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### **EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Professor. Department of Political Science, San José State University. August, 2019 – present.  
Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, San José State University. 2015 – 2019.  
Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, University of Texas - Pan American. 2013 – 2015.  
Assistant Professor. Department of Political Science, William Paterson University. 2011 - 2013  
Research Fellow. Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, Tulane University. 2011 – 2016.

### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. University of Notre Dame, 2011. Department of Political Science.  
M.S. Florida State University, 2006. Department of Political Science.  
M.A. University of Pittsburgh, 2001. Department of Economics.  
B.A. ITESM- Monterrey, 1995. Department of Economics.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

“Elite Polarization and Voter Turnout in Latin America, 1993-2010.” *Forthcoming. Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*. Co-authored with Juan Andrés Moraes and Santiago López-Cariboni.

“The International Monetary Fund, Party System Institutionalization and Protest in Latin America.” 2016. *Latin American Politics & Society* 58(2): 26-48. Co-authored with Juan Andrés Moraes.

“Electoral Particularism, Bank Concentration and Capital Account Liberalization in Developing Democracies.” 2014. *Comparative Political Studies* 47(6): 851-77. Co-authored with Bumba Mukherjee and Vineeta Yadav.

“Candidate-Centered Systems, Public Banks and Equity Market Restrictions in Developing Countries.” 2014. *Review of International Political Economy* 21(3): 670-709. Co-authored with Bumba Mukherjee and Vineeta Yadav.

“IMF-sponsored Economic Programs and Contentious Collective Action in Latin America, 1980-2007.” 2013. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30(5): 492-515. Co-authored with David Ortiz.

“Electoral Institutions and Growth Volatility: Theory and Evidence.” 2011. *International Political Science Review* 32(4): 458-479. Co-authored with Bumba Mukherjee.

“Time Horizons Matter: Coalition Governments, Replacement Risk and the Size of Government.” 2011. *Economics of Governance* 12(3): 201-235. Co-authored with Bumba Mukherjee and Will H. Moore.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **Books:**

“International Financial Institutions, Party Systems, and the Rise of Authoritarian Populist Parties in Latin America.”

“Political Polarization and the Quality of Democracy in Latin America.” Co-authored with Juan Andres Moraes.

### **Papers:**

“The Electoral Basis of Ideological Polarization in Latin America.” Co-authored with Juan Andrés Moraes. Submitted.

“The IMF, Concentration of Public Banks, and Banking Crises in Developing Countries.” Submitted.

“Party-Centered Democracies, Agricultural Workers, and Agricultural Trade Policy Reform in Developing Democracies.” Co-authored with Bumba Mukherjee. Preparing for submission.

“Authoritarianism and Support for Military Policing: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Mexico.” Co-authored with Angel Saavedra-Cisneros.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

RSCA Summer Award, College of Social Sciences, San Jose State University, \$5,000, 2017.

Faculty Research Council (FRC) Award, University of Texas- Pan American, \$5,000, 2013-14.

Research Center for the Humanities and Social Sciences, William Paterson University, Research grant, \$4,000, 2012.

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, Tulane University, \$50,000, January-December 2011.

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Research grant, “Decreasing Returns on Vote Buying in Mexican Elections: A Field Experiment,” \$10,000, June-August 2010.

Moore Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame, 2009-2010.

Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2008-09.

University of Notre Dame, Graduate Fellowship, 2006-2010.

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

International Relations, Comparative Politics, Comparative and International Political Economy, Latin American Politics, Conflict & Resolution, Social Movements, Government Repression, International Organizations, Quantitative & Qualitative Methods.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **San José State University**

International Political Economy, Research Methods, Senior Seminar, Latin American Politics, Introduction to Comparative Politics, American Politics in Comparative Perspective.

### **University of Texas-Pan American**

American and Texas Government, South American Politics, Politics of Mexico, Comparative Politics of Developing Nations, Research Methods.

### **William Paterson University**

Introduction to Politics, Latin American Politics, Political Economy of Latin America, Politics and Economic Development in Developing Nations, Quantitative Political Analysis, Graduate. Introduction to Research Methods, Graduate.

### **University of Notre Dame**

Political Economy of Developing Nations (Fall 2010), International Political Economy, TA (Fall 2008, Spring 2009); Advanced Research Methods, TA (Spring 2008); Game Theory, TA (Spring 2009).

### **Florida State University**

Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 2004, Summer 2005).

## **CONFERENCES**

“Elite Polarization and Voter Turnout in Latin America, 1993-2010.” 2018. Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association. Barcelona, Spain.

