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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Tecnológico de Monterrey, 2022-Present

## EDUCATION

PhD, Department of Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder, 2022

Concentration: Comparative politics

Dissertation: *Unbinding the Executive? Public Opinion and Presidential Accountability in Latin America*

MA, Political Science, University of Colorado Boulder, 2018

BA, Politics and Spanish, Willamette University, 2013

## PUBLICATIONS

"Stereotypes and Scandals: Gender and Public Judgments about Political Misconduct in Mexico," with Fernanda Quintanilla Domínguez and Rebecca Bell-Martin. *Research and Politics*.

"Can Rebuttals Restore Faith in Eroding Democracies? Evidence from Mexico," with Susan Stokes and Andrés Uribe. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 2025.

- Press coverage in *El Financiero*.

"Fairweather Cosmopolitans: Immigration Attitudes in Latin America During the Migrant Crisis," with Brendan Connell and Ken Stallman. *Latin American Politics and Society*, 2024.

"Populist Discourse and Public Support for Executive Aggrandizement in Latin America." *Comparative Political Studies*, 2024.

"Another Day, Another Currency: Self-Interest, Experience, and Attitudes Toward Dollarization in Ecuador," with Brendan J. Connell. *Political Behavior*, 2024.

"Rejecting Representation? Party Systems and Popular Support for Referendums in Europe." *Electoral Studies*, 2020.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Revise & Resubmit / Under Review:*

**Revise and Resubmit.** "Social Retrospection: Conversation Networks and Presidential Support in Brazil." *Journal of Public Opinion Elections and Parties*.

*Working Papers:*

Trading Rights for Results? Explaining Citizen Support for Militarization. With Rebecca Bell-Martin, Daira Arana Aguilar, and Perla Paloma Lepez.

Electing Partisans: Biased Turnout and Judicial Capture in Mexico.

Cosmopolitanism, Messaging, and Attitudes Toward Refugees in the United States. With Brendan Connell and Ken Stallman.

Correcting Pluralistic Ignorance About Democratic Norms. With Jennifer Cole.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Tecnológico de Monterrey:*

Introduction to Social Science, Fall 2023/24.

Designing and Analyzing Experiments, Faculty Workshop, Jan. 2024

Senior Research Seminar, Fall 2023-25 & Spring 2023/24.

Causal Inference for Public Policy, Fall 2023 & Spring 2023/24.

Behavioral Economics and Political Behavior, Fall 2022.

*University of Colorado Boulder:*

Applied Political Science Research, Fall 2021.

Issues in Latin American Politics, Summer 2020.

## **GRANTS, FUNDING, AND AWARDS**

Outbound Faculty Mobility Grant, Tecnológico de Monterrey, \$6,000.

Circle of Outstanding Professors, Tecnológico de Monterrey, 2023 & 2025, \$5,000.

Faculty Development Grant, Tecnológico de Monterrey, 2025. \$2,300.

Institute for Humane Studies, 2024, \$1,875.

Faculty Development Grant, Tecnológico de Monterrey, with Rebecca-Bell Martin, 2024. \$3,800

Polarization Research Lab, proposal accepted, 2023.

CU Graduate School Summer 2021 Fellowship, \$6,000.

CU Boulder Graduate Student Research Grant, 2020, \$3,290.

CU Boulder Graduate Student Research Grant, 2019, \$3,050.

Graduate School Travel Grant, 2019, \$300.

United Government of Graduate Students Travel Grant, 2019, \$300.

CU Boulder Graduate Student Research Grant, 2018, \$750.

Beverly Sears Graduate Student Grant, 2018, \$1,000.

## **INVITED RESEARCH TALKS**

Can Rebuttals Restore Confidence in Eroding Democracies? Van Ek Speaker Series, University of Colorado Boulder. 2025.

Another Day, Another Currency: Self-interest, Experience, and Attitudes Toward Dollarization in Ecuador, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE). 2023.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Cosmopolitanism, Messaging, and Attitudes Toward Refugees in the United States. APSA 2025.

Can Rebuttals Restore Faith In Eroding Democracies. MPSA & APSA 2024.

Fairweather Cosmopolitans: Immigration Attitudes in Latin America During the Migrant Crisis. SPSA 2024.

Populist Discourse and Support for Executive Aggrandizement in Latin America. The Latin American Public Opinion Project's Public and Democracy in the Americas Conference. 2023.

Fairweather Cosmopolitans: Immigration Attitudes in Latin America During the Migrant Crisis. APSA 2023.

Social Retrospection: Conversation Networks and Presidential Support in Brazil. MPSA 2023.

Elite Discourse and Support for Executive Aggrandizement in Ecuador. APSA 2022.

Unbinding the Executive: Populist Rhetoric and Tolerance of Executive Aggrandizement. Poster Presentation. The Latin American Public Opinion Project's Public and Democracy in the Americas Conference. 2021.

Unbinding the Executive: Populism, Partisanship, and Tolerance of Executive Aggrandizement in Latin America. APSA 2021.

Another Day, Another Currency: Self-Interest, Experience, and Attitudes Toward Dollarization in Ecuador. MPSA 2021.

Beyond Turnout: Distinct Effects of Internal and External Efficacy on Political Participation. SPSA 2020.

When Your Neighbors are Missing: Missing Data and Imputation in Spatial Models. EPSA 2019.

Politicized Policing and Public Opinion: UK Police and Crime Commissioner Elections and Dynamic Perceptions of Crime and Immigration. MPSA 2019.

When Your Neighbors are Missing: Missing Data and Imputation in Spatial Models. MPSA 2019.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP and SERVICE**

Coordinator, Departmental Research Workshop, Fall 2025-Present

*Reviewer:* British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Migration Studies, Comparative Political Studies, Democratization, Latin American Research Review, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Politics and Governance, Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública, Revista Mexicana de Opinión Pública

*Discussant/Chair:* American Political Science Association (2022-2025), Midwest Political Science Association (2023), Southern Political Science Association (2020), European Political Science Association (2019)

*Member:* American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association

*CU Graduate Student Government:* President (2022), Vice President (2020), Department Representative (2019)

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Statistical analysis (Stata, R), survey design (Qualtrics),  $\LaTeX$

## REFERENCES

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