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1. Employment.

Associate Professor at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) and Adjunct Associate Professor at the Political Science Department at the University of California, San Diego (2009-present)

Director, Center for United States – Mexican Studies at IR/PS, UCSD (2009-present)

Assistant Professor at Stanford University (2001-2008)

Assistant Professor at University of California, Los Angeles (1999-2001)

Researcher at CIDAC, Centro de Investigacion Para el Desarrollo, A.C. (1997-1999)

2. Education

Ph.D. in Political Science. Duke University. Durham, NC. December, 1997. Dissertation: "Political Responses to Regional Inequality: Taxation and Distribution in Mexico".

M. A. in Political Science. Duke University, Durham NC. September 1990 - March 1993.

Licenciatura in Economics. Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), México D.F. August 1985 - March 1990. Thesis: "The Assessment of Tax Measures: The Case of the 2% Asset Tax in Mexico"

International Baccalaureate. Collegio dell Mondo Unito Dell'Adriatico. Trieste, Italy. August 1983-May 1985. Higher Level Exams: History, Economics and Biology.

3. Grants

- University of California Office of the President (UCOP). *Mexico Social Science Laboratory and Research Incubator*. (\$700,000, 2009-2014) A new model of social science support based on short-term research incubators, field research laboratories, a GIS laboratory, and evaluation training clinics, for interdisciplinary scholarly research on Mexico and Mexico-California issues. A research agenda focused in understanding local governance and development experiences through carefully designed field experiments implemented through mobile social science laboratories geared towards the collection and analysis of novel datasets to gauge the effects of governance in development. To provide policy makers with advice on how to enhance the effectiveness of policy interventions, based on scientific studies that combine experimental methods, survey research and observational data, within an integrated approach.
- Hewlett Foundation. *The Governance of Public Health in Mexico* (\$300,000, 2010-2012). - For a project to understand the governance of public health in Mexico as it relates to the challenges of increasing democratic accountability and improving the

provision of public goods. The research seeks to shed light on whether the devolution of health finance and clinics to state governments and the shift in governance after the transition to democracy have improved accountability in the provision of basic public health. Particular attention is paid to municipal practices in the delivery of sanitation and to state government finance determining the coverage and quality of health care.

- The Rockefeller Foundation. *Poverty, Democracy and the Political Economy of Vote Buying*. Conference at the Bellagio Center (co-organized with Beatriz Magaloni). Winter 2005.
- World Bank. Research Grant on *The Political Economy of Decentralized Poverty Relief in Mexico*. Summer 2000.
- Inter-American Development Bank. Research Grant. *The Bailout Problem*. 1998-99.
- Inter-American Development Bank. Research Grant. *Geography and Development*. 1998-99.

4. Books

- (Manuscript) *Strategies of Vote-Buying: Poverty, Democracy, and Social Transfers in Mexico* with Federico Estevez and Beatriz Magaloni
- (2006) *Federalism, Fiscal Authority and Centralization in Latin America*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (2003) with Jacqueline Martínez (eds.), *De la Descentralización al Federalismo: Estudios Comparados Sobre el Gobierno Local* (From Decentralization to Federalism: Comparative Studies of Local Government), México: M.A. Porrúa.
- (1995) *Desarrollo Económico e Inequidad Regional: Hacia un Nuevo Pacto Federal en México* (Economic Development and Regional Inequality: Towards a New Federal Pact in Mexico), México: Miguel Angel Porrúa.

5. Journal articles

- (forthcoming) with Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler, “Direct Democracy, Decentralization and Governance in Indigenous Communities in Mexico”, *World Development*.
- (2009) with Beatriz Magaloni, “Aiding Latin America’s Poor” *Journal of Democracy* Vol.20 No. 4.
- (2008) “Electoral Risk and Redistributive Politics in Mexico and the United States”, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 43(1).
- (2005) “Endogenous Institutional Change in the Mexican Senate”, *Comparative Political Studies*, 38(10):1196-1218.
- (2004) “Coaliciones Legislativas y Reforma Fiscal en México” (Coalition Building Strategies and Fiscal Dependence in Mexican Federalism), *Política y Gobierno*, XI(2): 231-262.
- (2004) “El Federalismo y los Límites Políticos de la Redistribución” (Federalism and the Political Limits of Redistribution), *Gestión y Política Pública*, XIII(3): 663-687.
- (2002) with Rafael Gamboa and Fausto Hernández, “Determinants and Consequences of Bailing Out States in Mexico”, *Eastern Economic Journal* 28(3), pp. 365-380.