“Party Systems, Elite Polarization and Growth Volatility.” 2017. 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

- “Developing New Courses in Comparative Politics”. 2016. 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Ill.
- “The Amplifying and Muting Effects of Agenda Setting on Vote Choice in New Democracies.” 2015. 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society of Political Psychology. San Diego, CA.
- “Fondo Monetario Internacional y las protestas colectivas en América Latina.” 2014. 5o. Congreso Uruguayo de Ciencia Política. Montevideo, Uruguay.
- “Non-Bank Intermediaries, the IMF, and Sudden Stops of Foreign Portfolio Investment Flows.” 2014. Symposium: New Directions in International Political Economy. Center for Teaching and Research in Economics. Mexico City, Mexico.
- “The New International Political Economy of Latin America”. 2014. 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, Ill.
- “Electoral Competition, Party Attachments and Vote Buying: Evidence from Mexico.” 2012. Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA.
- “Effective Democracy? Electoral Volatility, Uncertainty, and Vote Buying in Mexico.” 2011. Mexico at the Cross-Roads. Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, Tulane University.
- “IMF Programs, Party Systems, and Democratization in the Developing World.” 2010. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- “Information Flows and Vote Buying in Mexico: Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment.” 2009. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- “IMF Structural Adjustment Programs and Democratization: Evidence from 130 Countries, 1972-2002.” 2008. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.
- “Majoritarian Politics and the Volatility of Economic Growth in the Developing World.” 2005. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL.

## **INVITED TALKS**

Center for Research and Teaching in Economics, México (2009, 2012; 2014); Tulane University (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013); Colby College (2012); William Paterson University (2011); Edgewood College (2011); Wright State University (2010); ITESM, México (2007); Colby College (2012); University of Texas-Pan American (2013); University of New Orleans (2013); San José State University (2014).

## ADVISING

- Political Science Majors. Department of Political Science (2015- ). San José State University.
- Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Society in Political Science. Main Advisor. San José State University (2015-16).
- Holguer Carrillo. *Main Advisor*. William Paterson University, M.A. Thesis. (2013).
- Katherine Miskuna. *Reader*. William Paterson University, M.A. Thesis. (2013).
- Simon Rodeiro. *Reader*. William Paterson University, M.A. Thesis. (2012).

## SERVICE

### TO THE UNIVERSITY

- Institutional Review Board (2016-2019). San José State University.
- Chican@ and Latin@ Student Success Task Force. San José State University.

### TO THE COLLEGE

- Assessment Committee (2017- 2018). San José State University.
- Scholarships Committee (2015- 2016 & 2019-2020) ). San José State University.
- Curriculum Committee (Fall 2016). San José State University.

### TO THE DEPARTMENT

- Comparative Politics Search Committee (2017). San José State University.
- Planning/Assessment/Curriculum Committee (2016- ). San José State University.
- Scholarship and Development Committee (2016- ). San José State University.
- POLS 2 Course Coordinator (2016- ). San José State University.
- American Politics Search Committee. (2015-2016). San José State University.
- Merit Committee (2013-2014). University of Texas – Pan American.
- International Political Economy Search Committee (2015). University of Texas – Pan American.
- Curriculum Committee (2013-2015). University of Texas – Pan American
- Administrative Assistant Search Committee (2014). University of Texas – Pan American.
- Graduate Committee (2012-2013). William Paterson University.
- Academic Assessment Committee (2012-2013). William Paterson University.
- American Politics Search Committee (2012). William Paterson University.
- Public Law/Legal Studies Search Committee (2012-2013). William Paterson University.
- Master Thesis Committee (2012-2013). William Paterson University.

## TO THE PROFESSION:

Reviewer for the following journals: *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations* (2014), *International Studies Quarterly* (2016), *Comparative Political Studies* (2011, 2012, 2014), *Economics & Politics* (2010, 2011, 2012), *Journal of Politics* (2010, 2011, 2013, 2014 [2]), *Political Research Quarterly* (2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014), *International Political Science Review* (2010, 2011, 2012, 2014 [2], 2016, 2018), *Journal of Developing Areas* (2008), *Review of International Political Economy* (2010, 2011, 2012), *Economic Inquiry* (2013).

## PRESS INTERVIEWS

Guest commentator for *Telemundo 48 San José*; *Telemundo 40 McAllen*; *Bronc Radio*, UTPA; *KRGV Channel 5* (ABC).

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish (native)

English (fluent)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Member, American Political Science Association; Member, Midwest Political Science Association; Member, Latin American Studies Association; Member, American Economic Association.