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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Assistant Professor, University of Houston, Department of Political Science, **2026-Present**

- Assistant Professor, California Institute of Technology, Division of Humanities and Social Sciences, **August 2017-2026**

- Post-Doctoral Associate, Cowles Foundation for Research in Economics, Yale University, **September 2016-July 2017**

EDUCATION

- *Ph.D.* in Political Economy
  Princeton University, Princeton NJ, **September 2016**.
  Dissertation: *Deliberation in Collective Decision-Making: The Case of the FOMC.*
  Dissertation Committee: Matías Iaryczower (Chair), Adam Meirowitz, Kosuke Imai.

- *M.A.* in Politics
  Princeton University, Princeton NJ, **2010-2013**.
  Research Fields: Political Economy, Formal and Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics.

- *B.A.* in Economics (Graduated with Honors)
  Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico, **2002-2007**.
  Dissertation: *Inefficiencies in the Peso-Dollar Exchange Rate Market: Is it Risk Premia or Irrationality?*

- *B.A.* in Politics (Graduated with Honors)
  Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), Mexico, **2002-2007**.
  Dissertation: *Globalization, External Risk, and Government Spending Around the World.*

WORKING PAPERS

- "Career Concerns in Collective Decision-Making: The Federal Open Market Committee" (with Matías Iaryczower and Paola Moscariello). *Under Review.*

- "Party Discipline across Electoral Mandates and Career Concerns: Theory and Evidence from Votes and Speech in the Mexican Congress" (with Camila Blanes). *Under Review.*

- "Social Learning and Sequential Deliberation in Policy-Making: Evidence from the FOMC"

- "Money and Votes in Electoral Competition: Evidence from the US Senate" (with Ted Enamorado and Matías Iaryczower)

WORK IN PROGRESS

- "Chasing Eyeballs: The Role of Consumer Advertising in Shaping Political Polarization" (with Sergio Montero and Matt Shum)

- "Scaling Votes and Words from the FOMC" (with Ted Enamorado and Marc Ratkovic)
- "Campaign Issues and Media Coverage" (with Matías Iaryczower and Sergio Montero)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Learning through Imitation: An Experiment" (with Marina Agranov, Philipp Strack and Omer Tamuz). *Journal of Economic Theory* (2026), Vol. 235, 106203.

- "Social Learning Behind Closed Doors: Evidence from Seniority Voting in the US Supreme Court" (with Benjamin Johnson). *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* (2025), published online.

- "Career Concerns and the Dynamics of Electoral Accountability" (with Matías Iaryczower and Adam Meirowitz). *American Journal of Political Science* (2024), 68, 696-713.

- "Sleeping with the Enemy: Effective Representation under Dynamic Electoral Competition" (with Anderson Frey and Sergio Montero). *American Journal of Political Science* (2023), 67(4), 915-931.

- "Scaling Data from Multiple Sources" (with Ted Enamorado and Marc Ratkovic). *Political Analysis* (2021) Vol. 29, pp. 212-235.

- "Policy Deliberation and Voter Persuasion: Experimental Evidence from an Election in the Philippines" (with Leonard Wantchekon, Daniel Rubenson, Thomas Fujiwara and Cecilia Pe Lero). *American Journal of Political Science* (2022), 66(1), 59-74.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- "Forecast Revisions of Mexican Inflation and GDP Growth." *International Journal of Forecasting*, Vol. 30, Issue 2, Apr-Jun 2014, pp. 177-191 (with C. Capistrán).

- "The Macroeconomic Expectations of Experts: An Evaluation of Mexican Short-run Forecasts." *El Trimestre Económico*, Vol. 77, No.2, pp. 275-312 (Banco de México Working Paper No. 2008-11) [in Spanish] (with C. Capistrán).

- "Inefficiencies in the Peso-Dollar Exchange Rate Market: Is it Risk Premia or Irrationality?". *La Gaceta de Economía*, No. 26, Spring 2009 [in Spanish] (with A. San Martín).