- (2001) with Beatriz Magaloni, “Party Dominance and the Logic of Electoral Design in the Mexican Transition to Democracy”, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 13(3):271-293.
- (1999) with Beatriz Magaloni “Autoridad Presupuestal del Poder Legislativo en México: una Primera Aproximación” (Budgetary Authority of the Mexican Legislature: A Preliminary Assessment) *Política y Gobierno*, Vol.5(2): 503-528.
- (1997) “Asignación Política de Recursos en el Federalismo Mexicano: Incentivos y Restricciones” (Political Resource Allocation in Mexican Federalism: Incentives and Constraints), *Perfiles Latinoamericanos*, 6(10):35-74.

6. Book chapters

- (Forthcoming) with Andrew Seele, “Where are We? Assessing the U.S.- Mexico Relationship”. In Smith, Peter and Seele, Andrew (eds.). *Mexico and the United States: The Politics of Partnership*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.
- (Forthcoming) with Beatriz Magaloni, “International influences in the Mexican (failed and successful) transitions to democracy” in Katherine Stoner-Weiss, Larry Diamond, Desha Girod and Michael McFaul (eds.) *Transitions to Democracy: A Comparative Assessment*. Johns Hopkins University Press.
- (Forthcoming) “Entrenched Insiders: Limited Access Order in Mexico”. John Joseph Wallis, Steven B. Webb, and Barry R. Weingast (eds.) *In the Shadow of Violence*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (2009) with Federico Estevez and Beatriz Magaloni, “Buying-off the Poor: Effects of Targeted Benefits in the 2006 Presidential Race” Jorge I. Domínguez, Chappell Lawson, and Alejandro Moreno, eds. *Consolidating Mexico’s Democracy: The 2006 Presidential Campaign in Comparative Perspective*. Johns Hopkins University Press.
- (2008) with Federico Estévez and Beatriz Magaloni, “A House Divided Against Itself: How the PRI Survives after 2000”, in Edward Friedman and Joseph Wong (eds.), *Learning to Lose: Dominant Party Systems and Their Transitions*, Routledge.
- (2007) with Beatriz Magaloni and Federico Estévez “The erosion of party hegemony, clientelism and portfolio diversification: The Programa Nacional de Solidaridad (Pronasol) in Mexico”, in Herbert Kitschelt and Steve Wilkinson (eds.) *Patrons or Policies? Patterns of Democratic Accountability and Political Competition*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (2006) with Jose Antonio Gonzalez and Fernando Rojas “Mexico’s Decentralization at a Cross-Roads”, T.N. Srinivasan and Jessica Seddon Wallack (eds.) *Federalism, Economic Reform, and Globalization*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- (2004) “Decentralization, Democratization and Federalism in Mexico” in Kevin Middlebrook (ed.) *Dilemmas of Change in Mexican Politics* Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, UCSD, pp.198-236.
- (2004) “Do Federal Institutions Matter? Rules and Political Practices in Regional Resource Allocation in Mexico”, in Edward Gibson (ed.) *Federalism and Democracy in Latin America*, Johns Hopkins University Press, pp297-322.

- (2004) with Beatriz Magaloni, “Mexico: Designing Electoral Rules for a Dominant Party”, in Josep Colomer (ed.) *Handbook of Electoral System Choice*, Palgrave: Macmillan/St Martin's, pp.145-154.
- (2000) with Steve Webb and Fernando Rojas, “Historical Forces: Geographic and Political”, in Marcelo Giugale and Steven B. Webb (eds.) *Achievements and Challenges of Fiscal Decentralization. Lessons From Mexico*, Washington: The World Bank, pp. 123-138.
- (2000) with Tom Courchene “Transfers and the Nature of the Mexican Federation”, in Marcelo Giugale and Steven B. Webb (eds.) *Achievements and Challenges of Fiscal Decentralization. Lessons From Mexico*, Washington: The World Bank, pp. 200-236.
- (2000) with Charles E. McLure, “Tax Assignment”, in Marcelo Giugale and Steven B. Webb (eds.) *Achievements and Challenges of Fiscal Decentralization. Lessons From Mexico*, Washington: The World Bank, pp.177-199.

