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Academic appointments

University College Dublin

2022–
Assistant Professor School of Politics and International Relations

Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico

2019–2022
Assistant Professor in International Studies

Education

University of Notre Dame

2019
PhD Political Science

2014
MA Political Science

2012
MA Peace Studies

Universidad de la República, Uruguay

2009
Graduate Diploma International Studies

2008
BA Political Science

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2023
“Police Reform in the Aftermath of Armed Conflict: How Militarization and Accountability Affect Police Violence,” *OnlineFirst Journal of Peace Research*

2023
“How Climate Change Affects Organized Criminal Group Behavior,” *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 58(1):29-54

2022
“Policing the Urban Poor: Support for Punitiveness and Police Violence in a Latin American City,” with Veronica Perez Bentancur, *OnlineFirst Journal of Urban Affairs, Special Issue on Policing in the 21st Century*

2022
“Iteration in Mixed-methods Research Designs Combining Experiments and Fieldwork,” with Veronica Perez Bentancur, *OnlineFirst Sociological Methods & Research*

2022
“Transparency and Replicability in Mixed-Methods Designs Using Experiments,” with Veronica Perez Bentancur, *Qualitative & Multi-Method Research*, Fall 2021 - Spring 2022, Vol. 19.2 / 20.1

2021
“Authoritarian Police in Democracy,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 19(3):1028-1029

2018
“Breaking State Impunity in Post-Authoritarian Regimes: Why Transitional Justice Processes Deter Criminal Violence in New Democracies,” with Guillermo Trejo and Juan Albarracin, *Journal of Peace Research*, 55(6):787–809

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2022 “International Factors,” with Michael Coppedge, Ben Denison, Paul Friesen and Yang Xu. In Michael Coppedge, Amanda B. Edgell, Carl Henrik Knutsen and Staffan I. Lindberg (eds.), *Why Democracies Develop and Decline*, Cambridge University Press

NOT PEER-REVIEWED

- 2021 “[International Influence: The Hidden Dimension](#),” with Michael Coppedge, Benjamin Denison, Paul Friesen and Yang Xu, Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 119
- 2015 “[Varieties of Democratic Diffusion: Colonial and Neighbor Networks](#),” with Michael Coppedge, Benjamin Denison, Staffan I. Lindberg, Varieties of Democracy Institute: Working Paper No. 2

BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

“Accountability Shock: Why Transitional Justice Deters Criminal Violence in New Democracies,” with Guillermo Trejo and Juan Ablarracin

UNDER REVIEW

- “Criminal Market Expansion” with Chelsea Estancona, *revise and resubmit*
- “Gendarmes and Soldiers: Exploring Drivers of Police and Military Specialization during Civil Wars,” with Peter White
- “Mall Cop or Robocop? Political Determinants of Police Militarization in Brazil,” with Juan Albarracin
- “Supporting Mano Dura: Police Reform and Public Opinion Perceptions of Deservingness” with Veronica Perez Bentancur, Juan Albarracin and Leslie MacColman
- “Assessing the quality of evidence in qualitative research: lessons from research on criminal governance strategies in Montevideo, Uruguay,” with Ines Fynn and Veronica Perez Bentancur

WORK IN PROGRESS

- “Attitudes Towards Police Militarization in Latin America,” with Abby Cordova
- “Socialization in the Colombian Armed Forces and Implications for Post-Conflict Transitions,” with Alejandra Ortiz-Ayala
- “Post-conflict Police Reform and Criminal Violence: Lessons from South Africa”
- “Mano Dura: Conceptualizing Public Security Policy,” with Veronica Perez
- “Organized Criminal Violence in Uruguay,” with Veronica Perez, Ines Fynn and Gustavo Diaz
- “Criminal Governance in Mexico amid the Covid-19 pandemic,” with Sandra Ley, Tiago Ventura
- “Supply Chain Disruptions and Criminal Governance in Mexico,” with Chelsea Estancona
- “Do list experiments reduce social desirability bias?” with Sandra Ley and Tiago Ventura
- “An application of network methods to estimate the size of hard-to-reach populations,” with Gustavo Diaz, Verónica Pérez Bentancur and Inés Fynn

POLICY REPORTS

- “Opportunities and Challenges in Civil and Political Rights in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, 30 years after Esquipulas II, using VDem data,” white paper, University of Notre Dame–Keough School of Global Affairs–USAID, 2017
- “On Corruption in South Africa: an Alternative Interpretation for the Case of the Police Service.”

