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Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Economics and Political Science, ITAM	2021-
Visiting Professor, Toulouse School of Economics and Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse	2020-2021
Associate Professor of Government, Harvard University	2017-2021
Assistant Professor of Government, Harvard University	2013-17
Associate of the Center for African Studies, Harvard University	2021-
Associate of the Evidence for Policy Design, Harvard University	2020-
Associate of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies	2015 -
Associate of the Center for International Development, Harvard University	2014-
Associate of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University	2013-
Associate of the Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University	2013-

Education

Ph.D., Economics, MIT, June 2013. Thesis Title: “*Essays in the Role of Networks in Political Economy.*”
Supervisors: Daron Acemoglu, Esther Duflo, Tavneet Suri
M.Sc. Economics and Finance (Distinction), Center of Monetary and Financial Studies, June 2007
B.Sc. (*Honors*), Economics, University of Buenos Aires, December 2004

Honors and Awards (above \$10,000 and since Ph.D. completion):

2020 Harvard Data Science Initiative, \$15,000
2020 Foundations of Human Behavior, \$40,000
2020 Harvard Data Science Initiative, \$96,062
2020 US Department of State (via Internews), \$40,000
2019 Research Incubation Grant from the WCFIA, \$30,000
2019 Michael VanRooyen Student Outreach Award
2018 Medium Grants for Faculty Conferences from the WCFIA, \$20,000
2017 JPAL Governance Initiative, \$21,000
2017 United States Agency for International Development, \$84,500
2017 Spencer Foundation Small Research Grant, \$50,000
2017 Foundations of Human Behavior, \$40,000
2016 Dean's Competitive Fund for Promising Scholarship, \$49,800
2016 Medium Grants for Faculty Research Projects from the WCFIA, \$25,000
2016 Weiss Family Program Fund, \$24,160
2016 Anonymous donor, \$92,291 (details available upon request)
2016 International Growth Center, £126,779
2016 Faculty Research-Semester Leave from the WCFIA
2016 Mindich Experimental Social Science Grant, \$21,175
2015 JPAL Governance Initiative, \$59,560
2014 Banamex Prize for Research in Economics on Mexico
2015 JPAL Governance Initiative, \$302,743
2015 Anonymous donor, \$130,000 (details available upon request)
2015 Fiona McGillivray Award for the best Political Economy paper at APSA

2015 Star Prize for Excellence in Advising in the Category of Faculty Advising

2014 Experiments in Governance and Politics Network (EGAP) Regranting Initiative, \$237,354

2014 CAF Research Program on State Capacity, Policy Implementation and Development, \$15,000

2014 World Bank Seed Grant, \$25,000

2013-2019 Harvard IQSS Undergraduate Research Scholars Program Grant, ~\$20,000.