7. Publications in Spanish

- (forthcoming) with Beatriz Magaloni and Vidal Romero. “La Raiz del Miedo: ¿Por qué es la percepción de riesgo mucho más grande que las tasas de victimización”. En José Antonio Aguilar (ed.). *Las Bases Sociales del Crimen Organizado y la Violencia en México*. México: SSP/CIES.
- (2006) “Pobreza y Precariedad Urbana en México: Un Enfoque Municipal” Prepared for the Comisión Económica para América Latina (CEPAL) Serie Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo, 130.
- (2004) “El Federalismo y los Límites Políticos de la Redistribución” (Federalism and the Political Limits of Redistribution), *Gestión y Política Pública*, XIII(3): 663-687.
- (2004) (with Sergio Silva Castañeda) “Descentralización a Escala Municipal en Mexico: La Inversión en Infraestructura Social” (Municipal Scale Decentralization in Mexico: Social Infrastructure Investment), *Serie estudios y perspectivas*, México: Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL), No.15 (April) 72p.
- (2004) “Federalismo, Democracia y Desarrollo Local”. Background paper prepared for the Human Development Report, Mexico (PNUD).
- (2004) “Coaliciones Legislativas y Reforma Fiscal en México” (Coalition Building Strategies and Fiscal Dependence in Mexican Federalism), *Política y Gobierno*, XI(2): 231-262.
- (2003) with Jacqueline Martínez (eds.), *De la Descentralización al Federalismo: Estudios Comparados Sobre el Gobierno Local* (From Decentralization to Federalism: Comparative Studies of Local Government), México: M.A. Porrúa.
- (2003) “Balance Fiscal de los Estados en el Sistema Federal” (Fiscal Balance of the States in the Federal System) in Alberto Diaz-Cayeros and Jacqueline Martínez (eds.): pp.17-50.
- (2001) “Federalismo Fiscal” (Fiscal Federalism), in Rubio, Luis (ed.) *Alternativas para el Desarrollo. Políticas económicas del México contemporáneo*. México: CONACULTA, FCE, Serie: Biblioteca Mexicana, pp.187-219.

- (2000) “Viabilidad Política de la Focalización de las Políticas Sociales: una Perspectiva Comparada” (Political Viability of Targeted Social Policies: A Comparative Perspective) in Rolando Cordera and Alicia Ziccardi (eds.) *Las Políticas Sociales de México al Fin del Milenio*, México: M.A. Porrúa, pp.37-56.
- (2000) “Diez Mitos Sobre el Federalismo Mexicano” (Ten Myths on Mexican Federalism) in Merino, Mauricio (ed.) *Ciencia Política. Biblioteca Mexicana del Siglo XXI*. México: CONACULTA FCE, Serie: Biblioteca Mexicana, pp.138-160.
- (1999) with Beatriz Magaloni “Autoridad Presupuestal del Poder Legislativo en México: una Primera Aproximación” (Budgetary Authority of the Mexican Legislature: A Preliminary Assessment) *Política y Gobierno*, Vol.5(2): 503-528.
- (1999) “Un Análisis Institucional del Papel del Estado en América Latina” (An Institutional Analysis of the Role of the State in Latin America) in Rubio, Luis & Rolf Lüders *El Papel del Estado en America Latina* México: Miguel Angel Porrúa, pp.111-156.
- (1998) "Hacia una Prueba Empírica de la Distribución de Recursos en el Sistema Federal Mexicano" (Towards an Empirical test of the Distribution of Resources in the Mexican Federal System) in Sempere, Jaime & Sobarzo, Horacio (eds.) *Federalismo Fiscal en Mexico* México: El Colegio de México, pp. 73-118.
- (1997) “Asignación Política de Recursos en el Federalismo Mexicano: Incentivos y Restricciones” (Political Resource Allocation in Mexican Federalism: Incentives and Constraints) *Perfiles Latinoamericanos*, 6(10):35-74.
- (1996) "Supervivencia Política y Asignación de Recursos en el Sistema Federal Mexicano" (Political Survival and Resource Allocation in the Mexican Federal System) in Arellano Cadena, Rogelio (ed.) *México Hacia un Nuevo Federalismo Fiscal* Lecturas del Trimestre Económico Num. 83. México: Fondo de Cultura Económica / Gobierno del Estado de Puebla, pp.105-120.
- (1995) *Desarrollo Económico e Inequidad Regional: Hacia un Nuevo Pacto Federal en México* (Economic Development and Regional Inequality: Towards a New Federal Pact in Mexico), México: Miguel Angel Porrúa.