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Mexico's National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT) Dissertation Completion Funding Award (2015).
- Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship, competitive award "for the highest scholarly excellence in graduate work" by The Graduate School, Princeton University, **2014-2015**.
- Formal and Quantititative Methods Graduate Fellowship by the Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science, Princeton University, **2014-present**.
- Lassen Fellowship in Latin American Studies, competitive award "guided by a departamental assessment of overall potential for success" by The Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University, **2010-2011**.
- Graduate Fellowship by the Politics Department, Princeton University, **2010-present**.
- National Prize of Derivatives, First Place in B.A. Thesis Category, Mexican Stock Exchange, **2009**.
- National Prize in Economics, Second Place in B.A. Thesis Category, Banamex Citigroup, **2009**.

REFEREE SERVICE

American Economic Review, American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Econometrica, Economic Governance, Games and Economic Behavior, International Economic Review, International Journal of Forecasting, International Organization, Journal of Applied Econometrics, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Political Analysis, Journal of Politics, El Trimestre Económico.

PRESENTATIONS

- APSA Conference, September, 2025.
- ITAM PE Conference, August, 2025.
- Princeton-Warwick-Yale PE Conference, May, 2025.
- University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, November, 2024.
- UC Berkeley Political Science Department, October, 2024.
- Political Economy and Institutions Workshop (Caltech), July, 2024.
- ITAM Summer Conference, August, 2023.
- Yale University Voting and Governance Conference, April, 2023.
- Caltech Empirical Models in Politial Economy Conference, February, 2023.
- Stanford University, February, 2023.
- American Law and Economic Association, August, 2022.
- UC Berkeley Haas School of Business, September, 2021.
- University of Southern California, February, 2021.
- University of British Columbia, October, 2020.
- Washington University in St. Louis, November, 2019.
- Columbia University, October, 2019.
- MEDS, Nortwestern University June, 2019.
- Tilburg University, May,2018.
- Deliberation Conference, IAST, May,2018.
- Warwick-Princeton Political Economy Conference, May,2018.
- California Institute of Technology, October 2017.
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2017.
- Wallis Institute of Political Economy, University of Rochester, October 2016.

- Leitner Political Economy Seminar, Yale University, September 2016.
- Barcelona Graduate School of Economics Forum, June 2016.
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2016.
- Stanford Graduate Business School, November 2015.
- ITAM Political Science Research Seminar, November 2015.
- University of Rochester, October 2015.
- California Institute of Technology, October 2015.
- American Political Science Association Conference, September
- Political Methodology Summer Meeting, July 2015 (Poster Presentation).
- Yale University CSAP American Politics Conference, June 2015 (Poster Presentation).
- Princeton University QAPS Research Seminar, May, 2015.
- ITAM Political Science Research Seminar, April 2015.
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2015.
- Comparative and International Political Economy of the Emergent Nations at FGV/EBAPE (Rio de Janeiro), March 2015.
- Experiments in Governance and Politics (EGAP) 12, October 2014.
- Bank of Mexico's Research Division, May 2014.
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference, March 2014.
- Bobst Center at Princeton University, March 2014.
- Midwest Political Science Association Conference, April 2013.

TEACHING

- Topics in Political Economy (Graduate)
  Instructor, Caltech, **Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025**.

- Empirical Models in Political Economy (Graduate)
  Instructor, Caltech, **Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2024, Spring 2025**.

- Comparative Politics (Undergraduate)
  Instructor, Caltech, **Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024**.

- Freshman Scholars Institute
  Tutor, Princeton University, **Summer 2015**.

- Politics Math Camp (Graduate)
  Instructor, Princeton University, **Summer 2014**.

- Quantitative Analysis I (Graduate)
  Assistant Instructor, Princeton University, **Fall 2013** (Professor David Carter).

- Quantitative Analysis I (Graduate)
  Assistant Instructor, Princeton University, **Fall 2012** (Professor Adam Meirowitz).

- Topics in Time-Series Econometrics (Undergraduate)
  Assistant Instructor, ITAM, **2009**.

- Intermediate Microeconomics (Undergraduate)
  Assistant Instructor, ITAM, **2005-2008**.

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- Co-organizer of the Political Institutions and Economic Policy (PIEP) Conference, **2024–Present**
- Caltech Social Sciences PhD Admissions Committee, **2019,2022**
- Co-organizer of the Bray Social Science Seminar, **2017–Present**

ADVISING

- Shunto Kobayashi (Assistant Professor Questrom School of Business, BU)
- Camila Blanes (ABD, Stanford GSB)

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Research Economist at the Economic Research Division, Central Bank of Mexico, Mexico, **2006-2010**.

REFERENCES

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