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Education

- University of Chicago**, Ph.D. in Political Science Sept 2025 – *To Date*
- University of Chicago**, Master's in Public Policy Aug 2020 – March 2023
- Certificates in Global Conflict and Data Analysis
 - GPA: 3.9/4.0
 - Head Teaching Assistant, Evening Master's Program: Program Evaluation (Econometrics)
 - Teaching Assistant: Analytical Politics II (Game Theory)
 - Co-Founder and Editor in Chief [Latin American Policy Review](#)
- Sciences Po (Paris)**, Master's in Human Rights and Humanitarian Action Aug 2016 – July 2018
- *Summa Cum Laude*, Top 2 percent
- Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)**, BA in International Relations Aug 2013 – July 2016
- Thesis: "Between War and Peace: A Study on the Strategic Instrumentalization of International Law in Mexico's Drug War"
 - XXIV EX ITAM Research Award in International Relations, granted to the author of the best thesis in the field – as determined by the faculty.

Professional Experience

- Senior Research Fellow**, University of Chicago Crime Lab Oct 2023 – Oct 2025
- Econometric analysis on the effect of gun detection technology (Shotspotter) on shooting fatality rates in Chicago
 - Worked with Chicago Police Department data to produce quality and impact-oriented policy briefs, op-eds and research articles
 - Data analysis, literature review, and editing for Prof. Jens Ludwig's book on behavioral science applied to gun violence: "Unforgiving Places: The Unexpected Origin of American Gun Violence"
- Research Assistant to Prof. Tom Ginsburg**, University of Chicago Law School July 2022 - Oct 2022
- Coded charters of international organizations for upcoming project on comparative IOs
 - Updated and helped revise amendments to constitutions for the [Comparative Constitutions Project](#)
- Head Research Assistant to Prof. Benjamin Lessing**, University of Chicago Jan 2021 - Dec 2021
- Analyzed large datasets on criminal governance in Brazil for upcoming project: "Criminal Leviathans: How Gangs Govern from Behind Bars"
 - Revised and translated academic articles in English, Spanish, and Portuguese
- Lecturer of International Humanitarian Law**, Universidad Panamericana Jan 2018 - July 2020
- Designed and taught course on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) to last-year law students every semester
 - Relevant topics: History and sources of IHL; Conflict classification; Means and Methods of Warfare; IHL in "Mexico's Drug War"; IHL and Drone Warfare; IHL and Terrorism
- Lecturer of International Humanitarian Law**, ITAM June 2019 - July 2019
- Designed and taught intensive summer course in IHL to International Relations and Law students
 - Served as ITAM's coach at the First Iberoamerican Moot Court Contest, held at the Universidad de la Sabana, Bogotá, Colombia
- Deputy Director of Analytics and Behavioral Economics**, Banorte Jan 2018 - Jul 2020
- Managed large databases, designed experiments replicating literature in behavioral finance, and measured impact using econometrics for the second-largest bank in Mexico (+11 million clients)
 - Co-founded the bank's behavioral experimentation team, running 40+ Randomized Control Trials

Mexico's Permanent Delegation (Internship), OECD

May 2017 - July 2017

- Summarized behavioral insights in policymaking
- Delivered a manual for creating a Behavioral Insights Unit at Mexico's Presidential Office (presented at Mexico's Presidential Office)

Writing and Publications

- **Oxford Politics Review (2025):** [Ghosts of the War on Terror: Perils and Promise in the US Drug Policy for Latin America](#)
- **Oxford Politics Review (2025):** [OPR Speaks with Former President of Colombia, Ivan Duque](#) (with Michael Wakin)
- **Perpetuo (2025):** [El Acierto de Trump: la 'alianza intolerable' entre el gobierno mexicano y el crimen organizado](#)
- **Perpetuo (2025):** [Los Miserables y el sistema penitenciario](#)
- **Chicago Tribune (2024):** [Researchers: Shotspotter helps gunshot victims receive rapid first aid. Does that change the debate](#) (with Jens Ludwig, Javier Lopez, and Henry Josephson)
- **Nexos (2020):** [Idealismo apático: marca generacional](#)
- **Dialogue and Discourse (2022):** [Russia, Ukraine, and International Law: the return to wars of conquest](#)

Distinctions

- International House Fellow, University of Chicago (2025 - 2026)
- Adam Smith Fellow, Mercatus Center George Mason University (2024-2025)
- Pearson Institute Fellow, University of Chicago
- Merit-based scholarship, University of Chicago

Skills

Languages: Spanish (native); English (fluent); Portuguese (working proficiency/B2); Italian (working proficiency/B2); French (working proficiency/B2); Hebrew (beginner/A2)

Computational skills: R (advanced) data cleaning, visualization, text analysis, econometrics and machine learning; SQL (beginner); GIS (beginner); Python (beginner)