8. Honors

- Victoria Schuck Faculty Scholar, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University. 2007-08.
- American Political Science Association. Award for the Best Paper presented in the 2000 meeting by the Comparative Politics Section.
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Stanford University, January – June 2000.
- American Political Science Association. Award for the Best Dissertation in Political Economy, 1998.
- Visiting Fellow, Harvard University. September 1996 - August 1997.
- Institute for the Study of World Politics (ISWP) Dissertation Grant. September 1993 - August 1994.
- Distinction in Preliminary Examinations, Duke University. March 1993.
- Tinker Foundation, Field Research Grant in Mexico, through the Center of Latin American Studies at Duke. August 1992.

- Center for International Studies at Duke, Field Research Grant in Czechoslovakia. June - July 1992.
- James B. Duke International Fellowship. Duke University. 1990 - 1993.
- Fulbright Fellowship. 1990 - 1992.
- Ford-McArthur Fellowship. 1990 - 1992
- High Honors (ITAM). 1990.

9. Work in progress or under review

[Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico](#). March, 2011
(with Saumitra Jha). [Global Trade, Contracts and Poverty Alleviation in Indigenous Communities: Cochineal in Mexico.](#)”
(with Justin Levitt). [The Territoriality of Public Health Governance in Mexico](#). August 30, 2011.
(With Beatriz Magaloni, Aila Matanock and Vidal Romero) [Living in Fear: Social Penetration of Criminal Organizations in Mexico](#). December 11, 2011.
(with Gabriela Calderon, Beatriz Magaloni, Gustavo Robles and Jorge Olarte). The Temporal and Spatial Dynamics of Violence in Mexico.
(with Ruth Kricheli and Beatriz Magaloni), [Democracy, Autocracy and Fertility](#).
(with Michael Albertus, Beatriz Magaloni and Barry Weingast), “[Why Developing Countries Sabotage Economic Growth: Land Reform in Mexico.](#)”
(With Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler) [Information, Female Empowerment and Governance in Oaxaca, Mexico](#). April, 2010.
(With Ayesha Ali, Beatriz Magaloni, Grant Miller, and Paul Wise) Executive Planning Horizon and Population Health Investments: Evidence from the Child Survival Revolution. January 2012.
(with Pablo Beramendi) [Distributive Tensions in Developing Federations..](#) December 6, 2009.
(with Beatriz Magaloni and Barry Weingast), “Tragic Brilliance: Hegemony and Democratization in Mexico” (*R&R Comparative Politics*)
(with Kenneth M. McElwain and Vidal Romero), “Fiscal Decentralization and Particularistic Spending Across Countries”.

10. Student Advising

Micah Gell-Redman, (Chair of Ph.D. Dissertation, UCSD, in progress)
Alex Ruiz Euler, (Chair of Ph.D. Dissertation, UCSD, In progress)
Alberto Simpser, *Making Votes Not Count*, (Chair of Ph.D Dissertation, Stanford, 2005).
Anna Jennett, *The Rule of Law in Indigenous Mexico: Impunity and Human Rights Violations in Oaxaca and Hidalgo*, (IR Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2006).
Lauren Meyer, *Breaking Out of Poverty: Micro-Level Financial Services in Venezuela* (PS Honor Thesis, Stanford, 2006)
Elizabeth Ayala, *Remittances in El Salvador* (IR Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2005)
Daniel Van Fleet, *An Institutional Analysis of Regional Integration in Latin America: The Case of Mercosur* (IR Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2005)

Natascha Grach, "*Chto Delat' i Kto Vinovat?*" *A Cross-Regional Analysis of Corruption in Post-Communist Russia*, (IR Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2004).

Brian Bird, *An Examination of Mexican States' Corruption Levels and Their Ties to Political Parties*, (Latin American Studies Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2003).

Ellen Bradley, *Race, Nation and GDP: Antihaitianismo in the Dominican Republic*, (CSRE Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2003).

Fernando Gabriel Soledad, *The Erosion of Power: Resources and Democracy in Mexico*, (IR Honors Thesis, Stanford, 2002).

