

## Jessica Zarkin

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- EDUCATION** Ph.D, Cornell University, 2022, (Government)
- Dissertation: *Who Wears the Badge? Why Politicians Militarize Policing and Public Safety*.
- Comparative Politics (major), Methods (minor)  
Committee: Gustavo Flores-Macías (chair), Kenneth Roberts, Jeremy Wallace, and Peter Enns.
- M.A., Cornell University, 2018, (Government)  
B.A., ITAM, 2014 (Political Science, with honors)  
B.A., ITAM, 2013 (International Relations, with honors)
- PEER REVIEWED** “The Militarization of Law Enforcement: Evidence from Latin America” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías). 2021. *Perspectives on Politics* 19 (2): 519-53.
- “Explaining Public Support for Militarizing Law Enforcement: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Mexico” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías). 2021. *British Journal of Political Science* (doi:10.1017/S0007123421000259).
- WORKING PAPERS** “The Silent Militarization: Explaining the Logic of Military Members’ Appointment as Police Chiefs.” (Revise and Resubmit).
- “The Consequences of Militarized Policing for Human Rights: Evidence from Mexico” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías). (Under Review).
- “The Importance of Managerial Quality for Police Organizations” (with Rodrigo Canales and Cosma Gabaglio). (Revise and Resubmit).
- “Military or Civilian? The Changing Forces of Police Departments and Bureaucratic Destabilization in Mexico.”
- “Are There Reputational Returns to Militarizing Public Safety? Survey Evidence from Latin America.”
- “Who Governs Policing? Mayors’ Strategic Linkages to Police in Latin America” (with Yanilda González).
- “Procedural Justice Training and the Guardian Mindset: Evidence from the Mexico City Police” (with Rodrigo Canales and Lluvia González).
- SHORT ARTICLES AND COMMENTARY** 2016. “Centralizing the Police Force: What it Means for Mexico’s Narco Violence.” *Cornell Policy Review* (October 5).

2016. “La Necesidad de la Perspectiva de Género.” *Milenio* (February 1st).
2015. “Desaparecidos” (with José Merino y Eduardo Fierro). *Nexos* (January 1st).
- 2013-2015. Blog “Salir de Dudas” (over 20 short articles, with José Merino, Eduardo Fierro and Alexis Cherem). *Animal Político*.
2013. “Marcado para Morir” (with José Merino y Eduardo Fierro). *Nexos* (July 1st).

## CONFERENCE

- American Political Science Association, 2019  
 Empirical Management Conference, 2018  
 International Studies Association, 2021  
 Latin American Peace Science Society, 2022  
 Latin American Studies Association, 2018, 2022  
 Latin American Studies Program, 2017, 2018  
 Leuven-Montreal Winter School on Elections, 2018  
 Midwest Political Science Association, 2015, 2018  
 Peace and Security in a Globalized World Workshop (Stockholm University), 2016.  
 Politics of Policing, 2019  
 Pre-LASA Defense, Public Security and Democracy Conference, 2022  
 REPAL, 2021  
 Strategy Science Conference, 2020

## INVITED TALKS

2021. “The Silent Militarization: Explaining the Logic of Military Members’ Appointment as Police Chiefs.” WZB Berlin Social Science Center–Transformations of Democracy Unit.
2020. “The Militarization of Law Enforcement.” University of Houston (Francisco Cantú).
2020. “The Consequences of Militarized Policing for Human Rights: Evidence from Mexico.” Harvard’s Security Study Group.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2021, Sage Fellowship.
- 2020-2021, Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Security, Intelligence, and Governance (CESIG) at ITAM.
- 2020, Kahin Prize, Cornell University.
- 2020, National Science Foundation Political Science Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant.
- 2018, Andrew Kohut Fellowship Program in Public Opinion & Survey Research.
- 2018, Experimental study selected for CIDE’s Social Science Experimentation Unit’s Omnibus Study in Mexico.
- 2018, 4th Victor D’Hondt prize for the best student paper presented at the Leuven-Montreal Winter School.

2017, Houston I. Flournoy Graduate Fellowship.

2015, Sage Fellowship.

## TEACHING

Instructor, undergraduate

- Introduction to Comparative Politics (ITAM, 2018).
- Foreign Languages Across the Curriculum, Spanish (Cornell, 2016-2018)

Teaching Assistant, graduate

- Introduction to Statistics (Cornell, 2017)

Teaching Assistant, undergraduate

- Electoral (Mal) Practice (Cornell, 2018)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Cornell, 2017)
- American Political Campaigns (Cornell, 2016)

## NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

*Researcher Manager*

2018-2020

Innovations for Poverty Action, Mexico City

- Project: *Building Effective, Resilient and Trusted Police Organizations in Mexico*. Rodrigo Canales (PI), Yale School of Management.
- Project and research management.
- Head of a twelve-person research team. Research activities included fieldwork, qualitative and quantitative analysis.
- Academic, policy, and public-facing writing.
- Communication with funding partners and government agencies.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022-2024, Executive Committee Member on the Defense, Public Security, and Democracy Section at LASA.

2021-2022, Professionalization Coordinator (Government, Cornell University).

2020-present, Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Latin American Politics*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *The Journal of Politics*

2016, Comparative Politics Graduate Student Representative (Cornell University).

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programs: Stata, R, NVivo, QGIS.

Languages: Spanish (native), English (advanced), Portuguese (intermediate).