Published and Forthcoming Papers

1. “Parties, Brokers and Voter Mobilization: How Turnout Buying Depends Upon the Party's Capacity to Monitor Brokers,” with John Marshall and Pablo Querubin. **American Political Science Review**, **110(1)**, February 2016:160-179. [Link](#)
2. “Deliberate Disengagement: How Education Can Decrease Political Participation in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes,” with Kevin Croke, Guy Grossman, and John Marshall. **American Political Science Review**, **110(3)**, August 2016:579-600. [Link](#)
3. “The Effect of Education on Political Engagement in Weakly Institutionalized Democracies: Evidence from Nigeria,” with John Marshall. **Review of Economics and Statistics**, **99(3)**, July 2017:387-401. [Link](#)
4. “Relationships between Sickle Cell Trait, Malaria, and Educational Outcomes in Tanzania,” with Kevin Croke, Deus S. Ishengoma, Filbert Francis, Julie Makani, Mathias L. Kamugisha, John Lusingu, Martha Lemnge, Gunther Fink, Bruno P. Mmbando. **BMC Infectious Diseases**, **17(1)**, August 2017:568. [Link](#)
5. “Political Brokers: Partisans or Agents? Evidence from the Mexican Teachers' Union” with Cesar Montiel and Pablo Querubin. **American Journal of Political Science**, **61(4)**, October 2017:877-891. [Link](#)
6. “Agents of the Regime? Traditional Leaders and Electoral Behavior in South Africa,” with Daniel de Kadt. **Journal of Politics**, **80(2)**, April 2018:382-399. [Link](#)
7. “Leveling the Playing Field: How Campaign Advertising Can Help Non-Dominant Parties,” with John Marshall and James Snyder. **Journal of European Economic Association**, **16(6)**, December 2018:1812–1849. [Link](#)
8. “Social Networks and Contract Enforcement: Evidence From a Lab Experiment in the Field,” with Arun Chandrasekhar and Cynthia Kinnan. **AEJ: Applied Economics**, **10(4)**, October 2018:43-78. [Link](#)
9. “A Signaling Theory of Distributive Policy Choice: Evidence from Senegal,” with Jessica Gottlieb, Guy Grossman and Benjamin Marx. **Journal of Politics**, **(81)2**, April 2019:631–647. [Link](#)
10. “How Social Networks Help Voters Coordinate Around Information Provision to Improve Electoral Accountability: Experimental Evidence from Mexico,” with Eric Arias, Pablo Balan, John Marshall, and Pablo Querubin. **American Political Science Review**, **113(2)**, May 2019:475-498. [Link](#)
11. “Voter Information Campaigns and Political Accountability: Cumulative Findings from a Pre-registered Meta-analysis of Coordinated Trials,” with Thad Dunning and 27 other collaborators. **Science Advances**, **5(7)**, July 2019:eaaw2612. [Link](#)
12. “Testing Models of Social Learning on Networks: Evidence from Two Experiments,” with Arun Chandrasekhar and Juan Pablo Xandri. **Econometrica**, **88(1)**, January 2020: 1-32. [Link](#)
13. “An Informational Theory of Electoral Targeting in Clientelistic Contexts: Evidence from Senegal,” with Jessica Gottlieb. **Quarterly Journal of Political Science**, **15(1)**, January 2020:73-104. [Link](#)
14. “Publicising Malfeasance: When the Local Media Structure Facilitates Electoral Accountability in Mexico,” with John Marshall and James M. Snyder, Jr. **The Economic Journal**, **130(631)**, October 2020:2291–2327. [Link](#)
15. “How Weakly Institutionalized Parties Monitor Brokers in Developing Democracies: Evidence from Post-conflict Liberia,” with Jeremy Bowles and Shelley Liu. **American Journal of Political Science**, **64(4)**, October 2020:952-967. [Link](#)
16. “Countering Misinformation Via WhatsApp Messages from a Trusted Source: Preliminary Evidence from the

COVID-19 Pandemic in Zimbabwe,” with Jeremy Bowles and Shelley Liu. **PLoS ONE 15(10), October 2020:e0240005** [Link](#)

17. “*Diffusing Political Concerns: How Unemployment Information Passed Between Social Ties Influences Danish Voters*,” with James E. Alt, Amalie Jensen, David D. Lassen, and John Marshall. Forthcoming at the **Journal of Politics**. [Link](#)
18. “*Able and Often Willing: An Empirical Anatomy of Information’s Effect on Voter Effort to Hold Politicians to Account in Senegal*,” with Abhit Bhandari and John Marshall. Forthcoming at the **American Journal of Political Science**. [Link](#)

Book and Handbook Chapters

19. “*When Does Information Increase Electoral Accountability? Lessons from a Field Experiment In Mexico*,” with Eric Arias, John Marshall and Pablo Querubin. Information, Accountability, and Cumulative Learning: Lessons from Metaketa I. Dunning, T., G. Grossman, M. Humphreys, S. Hyde, C. McIntosh, and G. Nellis (editors). 2019. **Cambridge University Press**. [Link](#)
20. “*Social Network Effects in Developing Countries*,” with Ceci Cruz and John Marshall. In the Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion. E. Suhay, Grofman, B., and A. H. Trechsel (editors). **Oxford University Press**. [Link](#)
21. “*The Incentives and Effects of Independent and Government-Controlled Media in the Developing World*,” with John Marshall. In the Oxford Handbook of Electoral Persuasion. E. Suhay, Grofman, B., and A. H. Trechsel (editors). **Oxford University Press**. [Link](#)

