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EDUCATION Ph.D, Cornell University, 2022, (Government)
M.A., Cornell University, 2018, (Government)
B.A., ITAM, 2014 (Political Science, with honors)
B.A., ITAM, 2013 (International Relations, with honors)

ACADEMIC *Claremont McKenna College*
EMPLOYMENT 2022 – Assistant Professor of Government

PEER “The Consequences of Militarized Policing for Human Rights: Evidence from Mex-
REVIEWED ico” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías). 2023. *Comparative Political Studies*. OnlineFirst.

“The Silent Militarization: Explaining the Logic of Military Members’ Appointment
as Police Chiefs.” 2023. *Comparative Politics*. FastTrack.

“Explaining Public Support for Militarizing Law Enforcement: Evidence from a Con-
joint Experiment in Mexico” (with Gustavo Flores-Macías). 2022. *British Journal of
Political Science* 52 (3): 1377–1397.

“The Militarization of Law Enforcement: Evidence from Latin America” (with Gus-
tavo Flores-Macías). 2021. *Perspectives on Politics* 19 (2): 519–53.

WORKING “Who Governs Policing? Mayors’ Strategic Linkages to Police in Latin America”
PAPERS (with Yanilda González).

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

“Military or Civilian? The Changing Forces of Police Departments and Bureau-
cratic Destabilization in Mexico.”

“Are There Reputational Returns to Militarizing Public Safety? Survey Evidence
from Latin America.”

“Procedural Justice Training and the Guardian Mindset: Evidence from the Mex-
ico City Police” (with Rodrigo Canales and Lluvia González).

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

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

Urban Politics in the Global South Workshop, 2022

INVITED TALKS

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

- Honors Thesis Seminar (Claremont McKenna College, Fall 2022, Spring 2023)
- Latin American Politics and Society (Claremont McKenna College, Spring 2023)
- Mexican Politics and Government (Claremont McKenna College, Fall 2022)
- Intro to Comparative Government (Claremont McKenna College, Fall 2022)
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (ITAM, Fall 2018)
- Foreign Languages Across the Curriculum, Spanish (Cornell, 2016-2018)

Teaching Assistant, graduate

- Introduction to Statistics (Cornell, Spring 2017)

Teaching Assistant, undergraduate

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

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 Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Latin American Politics*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Perspectives on Politics*

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

**TECHNICAL
SKILLS**

Programs: Stata, R, NVivo, QGis.

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