Occasional Papers Series, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa, 2011
 2011 *South Africa Reconciliation Barometer Report*, with Kate Lefko-Everett and Ayanda Nyoka, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa, 2011
 “Economic Security in a Time of Uncertainty: A South African Public Opinion Perspective,” with Jan Hofmeyr. In *Transformation Audit 2011*, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, South Africa, 2011

MEDIA

Consumers beware: the price of avocados may be higher than you think, *Political Violence at a Glance*, April 17, 2023, with Chelsea Estancona
 “Colombia: Derecho a la Protesta y Violencia Policial”, *CIPER Académico*, May 12, 2021
 “Crime and Conflict: Where we are and Where we are Headed in Research”, *PEV-CIDE*, November 23, 2020, with Chelsea Estancona
 “¿Por qué persiste la violencia policial?”, *CIPER Académico*, October 3, 2020
 “Sobre los Costos del Punitivismo”, *La Diaria*, June 25, 2020, with Veronica Perez
 Live Interview on Police Violence in the USA, France 24, June 16, 2020 (in Spanish)
 “Para Vivir Sin Miedo”, *La Diaria*, October 23, 2019, with Veronica Perez

Grants, honors & awards

GRANTS

2022 “Small Grants to Develop Studies on Hard to Reach Populations,” WZB Berlin Social Science Center, (Co-PI, \$ 2,600)
 2021 “Attitudinal Change and Support for the Militarization of Public Security: Evidence from a Panel Study in Mexico,” Notre Dame International Mexico Grant, University of Notre Dame, (Co-PI, \$ 10,000)
 2021 “Organized Crime Presence in Montevideo, Uruguay,” National Research and Innovation Agency (ANII) of Uruguay, (Co-PI, \$ 25,000)
 2021 “Criminal governance amid the COVID-19 pandemic: Explaining violence and goods provision as public health responses by organized crime groups in Mexico,” Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP), (Co-PI, \$ 10,000)
 2019 “Police Capacity, Practices and Citizen’s Perceptions,” National Research and Innovation Agency (ANII) of Uruguay, (Co-PI, \$ 25,000)
 2019 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Department of Political Science, Keough School of Global Affairs, Gender Studies Program, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Grant to organize the conference New Research by Women Studying Violence, 2019 (\$ 15,000)
 2018 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Department of Political Science, Keough School of Global Affairs, Gender Studies Program, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Grant to organize the conference New Research by Women Studying Violence, 2018 (\$ 10,000)
 2016 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Graduate Student Research Grant, 2016 (\$ 7,000)
 2016 Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Graduate Student Research Grant, 2016 (\$ 3,000)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2022–2025 Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT) Fellowship
 2018–2019 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Dissertation Year Fellowship

2018 Outstanding Doctoral Student Contributions Award, Kellogg Institute for International Studies
 2017 Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, Graduate Student Union Honorable Mention
 2017 Department of Political Science, Professional Development Award
 2017 USAID–Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development, Research Fellowship
 2017 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Professional Development Award
 2015 USAID, Research and Innovation Fellowship
 2014–2015 Varieties of Democracy Project, University of Notre Dame, Research Fellowship
 2014 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Professional Development Award
 2014 University of Notre Dame, Professional Development Award
 2013 University of Notre Dame, Professional Development Award
 2012–2017 Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, PhD Fellowship
 2010–2012 Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, MA Full scholarship

