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## RESEARCH

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I am a PhD student in the [Department of Political Science](#) at the University of Notre Dame and a [Garza PhD Fellow](#) at the [Kellogg Institute for International Studies](#). My area of specialization is Comparative Politics and Latin American Politics. My research is focused on political behavior. My research interests include survey research, public opinion and voting behavior; specifically, how ideology affects voting behavior, and the effects of campaigns, the media and clientelism on voters' preferences. I am also interested in conservative political parties and religion and politics; specifically, under what conditions religious and moral values structure party competition.

## EDUCATION

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| EXPECTED 2015 | PhD in POLITICAL SCIENCE, <b>University of Notre Dame</b> , IN.<br>FIELDS: Comparative Politics and American Politics                                                                                                                 |
| JULY 2013     | MA in POLITICAL SCIENCE, <b>University of Notre Dame</b> , IN.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| DECEMBER 2007 | BA in POLITICAL SCIENCE, <b>CIDE</b> , Mexico City, Mexico.<br>Thesis: "Retrospective Voting and Risk Aversion in the 2006 presidential campaign in Mexico"<br>COMMITTEE: Javier Aparicio, Ulises Beltrán (chair) and Allyson Benton. |
| SPRING 2007   | Exchange Semester at <b>University of Florence</b> , Italy.                                                                                                                                                                           |

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING

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- Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan, 2011 and 2012.
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Summer Program in Qualitative Methods, Syracuse University, 2013.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Debra Javeline, Jessica Hellman, Rodrigo Castro Cornejo and Gregory Schufeldt. "Expert Opinion on Climate Change and Threats to Biodiversity", *BioScience*, Vol. 63, No. 8 (August 2013), pp. 666-673.

## UNDER REVIEW

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- [1] CAMPAIGNS: "Says Who? The Impact of Sources of Corruption Accusations in Colombia" (with Sandra Botero, Laura Gamboa, Nara Pavão, and David W. Nickerson).
- [2] SURVEY RESEARCH: "Expert Opinion on Extinction Risk and Climate Change Adaptation" (with Debra Javeline, Jessica J. Hellmann, Jason S. McLachlan, Dov F. Sax, and Mark W. Schwartz).

## WORKING PAPERS

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- . Ideology and voting behavior in the 2012 presidential election in Mexico.
- . Ideology orientations among Latino Voters in the US.
- . Ideology and rightist parties in Latin America (with Peter Johannessen).
- . Clientelism in the 2012 presidential election in Mexico (with Ulises Beltrán).
- . Clientelism in Argentina. A survey experiment (with Sandra Botero, Nara Pavão, Laura Gamboa and David W. Nickerson).
- . Campaign effects and party system institutionalization.
- . Religion affiliation and voting behavior in Mexico. A survey experiment.
- . Abortion, political predispositions and voting behavior in Mexico. A survey experiment.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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- . Mellon-ISLA Interdisciplinary Workshop Grant, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA), University of Notre Dame, 2013.
- . Graduate Student Professionalization Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2012 and 2013 .
- . Stipend paid by the Varieties of Democracy Project, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Fall 2013.
- . Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's Summer Fellowship, Mellon Initiative on Religion across the Disciplines, 2012.
- . Stipend paid by the Notre Dame Environmental Change Initiative, University of Notre Dame, Spring 2012.
- . Professional Development Grant, Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts (ISLA), University of Notre Dame, 2011 and 2012.
- . Downes J. Memorial Fund, The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, 2011.
- . Notebaert Professional Development Fund, The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, 2011.
- . Kellogg Institute PhD Fellowship, Garza Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, 2010-2015.
- . Honorable mention for undergraduate studies thesis, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), 2007.
- . Undergraduate Grant, Ford Foundation, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económica (CIDE), 2005.

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| SPRING/FALL 2013 | Research Assistant of Michael Coppedge, Varieties of Democracy Project, Kellogg Institute.<br>Produced country reports on trends in democracy with indicators of V-Dem. Organized the Measuring Democracy Workshop at the Kellogg Institute. |
| FALL 2011/2012   | Teaching Assistant of Robert Dowd, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame.<br>Undergraduate course: Introduction to Comparative Politics. This class included discussion sections during Fall 2011.                       |
| SPRING 2012      | Research Assistant of Debra Javeline, Notre Dame Environmental Change Initiative, University of Notre Dame.<br>Data analysis of the elite survey of environmental biologists about climate change and manage relocation.                     |
| SUMMER 2011      | Research Assistant of Scott Mainwaring, Department of Political Science, University of Notre Dame.<br>Indicators for his book: "The Rise and Fall of Democracies and Dictatorships: Latin America since 1900".                               |

## OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE

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- . Co-chair of the Latino Politics Workshop, funded by the Mellon-ISLA Interdisciplinary Workshop Grant, the Institute for Latino Studies and the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy (Academic year 2013-2014)
- . Coordinator of the Mexico Working Group, Kellogg Institute for International Studies (Fall 2012- )
- . Coordinator of the Measuring Democracy Working Group, Kellogg Institute for International Studies (2013- )
- . Coordinator of the Comparative Politics Workshop (Academic year 2012-2013)
- . Member of the Comparative Politics Search Committee (Academic year 2012-2013)
- . Comparative Politics Grad Student Representative (Academic year 2012-2013)

## PRESENTATIONS

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- . "Ideology and political awareness in the 2012 presidential election in Mexico", paper presented at the XXXI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Washington D.C., May, 2013.
- . "Says Who? The impact of sources of corruption accusations in Colombia", paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, April, 2013.
- . "Says Who? The impact of sources of corruption accusations in Colombia", paper presented at the Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Notre Dame, April, 2013.
- . "Ideology orientations among Latino Voters in the US", paper presented at the Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Notre Dame, April, 2013.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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American Political Science Association (APSA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Latin American Studies Association (LASA) and Latin American Political Science Association (ALACIP).

## NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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| 2006-2007 | Research Assistant at the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB),<br>Representation office Mexico.                 |
| 2008-2010 | Associate Director of Electoral Studies at BGC Ulises Beltrán y Asocs.,<br>leading survey research firm in Mexico. |

## QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS AND COMPUTING SKILLS

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Survey research and experimental research.  
Statistical analysis (SPSS and Stata).

## LANGUAGES

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English (fluent), Spanish (mothertongue) and Italian (basic knowledge).