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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2018- **Predocctoral Fellow, University of California at Berkeley**
Evidence in Governance and Politics

EDUCATION

2019 **Ph.D., Political Science (expected), Columbia University**
Dissertation: “Essays on the Distributive Politics of Bureaucracy”
Major: Comparative Politics (with Distinction)
Minor: Political Economy (Formal Theory)

2016 **M.Phil., Political Science, Columbia University**

2014 **M.A., Political Science, Columbia University**

2012 **B.A., Political Science (with Honors), Rice University**
B.M., Music Performance (Violin), Rice University
Magna cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

EXTERNAL

2018	PI, Private donor grant to support project in the Peruvian Amazon, with Jacob Kopas, Johannes Urpelainen, and Rainforest Foundation US.	\$250,000
2017	Co-PI, NSF Law and Social Science (LSS) Dissertation Improvement Grant, with Michael Ting (advisor).	\$21,231
2017	PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-III Natural Resource Governance. Steering Committee Member with Daniel Nielson and Daniel Rubenson (since October 2017). Total excludes sub-award for Peru project listed below.	\$1,196,780
2017	PI, EGAP and DFID Metaketa-III Natural Resource Governance Sub-Award for Experiment in Peru. With Jacob Kopas and Johannes Urpelainen.	\$203,220
2016	J-PAL Governance Initiative Travel Grant	\$6,140
2015	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (2015-2018)	\$138,000
2015	Co-PI, USAID Impact Evaluation Grant (AID-0AA-M-13-00013). With Christopher Fariss. (Grant administered by NORC.)	\$481,672

INTERNAL

2017	Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies Grant	\$5,000
2017	Department of Political Science Dissertation Development Fellowship	\$2,800
2016	Giancarlo Doria Research Fellowship in Comparative Politics	\$1,600
2016	Department of Political Science Dissertation Development Fellowship	\$2,750
2015	Columbia Center for the Study of Development Strategies Seed Grant	\$4,700
2014	Institute for Latin American Studies Summer Field Research Fellowship	\$1,800
2011	Rice University Parish Fellowship	\$3,000

RESEARCH

REVISION REQUESTED

2018 “Public Policy under Limited State Capacity: Spatial Spillovers and Deforestation Control in the Brazilian Amazon,” with Johannes Urpelainen. Revise and Resubmit, *American Journal of Political Science*.

2018 “A Dynamic Model of Primaries,” with Erin York and Michael Ting. Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Politics*.

UNDER REVIEW

- 2018 “Misgovernance and Human Rights: Experimental Evidence of Illegal Detention without Intent,” with Christopher Fariss.
- 2018 “After Defeat: Governing Party Response to Electoral Loss,” with Yotam Margalit and Michael Ting.

JOB MARKET PAPER

- 2018 “Bureaucrats Driving Inequality in Access: Experimental Evidence from Colombia.”

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2019 *Monitoring and Evaluation Manual in Fragile States* (with Alicia Cooperman, Alexander Hamilton, and Erin York). Forthcoming, The World Bank.

Articles

- 2015 “Light for All? Evaluating Brazil’s Rural Electrification Progress, 2000-2010.” *Energy Policy*, 86(C): 315-327 (with Johannes Urpelainen and Joonseok Yang.)
- 2013 “Electronic Medical Records System for Palliative Care in Low-Resource Settings.” *BioMed Central Palliative Care*, 12(31). (with Kamal Shah et al.)
- 2013 “Design, Evaluation, and Dissemination of a Plastic Syringe Clip to Improve Dosing Accuracy of Liquid Medications.” *Annals of Biomedical Engineering*, 41(9). (with Garrett Spiegel et al.)

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 “[Midiendo el acceso a programas sociales en Colombia](#)” (in Spanish). Prepared with Innovations for Poverty Action.
- 2017 “[Impact Evaluation of USAID Haiti PROJUSTICE Program Pretrial Detention Component](#).” Report for USAID. (with Christopher Fariss.)