Advised M.A. and B.A. theses at ITAM on fiscal federalism, fiscal policy, regional development and the political economy of poverty targeting.

Has examined theses at the B.A. level in economics and political science at ITAM. At the M.A. level in public policy at ITAM and FLACSO; and in political science at UCLA. At the Ph.D. level in economics at UAM, Stanford and UCSD; social science at FLACSO; education and political science at Stanford and UCSD.

6. Teaching Experience.

Government and Regulation, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2011 and 2012.

Political Institutions in Latin America (PILA), School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012.

Democracy and Inequality in Latin America, School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2009, 2010.

Mexican Politics, University of California, San Diego, 2010, Stanford University, Fall 2002, Fall 2003; UCLA, Spring 2001

Workshop in Comparative Politics, Stanford University, 2004-06, 2007-08.

Introduction to Comparing Political Systems, Stanford University, Spring 2005, Spring 2006.

Political Economy of Development, Stanford University, Spring 2006, Spring 2004, Spring 2002, Winter 2000.

Politics of Development, Stanford University, Spring 2004.

Theories in Comparative Politics (co-taught with David Laitin), Stanford University, Fall 2005.

Political Economics, Stanford University, Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2004.

Seminar in Comparative Political and Historical Analysis, Stanford University, 2002-03

Graduate Core in Comparative Politics (co-taught with Anne Wren), Stanford University, Winter 2002.

The Politics of Economic Policy Reform, UCLA, Spring 2001.

The Politics of Development (co-taught with Daniel Posner), UCLA, Winter 2001.

Fiscal Politics, Stanford University, Winter 2002; Spring 2000.

Seminario de Investigación: Economía Política (Research Seminar: Political Economy), ITAM-Mexico. Fall 1997, Fall 1998.

Economía Política del Financiamiento y el Gasto Público (The Political Economy of Public Finance and Expenditure). ITAM-México. Spring 1996 and Spring 1999.

Latin American Politics, Duke University. Spring 1995.

Economía Política de los Impuestos (The Political Economy of Taxation). ITAM-México. Spring 1994.

Economía IV (general equilibrium, game theory and factor markets). ITAM-Mexico. Spring 1994.

Collective Action (co-taught with Beatriz Magaloni). Humboldt Universität-Berlin. Summer 1994.

The Political Economy of Development (co-taught with Beatriz Magaloni). Humboldt Univeristät-Berlin. Summer 1994.

Introduction to Economics, Universidad Iberoamericana. Fall 1989.

8. Professional Associations and Service

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA)

Referee for: *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Cambridge University Press*, *Economía*, *Sociedad y Territorio*, *Economía Mexicana*, *Estudios Económicos*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, *National Science Foundation*, *Política y Gobierno*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Publius*, *Revista Mexicana de Sociología*, *World Development*, *World Politics*.

Member of the Editorial Board of *Política y Gobierno* (1997-2004)

Member of the External Evaluation Board of the Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economica (CIDE), Mexico (2009-2011).

11. Public policy involvement

- Presentation on Federalism and Regional Cohesion for the Committee of Social Development, Chamber of Deputies, Mexico, December 9, 2010.
- MacArthur Foundation. Consultation on Grant Making in Mexico (February 11-12, 2010).
- State Department. Mexico Policy Discussion Dinner with Secretary Clinton (Thursday, March 12, 2009).
- Advised United Nations Development Program (UNDP) project on Protection of Social Programs from Electoral Pressures (2006).
- Advised United Nations Development Program (UNDP) for Human Development Report of Mexico (2006).
- Advisor to the World Bank – USAID task force to support the National Fiscal Convention (Convención Nacional Hacendaria) in Mexico (July 2004).
- Member of the Consulting Expert Group for the Presidential Liaison of the National Fiscal Convention in Mexico (January 2004)
- Consultant to CIDAC on decentralization and social policy, supporting the Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL) (December 2003).

