

## Jessica Zarkin

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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* 55 (4): 549–572..

“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). (Under Review)

“Why Do Citizens Support Ineffective Military Policing Policies? Evidence from  
Field and Survey Experiments in Colombia.” (with Rob Blair and Michael Wein-  
traub) (Under Review)

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

“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, 2023
- Empirical Management Conference, 2018
- International Studies Association, 2021
- Latin American Peace Science Society, 2022
- Latin American Studies Association, 2018, 2022, 2023
- Latin American Studies Program, 2017, 2018
- Latin Americanist Workshop at CMC, 2022, 2023
- 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, 2023

**INVITED  
TALKS**

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

- Honors Thesis Seminar (Claremont McKenna College: Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023)
- Latin American Politics and Society (Claremont McKenna College: Spring 2023)
- Mexican Politics and Government (Claremont McKenna College: Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
- Intro to Comparative Government (Claremont McKenna College: Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
- 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

2023-2025, Executive Council 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.

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*, *Political Science Research and Methods*

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

**TECHNICAL  
SKILLS**

Programs: Stata, R, NVivo, QGIS.

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