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INFORMATION

Department of Political Science 429 Philip Guthrie Hoffman Hall

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Houston. Department of Political Science.

Assistant Professor, beginning September 2013.

EDUCATION

University of California, San Diego.

Ph.D., Political Science, 2013.

University of California, San Diego.

M.A., Political Science, 2009.

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. Licenciatura en Ciencia Política, 2004.

PUBLICATIONS

"Identifying Electoral Irregularities in Mexican Local Elections." Forthcoming in *American Journal of Political Science*.

"Methodological Considerations for Students of Mexican Legislative Politics: Selection Bias in Roll-Call Publications." *Política y Gobierno*, Vol. XXI, No. 1, 2014 (with Scott Desposato and Eric Magar).

"The Rise of Federal Politics in Mexico's Legislative Branch." *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, Vol. 19, No. 4: 3-38, 2012 (with Scott Desposato).

"Fraudulent Democracy? An Analysis of Argentina's Infamous Decade using Supervised Machine Learning." *Political Analysis*, Vol. 19, No. 4: 409-433, 2011 (with Sebastián Saiegh).

WORKING PAPERS

"Risk and Reward: The Short-Term Risks and the Long-Term Benefits of Authoritarian Elections" (with Paul Schuler and Dimitar Gueorguiev).

"Cheating and Losing: Electoral Fraud in Competitive Elections."

"Individual and Contextual Determinants of Perceived Electoral Integrity in Mexico" (with Omar García-Ponce).

"Comparative Forensics in the 2008 Bolivian Recall Referendum."

"The Menu of Detecting Manipulation: A Comparative Analysis of Electoral Forensics."

"Working for Locals? Patterns of Committee Assignment and Legislative Activity in Spain" (with Pedro Riera).

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE *Instructor*: Introduction to Comparative Politics, UH; Politics in Mexico, UCSD; Politics in the Southern Cone of Latin America, UCSD.

Teaching Assistant: Math Bootcamp for Incoming Grad Students; Introduction to Comparative Politics (Professor Kaare Strøm.); Analyzing Politics (Professor Sebastián Saiegh); World Poverty (Pro-

fessor Stephan Haggard); Political Inquiry (Professors Scott Desposato and Peter Galderisi); Power and Justice (Professor Fonna Forman-Barzilai).

Research Assistant: Marisa Abrajano (2013); Kaare Strøm (2010); Sebastián Saiegh (2009); Katrina Burguess (2008); Federico Estévez (2003-2004)

GRANTS

FELLOWSHIPS AND Fellowships and Scholarships: Mexican Ministry of Education (2007-2010); National Counsel of Science and Technology (2007-2012); Bret Harte International Fellowship (2007-2008); Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (2000-2003).

Grants: The Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies, 2010.

CONFERENCE **PRESENTATIONS** AND TALKS

Conferences: American Political Science Association (2010-2013); Midwest Political Science Association (2009-2013); Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies Corruption Symposium (2013); UCLA Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics (2012); Southern California Comparative Political Institutions (2012); Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (2010); The Alexander Hamilton Center for Political Economy, NYU (2010).

Talks: University of Houston (2012); CIDE (2012); ITAM (2012); University of San Diego (2011).

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

American Journal of Political Science, Political Research Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Latin American Politics and Society, Perfiles Latinoamericanos, Revista Mexicana de Sociología.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Elections, Political Economy, Democratization, Comparative Institutions, Latin America, Causal Inference, Economic Development.