy Seminar, Yale, Oct 2005 and October 2009
- Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale, September 2004

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(P=Paper presentation, D=Panel discussant, O=Panel/Conference organizer)

- NBER Summer Institute, Cambridge, 2018 (P)
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting
  - Boston, 2018 (P), San Francisco, 2017 (D); Washington, 2014 (P); Chicago, 2013 (P); New Orleans, 2012 (P & D) -cancelled; Washington, Sept 2010 (P & O)
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference
  - Chicago: 2017 (P) 2015 (P&D); 2014 (P & D), 2013 (P, D), 2012 (P & D)
- European Political Association Annual Conference
  - Milan 2017 (P & D); Brussels 2016 (P), Vienna, 2015 (P); Edinburg, 2014 (P)
- Workshop on Political Economy & Federalism, Institut d’Economia de Barcelona, June 2017 (P)
- Empirical Studies of Conflict Project (ESOC) Annual Meeting, Washington, May 2017 (P)
- UvA, Subnational States in Latin America Workshop, Amsterdam, March 2017 (P)
- NYUAD International Conference on Social Conflict, Abu Dhabi, June 2013 (O & D)
- Conference on Paramilitaries, Militias, and Defense Forces, The MacMillan Center, Yale, October 2012 (P)
- “How Autocracies Work” Conference, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan, April 2011 (P)
- Conference on Nondemocratic Regimes, The MacMillan Center, Yale, June 2010 (D)
- Political Economy Conference, Duke, September 2009 (P)
- Global Political Economy Conference, University of Amsterdam, October 2006 (P)
- LACEA Political Economy Network Meeting, Cartagena Colombia, September 2003 (P)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee Reports Journals and Academic Publishers

- *American Political Science Review*
- *American Journal of Political Science*
- *British Journal of Political Science*
- *Journal of Politics*
- *World Politics*
- *Economics & Politics*
- *Journal of Theoretical Politics*

- *Perspectives on Politics*
- *European Journal of Political Research*
- *Conflict Management and Peace Science*
- *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*
- *Perfiles Latinoamericanos*
- *Cuadernos de Economía*
- Cambridge University Press
- Oxford University Press
- University of Chicago Press

## **PROFESIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Political Science Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- Latin American Studies Association

## **OTHER PROFESIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Research Fellow, Centro de Estudios sobre el Desarrollo Económico-CEDE, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 2003-2004

## **LANGUAGES**

- Spanish (native speaker)

## **REFERENCES**

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