Revise and Resubmit Papers

22. “*Priors Rule: When do Malfeasance Revelations Help and Hurt Incumbent Parties?*” with Eric Arias, John Marshall, and Pablo Querubin. **Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of the European Economic Association**. [Link](#)
23. “*Network Centrality and Institutional Design: Evidence from a Lab Experiment in the Field*,” with Arun Chandrasekhar and Emily Breza. **Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of Public Economics** [Link](#)
24. “*Political Competition and State Capacity: Evidence from a Land Allocation Program in Mexico*,” with Leopoldo Fergusson and Juan Felipe Riaño. **Revise and Resubmit at the Economic Journal** [Link](#)

Working Papers

Clientelism and Vote Buying

25. “*Information Versus Control: The Electoral Consequences of Polling Place Creation*” Jeremy Bowles, Horacio Larreguy, and Anders Woller. [Link](#) **Under Review**
26. “*Brokering Votes with Information Spread Via Social Networks*,” with Raul Duarte, Frederico Finan and Laura Schechter. [Link](#)
27. “*Eat Widely, Vote Wisely? Lessons from a Campaign Against Vote Buying in Uganda*,” with Chris Blattman, Benjamin Marx, and Otis Reid. [Link](#) **Reject and Resubmit at the Review of Economic Studies**.
28. “*Breaking Clientelism or Rewarding Incumbents? Evidence from an Urban Titling Program in Mexico*,” with John Marshall and Laura Trucco. [Link](#)
29. “*Pre-Colonial Institutions, Chiefs and Clientelism in Sub-Saharan Africa*,” with Benjamin Marx and Carl Mueller-Crepon. [Link to preliminary and incomplete version](#)
30. “*Monitoring Political Brokers: Evidence from Clientelistic Networks in Mexico*.” [Link to preliminary and incomplete version](#)

Political Accountability and Media

31. “*Don't read all about it: Drug trafficking organizations and media reporting of violence in Mexico,*” with Christopher Lucas, John Marshall, and Zara Riaz. [Link](#)
32. “*Online Political Information: Facebook Ad Saturation and Electoral Accountability in Mexico,*” with José Ramón Enríquez, Horacio Larreguy, and Alberto Simpser. [Link](#)
33. “*Understanding the General Equilibrium Effects of Compulsory Voting on Policy: Evidence from Peru,*” with Miguel Angel Carpio, Beatriz Cordova and Julie A. Weaver. [Link](#)
34. “*Who Debates, Who Wins? At-Scale Experimental Evidence on the Supply of Policy Information in a Liberian Election,*” with Jeremy Bowles. [Link](#)
35. “*Does the Content and Mode of Delivery of Information Matter for Electoral Accountability? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Mexico,*” with Eric Arias, John Marshall, and Pablo Querubin. [Link](#)
36. “*Media Networks and Political Accountability: Evidence from Radio Networks in Brazil,*” with Joana Monteiro. [Link to preliminary and incomplete version](#)

Education and Political Participation

37. “*Missionary Competition, Education, and Long-run Political Development: Evidence from Africa,*” with Soeren Henn and Carlos Schmidt-Padilla. [Link to preliminary and incomplete version](#)
38. “*Education, Democratic Erosion, and Political Participation in Stable but Developing Democracies: Evidence from Senegal*” with Shelley Liu. [Link](#)

Networks

39. “*Peer Effects in Campaign Contributions: Evidence from the Members of the Corporate Boards of the S&P 1500 List,*” with Edoardo Teso. [Link to preliminary and incomplete version](#)

Development

40. “*Social Dissent, Coercive Capacity, and Redistribution: Evidence from Authoritarian Mexico,*” with Juan Felipe Riaño and Mariano Sánchez-Talanquer. [Link to preliminary and incomplete version](#)
41. “*You Get What You Pay For? When do Certification Programs Contribute to Increased Public Service Delivery?*” with Soeren J. Henn and John Marshall. [Link](#)
42. “*Taking One for the Team: Shocks at Destination and Household's Supply of Migrants,*” with Gustavo Fajardo and Emilio Gutierrez. [Link](#)
43. “*Information, Networks and Informal Insurance: Evidence from a Lab Experiment in the Field,*” with Arun Chandrasekhar and Cynthia Kinnan. [Link to preliminary and incomplete version](#)

Work in Progress (with results)

