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- APPOINTMENTS:** *University of California, San Diego*
School of Global Policy and Strategy
Associate Professor of Political Science July 2022–
Assistant Professor of Political Science 2016–
- Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México*
Visiting Professor of Political Science Spring 2023
- EDUCATION:** *Stanford University*
Ph.D., Political Science 2016
Fields: Comparative Politics & Political Methodology
M.A., Economics 2014
- Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México*
B.A., Political Science, *Honors* 2011
B.A., Economics, *Honors* 2011
- AFFILIATIONS:** Center for Commerce and Diplomacy (CCD) Faculty Affiliate
Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) Faculty Affiliate
Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (USMEX) Faculty Affiliate
Policy Design & Evaluation Lab (PDEL) Faculty Affiliate
Sistema Nacional de Investigadores (SNI) Researcher (Level I)
UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) Faculty Affiliate
UCSD Political Science Department Faculty Affiliate
- PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:** “Fiscal Legibility and State Development: Theory and Evidence from Colonial Mexico,”
(with Emily A. Sellars). *American Journal of Political Science*, forthcoming.
- “When State Building Backfires: Elite Coordination and Popular Grievance in Rebellion,”
(with Emily A. Sellars). *American Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 66, No. 4, 2022,
pp. 977-992.
• Luebbert Best Article Award Honorable Mention, APSA Comparative Politics Section
- “The Politics of Property Taxation: Fiscal Infrastructure and Electoral Incentives in Brazil,”
(with Darin Christensen). *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 83, No. 4, 2021, pp. 1399-1416.
- “From Conquest to Centralization: Domestic Conflict and the Transition to Direct Rule,”
(with Emily A. Sellars). *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 83, No. 3, 2021, pp. 992-1009.
- “Epidemics, Rent Extraction, and the Value of Holding Office,” (with Emily A. Sellars).
Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy, Vol. 1, No. 4, 2020, pp. 559-583.

- “Elite Coalitions, Limited Government, and Fiscal Capacity Development: Evidence from Bourbon Mexico.” *The Journal of Politics*, Vol. 81, No. 1, 2019, pp. 94–111.
- Michael Wallerstein Best Article Award, APSA Political Economy Section
 - Best Article Award, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section
- “Elite Competition and State Capacity Development: Theory and Evidence from Post-Revolutionary Mexico.” *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 112, No. 2, 2018, pp. 339–357.
- Fiona McGillivray Best Paper Award, APSA Political Economy Section
- “Can You Hear Me Now?: How Communication Technology Affects Protest and Repression,” (with Darin Christensen). *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, Vol. 13, No. 1, 2018, pp. 89–117.
- “Government Performance, Taxation, and Fiscal Accountability: Evidence from Brazil,” (with Jeffrey Timmons). *World Development*, Vol. 70, June 2015, pp. 13–27.
- BOOK CHAPTERS:
- “State Building in Historical Political Economy,” (with Emily A. Sellars). In the *Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy*. Ed. Jeffrey A. Jenkins and Jared Rubin. Oxford University Press, 2023.
- “Political Economy,” (with Darin Christensen). In *A Political Science Experiment*. Ed. Joshua Tucker and Andrew Rudalevige, 2023.
- WORKING PAPERS:
- “The Fiscal Contract up Close: Experimental Evidence from Mexico City,” (with Anne Brockmeyer and Juan Carlos Suárez Serrato).
- “Barriers to Legibility: Evidence from Six Randomized Experiments on Transaction Costs, Public Services, and Taxation in the Global South,” (with Ana De La O et al.).
- “Promoting Business Formalization: Experimental Evidence from Colombia,” (with Darin Christensen).
- “The Jesuit Expulsion: A Double-Edged Sword for State Authority in New Spain,” (with Emily A. Sellars).
- “Infrastructure for Votes? Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Evidence From Mexico,” (with Bruno Lopez-Videla and Wayne Sandholtz).
- “When Does Education Promote Democracy? Evidence from Curriculum Reforms in Mexico,” (with Agustina Paglayan and Enrique Seira).
- “Taking to the Streets: Theory and Evidence on Protests under Repressive Regimes,” (with Ruth Kricheli, Yair Livne, and Beatriz Magaloni).
- WORK IN PROGRESS:
- How State Building Backfires*, (book manuscript with Emily A. Sellars).
- OTHER PUBLICATIONS & OUTREACH:
- “Reelección legislativa y municipal en México: ¿qué nos dice la evidencia?” *Nexos, Blog de la redacción* (July, 2024).
- “When State Building Backfires,” (with Emily A. Sellars). *Broadstreet blog* (September 15, 2021).