- Presentation to the Foro Nacional de Consulta Sobre Federalismo Hacendario organized by the Mexican Senate (June 26, 2001).
- Presentation to the Office of the Budget of the Venezuelan Congress on the Reform of Fiscal Federalism in Mexico (February, 2001).
- Technical advisor on Fiscal Federalism to the head of the fiscal reform transition team of president elect Vicente Fox (August 2000)
- Consultant to the World Bank Mission on Fiscal Reform in Mexico (March – July 2000)
- Consultant to the World Bank Mission on Structural Adjustment of the Estado de Mexico (April – July 2000)
- Proposal on Fiscal Federalism for the construction of the Electoral Platform of the Partido Democracia Social in Mexico (October 1999).
- Participation in a World Bank Mission to Mexico for “Policy Agenda on Reform of Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations”, writing, along with Charles McLure and Thomas Courchene, background papers on tax assignment and fiscal transfer systems (January-August, 1999).
- Recommendation for the Social Policy Committee in the Chamber of Deputies on the proposals for evaluation of the Programa de Educación, Salud y Nutrición (PROGRESA) (November, 1998).
- Presentations to the Planning, Budget and Public Accounts Committee in the Chamber of Deputies on the Creation of Budgetary Item 33 for the Transfer of Financial Resources to States and Municipalities (November 1997).
- Presentation to the Fundación Preciado Hernández of the Partido Acción Nacional on the Mexican fiscal federalism arrangement (October, 1996).
- Presentation to the Social Security Committee in the Senate on the Reform of the Pension System (Fall, 1996).
- Advise to state government officials (Puebla, Guanajuato, México) on topics of fiscal federalism.
- Participated extensively in public fora on fiscal federalism, social policy and the political economy of regional development at universities (ITAM, UAM, UABJO, CIDE, UDLA, Anáhuac, UNAM), academic meetings and congresses (APSA, IPSA, LASA, ISTR) and other institutions (Chamber of Deputies, Instituto de Desarrollo Municipal, AMMAAC, Colegio del Ejército, Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público).
- Articles in newspapers *Reforma*, *Universal*, *El Economista*, *El Financiero* and *Chicago Tribune*, and magazines *Nexos*, *Voz y Voto*, and *Hoover Digest*.
- Participated in radio and T.V. programs for IMER, Multivisión, Radio Centro, XEW, Conexión Financiera, Nexos TV and Expansión Financiera.

10. Papers delivered at professional conferences.

2012

With Saumitra Jha. “Global Trade, Contracts and Poverty Alleviation in Indigenous Communities: Cochineal in Mexico” London School of Economics (September 27).

- With Saumitra Jha. “Global Trade, Contracts and Poverty Alleviation in Indigenous Communities: Cochineal in Mexico”. Stanford Institute of Theoretical Economics (SITE). Stanford University (August 3).
- “La Arquitectura del Federalismo y la Seguridad Pública”. Seminario Federalismo y Seguridad Pública en México. Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Colef), San Antonio del Mar (May 17)
- “Living in Fear: Mapping the Social Embeddedness of Drug Gangs and Violence in Mexico”. University of California, San Diego (May 23).
- “Governance and the Territorial Reach of the State” State Building in the Developing World: Latin America. Princeton University and the University of São Paulo. Sao Paulo (February 10).
- “Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico”. Comparative Politics Workshop. University of California, Los Angeles (January 20).

2011

- With Justin Levitt. “Distancia y Acceso a Clinicas” La Gobernanza de la Salud en Mexico. Casa de California, Mexico City (Noviembre 11).
- “Economic Perspectives”. Mexico: Challenges for the New President. Vecinos Lecture Series. Rice University (October 20).
- With Beatriz Magaloni, Aila Matanock, Vidal Romero. “Living in Fear: Mapping the Social Embeddedness of Drug Gangs and Violence in Mexico”. Violence, Drugs and Governance: Mexican Security in Comparative Perspective. Stanford University (October 4).
- With Justin Levitt. The Territoriality of Public Health Governance in Mexico. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Seattle (September 1-4).
- With Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler. Local Governance Structures, Civic Engagement and the Distribution of Public Goods. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Seattle (September 1-4).
- With Saumitra Jha. “Global Trade, Contracts and Poverty Alleviation in Indigenous Communities: Cochineal in Mexico”. Space and Place in Latin American History Conference. University of California, San Diego (May 20).
- “Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico”. The Impact of Colonial and Post-Independence Institutions on Economic Development in Latin America. SIPA, Columbia University (March 3-4).
- With Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler, “Traditional Governance and Public Goods: Generating Counterfactuals for Assessing Institutional Effects”, New Methodologies and Their Applications in Comparative Politics and International Relations, Princeton University (February 4-5).