44. “*The Effect of Drug-Related Violence on Local State Capacity*” with Soeren J. Henn and John Marshall.
45. “*Building Supporting Coalitions of Elites in Autocracies: Evidence from Family Networks and Illegal Land Allocations in Paraguay,*” with Antonella Bandiera and Jorge Mangonnet.
46. “*Do Right Property Rights Lead to More Engaged Citizens: Evidence from Land Lottery in Argentina,*” with Antonella Bandiera and Jorge Mangonnet.
47. “*Vote Buying Leads to Corruption and Crowds Out Public Good Provision,*” with Archie Hall, John Marshall and Benjamin Marx.
48. “*What is the Logic Behind the Content and Targeting of Campaign Ads: Evidence from the Universe of Ads and Polls in the 2012 Mexican Federal Election,*” with John Marshall and José Ramon Morales Arilla.
49. “*When do Media Stations Support Electoral Accountability? A Field Experiment in Mexico,*” with Chris Lucas and John Marshall.
50. “*Authority,*” with Ernst Fehr and Daniel Schunk.

Teaching (G = graduate; U = undergraduate)

2013 – Fall: Formal Political Theory I (G), Political Economy Workshop (G)

2014 – Spring: Formal Political Theory II (G), Political Economy Workshop (G); Fall: Formal Political Theory I (G), Political Economy Workshop (G)

2015 – Spring: Formal Political Theory II (G), Political Economy Workshop (G); Fall: Academic Leave

2016 – Spring: Academic Leave; Fall: Parental Leave

2017 – Spring: Formal Political Theory II (G); Comparative Politics Seminar (G); Fall: Political Economy of Development (U)

2018 – Spring: Improving Governance in Developing Countries: What can We Learn from Experiments? (U); Fall: Parental Leave

2019 – Spring: Academic Leave; Fall: Improving Governance in Developing Countries: What can We Learn from Experiments? (U); Political Economy of Development (U)

2020 – Spring: Clientelism (U) ; Fall: Academic Leave.

2021 – Spring: Academic Leave; Fall: Improving Governance in Developing Countries: What can We Learn from Experiments? (U and G).

Professional Activities**Referee Services**

American Economic Journal: Applied Economics, American Economic Journal: Economic Policy, American Economic Review, American Economic Review: Insights, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, CONICYT Chile, Econometrica, Economic Development and Cultural Change, Economic Journal, Electoral Studies, European Political Science Review, International Economic Review, Journal of African Economics, Journal of Comparative Economics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Development Economics, Journal of Development Studies, Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of Law, Economics and Organization, Journal of Politics, Journal of Political Economy, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Theoretical Politics, Journal of the European Economic Association, J-PAL Governance Initiative, Latin American Politics and Society, PLOS One, Political Science Research and Methods, Press of the Economics Department of the Los Andes University, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Review of Economics and Statistics, Review of Economic Studies, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Spanish Economic Review, World Bank, World Politics.

Presentations

2010: Econometric Society World Congress, NEUDC, NSF–AERC–IGC Technical Session on Agriculture and Development in Kenya, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile.

2011: NEUDC.

2012: Harvard University (Job Talk), ITAM, NEUDC.

2013: EPSA, NEUDC, Northwestern University, US-Mexico Conference at UC San Diego, University of Pennsylvania, University of Warwick, University of Wisconsin, B-WGAPE.

2014: Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, Boston University, Columbia University, Economic History Conference at the Catholic University of Chile, FT & CP Conference at Washington University in St. Louis, Political Economy Seminar and DRCLAS Workshop at Harvard University, LACEA-PEG, MPSA, NEUDC, NEWEPS, NYU, UC Berkeley, B-WGAPE.

2015: AEA, Conference on Clientelism at UC Berkley, 4th Political Economy Conference at CIRPEE, Columbia University, Emory University, London Business School, MIT, MPSA, Nova Africa, Stanford GSB, UC Berkley, Yale University.

2016: APSA, Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, First Bruneck Workshop on the Political Economy of Federalism and Local Development at the Free University of Bozen – Bolzano, Georgetown University, Development Retreat at Harvard University, IIES, NEUDC, REPAL 2016, University of Maryland, Uppsala University, B-WGAPE, Workshop on Traditional Governance and Indigenous Peoples in Contemporary Politics at the University of Konstanz, World Bank.