ONGOING PROJECTS (WITH LINKS TO PRE-ANALYSIS PLANS, WHERE UNGATED)

- “A Model of Bureaucratic Hiring in Plural Societies”
- “The Distributive Consequences of Bureaucratic Discretion”
- “A Model of Bureaucrats and Retrospective Electoral Accountability”
- “Rewards for Programmatic Reforms? Re-Assessing the Electoral Effects of Mexico’s Progresa Conditional Cash Transfer Program,” with Horacio Larreguy and John Marshall.
- “Endogenous Units of Analysis.”
- “Heterogeneous Treatments: Limits to Inference and Advice for Experimental Designs.”
- [Metaketa-III: Natural Resource Governance](#). Pre-Analysis Plan written with Miriam Golden, Daniel Nielson, Daniel Rubenson, and Donald Green.
- [Community Monitoring and Technology Transfer to Prevent Deforestation: A Field Experiment in the Peruvian Amazon](#). Pre-Analysis Plan with Jacob Kopas and Johannes Urpelainen.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 “The Promises and Pitfalls of Dyadic Data.” *International Studies Quarterly* Symposium, June 2016. (with Allison Carnegie.)

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Yale Methods Seminar (scheduled)

- 2018 BITSS Forecasts of Social Scientific Results Conference, UC Berkeley (scheduled); MIT GOV/LAB Political Behavior of Development Conference; Peace Science Mini-Conference on Haiti; University of Pennsylvania Comparative Politics Seminar; American University Political Science Seminar; Columbia Political Economy Seminar; Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-11), NYU; Universidad del Rosario Economics Seminar; Universidad del Rosario Political Science Seminar; Universidad de los Andes Political Science Seminar; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference; Yale Experiments Seminar; WZB Measurement of Political Inequality Workshop
- 2017 WZB Social Science Center; Political Economy of Development Conference, WZB; Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science (NEWEPS-9), Princeton; Fifth Annual Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference, Emory; Harvard Experiments Working Group Conference
- 2015 Political Economy of Latin America Conference, Columbia

ANNUAL MEETINGS

- APSA 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
 MPSA 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (scheduled)
 SPSA 2017
 LASA 2016

INVITED POLICY PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Departamento Administrativo de la Función Pública, Bogotá, Colombia; Departamento Nacional de Planeación, Bogotá, Colombia; Prosperidad Social, Bogotá, Colombia
- 2016 USAID Mission, Port au Prince, Haiti; USAID DRG Impact Evaluation Clinic, Arlington, VA

TEACHING

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHING ASSISTANT:

- 2016 *Game Theory and Political Theory*, Graduate Level, Professor John Huber
 2015 *Multivariate Political Analysis*, Graduate Level, Professor Benjamin Goodrich
 2015 *Advanced Topics in Quantitative Research*, Graduate Level, Professor Greg Wawro
 2014 *Math Methods for Political Science*, Graduate Level, Professor Johannes Urpelainen

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, INSTRUCTOR:

- 2017, 2018 Math Refresher (Math Camp) for Incoming Graduate Students

RESEARCH DESIGN WORKSHOPS FOR ACADEMICS, POLICYMAKERS:

- 2018 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days IX
 Universidad Católica del Uruguay, Montevideo, Uruguay
- 2017 Instructor, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days VI
 Salima, Malawi
- 2016 TA, Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Learning Days IV
 Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile
- 2016 Academic Collaborator, Impact Evaluation Clinic
 USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, Washington DC
- 2015 Academic Collaborator, Impact Evaluation Clinic
 USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED:

- 2017 Northeast Workshop in Empirical Political Science-8, Columbia University
2015 Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) Conference, Columbia University

SEMINARS COORDINATED:

- 2017-8 Coordinator, Columbia Graduate Student Seminar
2015-6 Graduate Student Coordinator, Seminar on the Study of Development Strategies
2014-6 Graduate Student Coordinator, Columbia Comparative Politics Seminar

WORKING GROUPS FOUNDED:

- 2014 Co-Founder, Political Economy of Latin America (PELA) series, with Maria Victoria Murillo, Pablo Querubin, and Eric Arias

SKILLS/EXPERIENCE

LANGUAGES: Spanish (fluent)

SOFTWARE: R, Mathematica, \LaTeX , Python, Stata

FIELD RESEARCH: Colombia (2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018); Peru (2017); Nigeria (2016); Haiti (2015, 2016); Argentina (2015); Malawi (2012); Venezuela (2011)

REFERENCES

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