2010

- “Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico”, Latin America and Caribbean Economic Association Meeting, Medellin, Colombia (November 11-13)

“Poverty, Governance and the Provision of Local Public Goods”, International Conference on Localizing the Millenium Development Goals: Local Agendas for Human Development organized by UNDP, SEDESOL and the Government of Chiapas, Chiapas, Mexico (28-30 July).

With Beatriz Magaloni and Alex Ruiz Euler, “Information, Female Empowerment and Governance in Oaxaca, Mexico” Redistribution, Public Goods & Political Market Failures, Yale University (April 9-10)

With Ruth Kricheli an Beatriz Magaloni), “Democracy, Autocracy and Fertility” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC (September 2-5)

2009

Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico. Center for Latin American Studies. University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, California (February 9),

With Beatriz Magaloni, “International influences in the Mexican (failed and successful) transitions to democracy”. presented at the Conference Evaluating International Influences on Democratic Development”. Center for Democracy Development and Rule of Law (CDDRL), Stanford University (March 5-6).

Conditional Cash Transfer Programs and the fight against poverty in Latin America. Conference on Inequality, Poverty and Democracy. Bratislava, Slovak Republic (April 26-28).

Why Developing Countries Sabotage Economic Growth: Land Reform in Mexico. Research Group on Political Institutions and Economic Policy, Princeton University, Princeton, New York (May 16).

Indian Identity, Poverty and Colonial Development in Mexico. The Great Death Conference. UCSD, San Diego, California (Also presented on January 21, 2009 in the Mexico Seminar at UCSD) (June 4).

Direct Democracy, Decentralization and Governance in Indigenous Communities in Mexico. Initiative for Policy Dialogue Decentralization Task Force. Columbia University, New York (June 10-11).

Developing Institutions in Limited Access Orders: Mexico Case Study. Workshop on Limited Access Orders. World Bank. Washington, DC (September 16).

Political Economy Analysis of Averting the Resource Curse: Mexico Case Study. Workshop Myths and Realities of Commodity Dependence. World Bank. Washington, DC (September 16-17).

Decentralization and local governance: Indigenous Communities in Mexico. RTI-Duke-Carolina workshop on decentralization, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (September 24).

La infraestructura social y el sesgo de cabecera municipal. Seminario Ramo 33 de CONEVAL. Colegio de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico (September 25).

Democracy Audits and Governmental Indicators” Conference at the Goldman School of the University of California, Berkeley (October 30-31st).

Before 2009

- With Beatriz Magaloni, "The Core Voter Model: Evidence from Mexico" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the APSA 2008 Annual Meeting, Hynes Convention Center, Boston (August 28, 2008).
- "Federalismo y desigualdad territorial: Economía política del diseño de transferencias compensatorias", Foro de Federalismo Hacendario y Descentralización de las Finanzas Públicas, Chihuahua, México (August 1st, 2008)
- With Beatriz Magaloni and Federico Estevez, "Poverty and Vote Buying: The Politics of Social Transfers in Mexico, 1989-2006", (presented at the conference "Distributive Politics and Development", Stanford, Sept 22-23, 2006).
- With Pablo Beramendi, "Distributive Tensions in Developing Federations", (102nd Meeting of the American Political Science Association Meeting, Philadelphia, August 31-September 3, 2006).
- With Beatriz Magaloni and Federico Estevez, "Clientelism as Risk Hedging". (Poverty, Democracy and Clientelism: The Political Economy of Vote Buying, Bellagio Conference Center, November 28-December 2, 2005).
- "Accountability and Local Public Goods in Mexico" (Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 1-4 2005).
- "Fiscal Centralization, Political Institutions and the Territoriality of Local Public Goods Provision in Europe in the 20th Century". (Political Institutions and Public Policy, Princeton University, May 7 2005).
- "Mexican Federalism and the Institutionalization of the Politics of Governors", (Democratic Institutions in Latin America: Implications for Mexico's Evolving Democracy, University of California, San Diego, March 5-6 2005).
- "Federalism and Democratic Accountability in Mexico" (Democratic Accountability and Rule of Law in Mexico, Stanford University, October 7, 2004)
- "The Centralization of Fiscal Authority: An Empirical Investigation of Popitz's Law" (Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2004).
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