2017: APSA, CAF – Development Bank of Latin America, Conference on PE of Development within WPSA, Conference on State Capacity in Comparative Perspective at Harvard University, Universitat de Barcelona, Duke University/University of North Carolina, ITAM, Northwestern University, Ryerson University, University College of London, University of Houston, University of Toronto, V Conference on the Political Economy of Development and Conflict at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, PE of Development Conference at the University of Warwick, WGAPE hosted by NYU-Abu Dhabi.

2018: APSA, CAF – Development Bank of Latin America, EGAP, Institute of Political Economy and Governance/Universitat Pompeu Fabra, LSE, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Parish School of Economics/Sciences Po, Stanford University, Toulouse School of Economics/Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, University of British Columbia, Wallis Conference on Political Economy at Rochester University.

2019: EGAP, ETH, Emory University, Georgetown University, Conference on the Frontiers of Clientelism at Harvard University, MIT, National Democratic Institute, New Economic School, NYU-CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, PolMeth, Princeton University, SPSA, University of Oxford, University of Virginia, University of Oxford CESS Winter School, University of Zurich, Yale University.

2020: Bocconi University, Clientelism Workshop at Duke University, Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, ITAM, Madrid Political Economy Workshop, MIT, Toulouse School of Economics, UCLA, UCSD, Universidad de San Andres, University of Nottingham, University of Oxford, WGAPE.

2021: Bologna University (s), Einaudi Institute for Economics and Finance (s), European University Institute, Fundação Getulio Vargas (s), Insper (s), Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse (s), Political Economy Workshop at the Norwegian Business School BI (s), Toulouse School of Economics (s), University of Copenhagen (s), University of Michigan (s).

Invited Discussions

2016: Experimental Political Science Conference at Harvard University, PE Conference at Columbia University.

2017: Brussels Political Economy Conference at the Université libre de Bruxelles

2018: Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference at Yale University.

Professional Service

Committee Membership

Graduate Student Research Grants Selection Committee, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, 2020

Mid-dissertation Grants Selection Committee, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2020

Committee of APSA's McGillivray Best Paper Award, APSA, 2019

Committee of APSA's Best Dissertation Award in Experimental Research, APSA, 2018

Committee of the Mexico Program, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, 2018 -

Committee of the Mexico, Central America, and Caribbean Program, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, 2015 – 2018

Committee on Higher Degrees in Political Economy and Government, Harvard University, 2014–
Junior Search Committee, Department of Government, Harvard University, 2015

Conferences and Workshops

Organizer, Conference on the Frontiers of Clientelism, 2019
Co-organizer, Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, 2016
Co-organizer, Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science, 2014–
Co-organizer, Boston-Area Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE), 2013–

Editorial Work

Editorial Board of the American Journal of Political Science, 2017-2018
Associate Editor of the Economic Journal, 2020-

Other

Freshman Adviser, 2017-2018.
Consultant for the United States Agency for International Development.

Invited Membership

Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) research network, 2016 -
Special Invitee J-PAL Governance Initiative, 2013 -
Special Invitee J-PAL Crime and Violence Initiative. 2017 -
Special Invitee J-PAL Latin America and the Caribbean, 2017 -

Advisees and Placements

2016: John Marshall, Assistant Professor at Columbia University,
2018: Jonathan Weigel, Assistant Professor at the London School of Economics; Edoardo Teso, Assistant Professor at Northwestern University
2019: Soeren Henn, Postdoc at Innovations for Poverty Action/University of Chicago
2020: Shelley Liu, Assistant Professor at UC Berkeley; Julie Weaver, Postdoc at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University.
2021: Pablo Balán, TBD; Jeremy Bowles, Postdoc at the Stanford King Center on Global Development, Stanford University; Audrey Latura, Visiting Fellow, Harvard University; Alice Xu, TBD.

Current: Raul Duarte (PEG), José Ramón Enríquez (PEG), Alyssa Huberts, José Ramon Morales Arilla (PP), Salvador Ascencio Pastora (PEG).

External Examiner (Institution) and Placement

2019: Carl Müller-Crepon (ETH Zurich), Lecturer in International Relations at Oxford University
2020: Antonella Bandiera (New York University), 2020, Assistant Professor at ITAM; Anders Woller (University of Copenhagen), 2020, Postdoc at University of Copenhagen