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EDUCATION	Cornell University	2022
	Ph.D: Government Major subfield: Comparative Politics Minor subfield: Methods	
	Dissertation: <i>Who Wears the Badge? Why Politicians Militarize Policing and Public Safety.</i>	
	Cornell University	2018
	M.A.: Government	
	Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)	2013
	B.A.: Political Science (with honors) B.A.: International Relations (with honors)	
ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT	Claremont McKenna College Assistant Professor of Government	2022-present
PEER REVIEWED	“Who Governs Policing? Mayors’ Strategic Linkages to Police in Latin America” (with Yanilda González). 2024. <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> . OnlineFirst.	
	“The Consequences of Militarized Policing for Human Rights: Evidence from Mexico” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías). 2024. <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> 57 (3): 387–418.	
	“The Silent Militarization: Explaining the Logic of Military Members’ Appointment as Police Chiefs.” 2023. <i>Comparative Politics</i> 55 (4): 549–572.	
	“Explaining Public Support for Militarizing Law Enforcement: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Mexico” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías). 2022. <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> 52 (3): 1377–1397.	
	“The Militarization of Law Enforcement: Evidence from Latin America” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías). 2021. <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 19 (2): 519–53.	
WORKING PAPERS	“Why Do Citizens Support Ineffective Military Policing Policies? Evidence from Field and Survey Experiments in Colombia.” (with Rob Blair and Michael Weintraub) (Under Review)	
	“Security is on the Upswing; Who Should Get the Credit? Insights from Mexico	

City Residents.”

“Decentralize Policing? Insights from Mexico City Residents.”

“The Importance of Managerial Quality for Police Organizations” (with Rodrigo Canales).

“Procedural Justice Training and the Guardian Mindset: Evidence from the Mexico City Police” (with Rodrigo Canales).

SHORT ARTICLES AND COMMENTARY

2023. “Are Militaries More Respectful of Human Rights than the Police?” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías). *Political Violence at a Glance* (April 10).

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 AND WORKSHOPS

American Political Science Association	2019 (p), 2023 (p,d), 2024 (p,d)
International Studies Association	2021 (p)
Latin American Peace Science Society	2022 (p)
Latin American Studies Association	2018 (p), 2022 (p), 2023 (p)
Latin American Studies Program	2017 (p), 2018 (p)
Latin Americanist Workshop at CMC	2022 (o), 2023 (o,p)
Leuven-Montreal Winter School on Elections	2018 (p)
Midwest Political Science Association	2015 (p)
Peace and Security in a Globalized World Workshop	2016 (p)
Politics of Policing	2019 (p)
Pre-LASA Defense, Public Security, and Democracy Conference	2022 (p)
REPAL	2021 (p)
Urban Politics in the Global South Workshop	2022 (p), 2023 (d)

p = presenter, d = discussant, o = organizer

INVITED TALKS

2024. “Security is on the Upswing; Who Should Get the Credit? Insights from Mexico City Residents.” Speaker Series at UC Riverside. *

2024. “Discussion on the Mexican Election.” Organized by the Keck Center, Claremont McKenna College.

2024. “Security is on the Upswing; Who Should Get the Credit? Insights from Mexico City Residents.” In the Violence, Inequality, and Democracy in the America Speaker Series at the Center for Inter-American Policy and Research (CIPR), Tulane University.

2023. “Who Governs Policing? Mayors’ Strategic Linkages to Police in Latin America.” In the Crime and Policing in Comparative Perspective Conference, University of Pennsylvania.

2023. “Mexico and the Military Today.” Katz Center for Mexican Studies, University of Chicago.

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

Claremont McKenna College:

Research Methods

Fall 2024

Latin American Politics and Society

Spring 2023, ‘2024

Mexican Politics and Government

Fall 2022, ‘2023, ‘2024

Introduction to Comparative Government

Fall 2022, ‘2023

Honors Thesis Seminar

F-S 2022-2023, ‘2023-2024

ITAM:

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Fall 2018

Cornell:
Foreign Languages Across the Curriculum, Spanish 2016-2018

Teaching Assistant

Cornell:
Introduction to Statistics Spring 2017
Electoral (Mal)Practice Spring 2018
Introduction to Comparative Politics Spring 2017
American Political Campaigns Fall 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 and qualitative and quantitative analysis.
- Academic, policy, and public-facing writing.
- Communication with funding partners and government agencies.

**SERVICE TO
THE
PROFESSION**

2023-2025, Executive Committee Member on the Urban and Local Politics Section at APSA.

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

2020-present, Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Latin American Politics*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Policing & Society*, *Political Science Research and Methods*

**SERVICE TO
THE COLLEGE**

Claremont McKenna College

Administration Committee member 2023-[2025]
CMC New Faculty Orientation Panelist Aug 2023
“Coffee with faculty,” IR representative Apr 2023
Claremont International Relations Society invited speaker Nov 2022, Apr 2024

Cornell University

Professionalization Coordinator, Government Department 2021-2022
Comparative Politics Graduate Student Representative 2016-2017

**TECHNICAL
SKILLS**

Programs: Stata, R, NVivo, QGIS.

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