	“From Conquest to Centralization,” (with Emily A. Sellars). <i>Broadstreet blog</i> (June 6, 2021). In Spanish translation as “De la conquista a la centralización.” <i>Nexos</i> 525 (October, 2021).	
	“Cuando hay marchas la calidad del aire en la Ciudad de México mejora.” <i>Nexos, Blog de la redacción</i> (April, 2016).	
	“Corrupción en las compras gubernamentales.” <i>Nexos</i> 453 (September, 2015).	
	“El efecto de las resoluciones del IFT: sin evidencia para festejar.” <i>Animal Político</i> (March 19, 2014).	
	“Análisis comparativo sobre los programas para adultos mayores en México,” (with Gloria Rubio). <i>Serie Políticas Sociales</i> 161, 2010, ECLAC.	
AWARDS:	Luebbert Best Article Award Honorable Mention, APSA Comparative Politics Section for “When State Building Backfires: Elite Coordination and Popular Grievance in Rebellion” (with Emily A. Sellars)	2024
	Hellman Fellow	2020–2021
	Michael Wallerstein Best Article Award, APSA Political Economy Section, and Best Article Award, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section, for “Elite Coalitions, Limited Government, and Fiscal Capacity Development: Evidence from Bourbon Mexico”	2020
	Fiona McGillivray Best Paper Award, APSA Political Economy Section, for “Elite Competition and State Capacity Development: Theory and Evidence from Post-Revolutionary Mexico”	2016
	The Alejandro and Lida Zaffaroni Fellow, Stanford Graduate Fellowship	2011–2016
GRANTS:	UC MEXUS-CONACYT Collaborative Grant	2020
	Spencer Research Grant	2019
	Robinson Summer Research Grant	2017, 2018, 2020
	EGAP Metaketa II: Taxation Award Grant	2017
	PDEL Information and Communication Technology-Award Grant	2017
	I-Award, Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies	2016
	Graduate Research Opportunity Fund	2014
TALKS:	Yale University, Economic History Workshop	2022
	New York University, Comparative Politics Seminar	2022
	University of Pennsylvania, Comparative Politics Workshop	2021
	Texas Tech University, FMI Research Workshop	2021
	Lund University, STANCE Conference	2021
	Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)	2021
	Latin American Network in Economic History and Political Economy	2020
	Duke University, Workshop on State Capacity	2019
	Georgetown University, Historical Political Economy of Mexico Workshop	2019
	UCSD, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies	2018
	University of Chicago, Theory and Models Workshop (TAM)	2017
	LSE-Stanford, Conference on Long Range Development in Latin America	2017
	Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Ciencias Económicas y Administrativas	2017
	UCSD, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies	2016

	Stanford, Challenges to Inclusion and Representation in Latin America	2016
	Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Politics Workshop	2015
	UCLA, Tax Policy & Public Finance Colloquium	2014
	University of Wisconsin-Madison, Workshop on the Mexican Land Reform	2013
CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS:	APSA Annual Meeting	2011, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2023
	North East Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC)	2021
	LACEA-EHN Workshop on Historical Development	2021
	REPAL Annual Meeting	2021
	Institut d'Economia de Barcelona (IEB) Workshop on Political Economy	2021
	Historical Political Economy (HPE) Working Group Meeting	2021
	MPSA Annual Meeting	2012, 2015, 2021
	WPSA Annual Meeting (Autocratic Politics Mini-Conference)	2019
	LACEA Annual Meeting	2015, 2016
	Southern California Political Institutions Workshop	2016
	AMEI Annual Conference	2016
	UC Berkeley/Stanford Workshop in Political Economy	2014, 2015, 2016
TEACHING:	Instructor at the University of California, San Diego:	
	Quantitative Methods II (M.A.)	2019–2022, 2024
	Democratization in Latin America (M.A.)	2017–2019, 2021, 2024
	Economic Policy in Latin America (M.A.)	2017–2019, 2021, 2024
	The Political Economy of State Capacity (M.A.)	2018
	Teaching Assistant at Stanford University:	
	Political Methodology: Causal Inference (Ph.D.)	2015
	Political Methodology: Causal Inference/Non-Linear Models (Ph.D.)	2014
	Political Methodology: Linear Models (Ph.D.)	2012
	Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate)	2012
ADVISEES:	Edwin Lopez Rivera (History PhD candidate); Kimberly Renk (Political Science PhD candidate, co-chair); Leonardo Bueno (Political Science PhD candidate); Linh Le (Political Science PhD candidate); Mingpu Xiao (Political Science PhD candidate).	
SERVICE:	Reviewer for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> ; <i>American Political Science Review</i> ; <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> ; <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> ; <i>Comparative Politics</i> ; <i>Empirical Economics</i> ; <i>European Political Science Review</i> ; <i>International Tax and Public Finance</i> ; <i>Journal of Historical Political Economy</i> ; <i>International Organization</i> ; <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> ; <i>Journal of Development Economics</i> ; <i>Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization</i> ; <i>Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy</i> ; <i>The Journal of Politics</i> ; <i>Latin American Research Review</i> ; Oxford University Press; <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> ; <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> ; <i>Quarterly Journal of Economics</i> ; <i>Quarterly Journal of Political Science</i> ; <i>Review of International Economics</i> ; <i>Social Forces</i> ; <i>Social Science Quarterly</i> ; <i>Studies in Comparative International Development</i> ; <i>World Politics</i> .	
	Departmental service at the University of California, San Diego:	
	Co-organizer of the Political Economy Lunch Group (PELG)	2017–2021
	Co-organizer of the Comparative Politics Speaker Series	2020
	Member of the USMEX Fellows Selection Committee	2019
	Member of the Search Committee in Public Policy	2018

Member of the Admissions Committee for the Master of International Affairs & Master of Public Policy	2017–2022
Member of the Junior Search Committee in Public Policy	2017
Member of the Junior Search Committee in International Economics	2016

Disciplinary service:

Editorial Board member of <i>Política y Gobierno</i>	2023–
Co-organizer of the California Workshop in Empirical Political Science (CaliWEPS)	2018, 2020–2022
Member of the Juan Linz Prize for Best Dissertation Committee, APSA Democracy and Autocracy Section	2021

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