Invited seminars, workshops & talks

2023 Non-state Armed Governance Group
 Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, University of Notre Dame
 2022 Effective and Innovative Policymaking in Contested Contexts Colloquium, University of Erfurt
 University of Oxford, Latin American Center
 EGAP Annual Meeting, Cornell University
 Illicit Economies and Informal Actors Mini-conference, University of California San Diego
 Ensuring Justice for Venezuela Conference, Caracas, Venezuela
 US-Mexico Center Workshop, University of California, San Diego
 United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC), Regional Meeting on Strategies to Combat Organized Crime, Panama
 Hard-to-reach Populations in Political Science Research, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
 2021 Facebook as a Research Tool workshop, Demed, University of Glasgow
 CIDE Politics Workshop
 University of Konstanz
 Global Law and Politics Workshop
 Programa para el Estudio de la Violencia, CIDE
[Police Militarization: Notes for Debate](#), Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame
 Centro de Estudios sobre Seguridad, Inteligencia y Gobernanza, Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico
 Department of Political Science seminar, the University of Utah
 Carolinas’ Conflict Workshop, University of South Carolina
 2020 Peace Science Society workshop
[Violence and Security Sector Reform: Elements for Debate](#), Universidad ICESI, Colombia
 Department of Political Science seminar series, Emory University
 Security and Criminality in the Americas Conference, University of Oxford (cancelled)
 Kellogg-Kroc Workshop on Crime and Violence, University of Notre Dame
 Ministry of Interior – National Agency for Research and Innovation, Uruguay
 2019 Research Policy Dialogue, UN DPO and Folke Bernadotte Academy, New York
 Folke Bernadotte Academy SSR Research Working Group Meeting, New York
 Southwest Workshop on Mixed Methods Research, Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de Mexico
 2018 Klau Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame

- 2017 Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development–USAID, San Salvador, El Salvador
Center for Criminology seminar series, University of Cape Town, South Africa
The Notre Dame International Security Center, University of Notre Dame
- 2016 Varieties of Democracy Launch Workshop, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame

Conference presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2023
Asociacion Colombiana de Ciencia Politica, 2014
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2023
International Studies Association Junior Scholar Symposium, 2015, 2016
Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023
Peace Science Society International Annual Meeting, 2016, 2020, 2022
Western Political Science Association, 2018

Teaching

School of Politics and International Relations, UCD

“The Politics of Organized Crime” (undergraduate)
“Qualitative Research Design” (graduate)
“International Security” (graduate)

Division of International Studies, CIDE

“Visualizing Politics” (undergraduate)
“International Security” (undergraduate)
“Crime and Violence in Mexico and Latin America” (short course, graduate)
“International Organization” (short course, graduate)

Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame

“Causes and Consequences of Terrorism” (undergraduate)
“Introduction to International Relations” (undergraduate, teaching assistant)

Department of Political Science, Universidad de la República, Uruguay

“Introduction to Public Policy” (undergraduate, co-instructor)

Professional experience

- 2018–2019 **Pulte Institute for Global Development, University of Notre Dame**
Technical Assistance, Fundación Myrna Mack, Guatemala
- 2015 **Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town**
Research Fellow, USAID
- 2011 **United Nations Resident Coordinator’s Office, Montevideo**
Research Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies
- 2007–2010 **Specialist**

Service

TO THE DISCIPLINE

- 2022 Reviewer, National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine
- 2022 Organizing Committee, Latin American Peace Science Annual Conference
- 2021 Section Chair, MPSA Annual Conference
- 2018, 2019 Organizer, Women Studying Violence Workshop
- 2016 Search Committee Member, Keough School for Global Affairs

REFEREE

American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, European Journal of International Relations, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Illicit Economies and Development, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Latin American Politics and Society, Latin American Research Review, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Politica y Gobierno, Political Science Research and Methods, Third World Quarterly, World Development, FONDECYT (Chilean fund for science and technology), ANII (Uruguayan agency for research and innovation)

TO THE UNIVERSITY

University College Dublin

- 2022–2023 Coordinator, SPIRe Seminar Series
 - 2022–2023 Member, Research Committee
 - 2022–2023 Member, Research Ethics Committee
- CIDE*
- 2020–2022 Chair, Institutional Review Board (IRB)
 - 2020–2022 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee
 - 2019–2022 Member, Library Committee
 - 2021–2022 Member, Methods Curriculum Implementation Committee

Academic affiliations

- 2022– Faculty Fellow, University College Dublin, Geary Institute for Public Policy
- 2020– Member, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP)
- 2020– Research Affiliate, University of Notre Dame, Violence and Transitional Justice Lab
- 2022–2025 Junior Fellow, Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT)