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*curriculum vitae*

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## 1 Education

- BA in Political Science (1994, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México).
- PhD in Political Science (2001, University of California at San Diego).  
**Dissertation:** “[Bully Pulpits: Posturing, Bargaining, and Polarization in the Legislative Process of the Americas](#)” co-advised by Gary W. Cox and Paul W. Drake. Citations: 6.

## 2 Research interests

- Comparative Political Institutions; legislative process; elections and electoral systems; formal theory; applied statistics.

## 3 Employment

- 2000–present, Associate Professor, [Department of Political Science, ITAM](#).
- 2007, Visiting Professor, [Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals](#), Barcelona, Spain.
- 2004–2007, Chair, [Department of Political Science, ITAM](#).
- 2000–2003, Director of Undergraduate Studies, ITAM.
- 1994, Advisor to the Director Ejecutivo de Prerrogativas y Partidos Políticos, [Instituto Federal Electoral](#), Mexico City.

## 4 Awards

- 2005–present, Level “I” Researcher, [Sistema Nacional de Investigadores](#), Mexico.
- 2002–2005, Researcher candidate, [Sistema Nacional de Investigadores](#), Mexico.
- 2001, The [Peggy Quon Prize](#) for distinguished research contribution to political science, Dept. of Political Science, UCSD.
- 1994, Premio Los Mejores Estudiantes de México, *El Diario de México*.
- 1994, Premio a la Excelencia Académica Miguel Palacios Macedo, ITAM.
- 1994, [Honors Mention](#) in the BA thesis defense, ITAM.

## 5 Recent grants and scholarships

- 2008–present, Dean of Economics, Law, and Social Sciences Research Grant (annual), ITAM.
- 2005, Funding for a project on women representation in the Mexican Chamber of Deputies in the 1994–2003 period, INMUJERES and CONACYT, Mexico.
- 2004–2006, Dean of Economics, Law, and Social Sciences Research Grant (annual), ITAM.

## 6 Publications

### 6.1 In peer-reviewed journals

- “Gubernatorial Coattails in Mexican Congressional Elections” *The Journal of Politics* vol. 74 no. 2, Apr. 2012, pp. 383–99. Citations: 1.
- “Factions with clout: presidential cabinet coalition and policy in the Uruguayan Parliament” with Juan Andrés Moraes, *Party Politics* vol. 18 num. 3 (May 2012) pp. 427–51.
- “Coalición y resultados: aprobación y duración del trámite parlamentario en Uruguay (1985–2000)” with Juan Andrés Moraes, *Revista Uruguaya de Ciencia Política* vol. 17, num. 1 (Jan.–Dec. 2008), pp. 39–70. Citations: 1.
- “Partisanship in Non-Partisan Electoral Agencies and Democratic Compliance: Evidence from Mexico’s Federal Electoral Institute” with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas, *Electoral Studies* vol. 27, num. 2 (June 2008), pp. 257–71. Citations: 8.
- “México: reformas pese a un gobierno dividido” with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 28, num. 1 (June 2008), pp. 265–85. Citations: 1
- “México en 2006: la accidentada consolidación democrática” with Vidal Romero, *Revista de Ciencia Política* vol. 27, special num. (July 2007), pp. 184–204. Citations: 2.
- “How Much is Majority Status in the U.S. Congress Worth?” with Gary W. Cox, *American Political Science Review* vol. 93, num. 2 (June 1999), pp. 299–309. Citations: 34.
- “On the Absence of Centripetal Incentives in Double-Member Districts: The Case of Chile” with Marc R. Rosenblum and David Samuels, *Comparative Political Studies* vol. 31, num. 6 (December 1998), pp. 714–39. Citations: 39.

### 6.2 In non-refereed journals

- “El inmovilismo democrático: un modelo de relaciones ejecutivo-legislativo en regímenes con poderes separados”, *La Gaceta de Ciencia Política* vol. 6, num. 1 (Fall/Win. 2009), pp. 11–25.
- “El impasse mexicano desde la perspectiva latinoamericana” with Vidal Romero, *Foreign Affairs en español* vol. 7, num. 1 (Jan.–Mar. 2007), pp. 117–31. Citations: 1.

### 6.3 Chapters in edited volumes

- “Legalist vs. Interpretivist: The Supreme Court and Democratic Transition in Mexico” with Beatriz Magaloni and Arianna Sánchez in *Courts in Latin America*, edited by Gretchen Helmke and Julio Ríos Figueroa (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011). Translated to Spanish in *Tribunales constitucionales de América Latina*, edited by Gretchen Helmke and Julio Ríos Figueroa (Mexico City: Suprema Corte de Justicia de la Nación, 2011). Citations: 1.
- “National Election Results for Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, El Salvador, Peru, and Venezuela during the 1980s and 1990s” with Kevin J. Middlebrook, statistical appendix in *Conservative Parties, the Right, and Democracy in Latin America*, edited by Kevin J. Middlebrook (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2000).

- “Medios de comunicación y democracia” with Juan Molinar in *Elecciones, diálogo y reforma: México 1994*, vol. 2, edited by Jorge Alcocer and Jorge Carpizo (Mexico City: Centro de Estudios para un Proyecto Nacional Alternativo, 1996, pp. 145–42). Citations: 3.

#### 6.4 Edited book

- *Mujeres legisladoras en México: avances, obstáculos, consecuencias y propuestas*, with Magdalena Huerta García (Mexico City: INMUJERES-CONACYT-Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-ITAM, 2006, ISBN 970-95099-0-X, 575 pp.) Citations: 1.

#### 6.5 In magazine

- “IFE: La casa de la partidocracia” with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas, *Nexos* 376 (April 2009), pp. 124–7.

#### 6.6 In working paper series

- “Of Coalition and Speed: Passage and Duration of Statutes in Uruguay’s Parliament, 1985–2000” with Juan Andrés Moraes, IBEI working papers num. 2008/15 ISSN:1886-2802 (June 2008).

#### 6.7 Book reviews

- “Judicial Power and Strategic Communication in Mexico. By Jeffrey K. Staton,” *Latin American Politics and Society* vol. 53, num. 3 (Fall 2011), pp. 185–8.
- “Informal Coalitions and Policymaking in Latin America: Ecuador in Comparative Perspective. Por Andrés Mejía Acosta,” *Política y Gobierno* vol. 17, num. 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> semester 2010), pp. 384–6.
- “Ambition, Federalism, and Legislative Politics in Brazil. By David Samuels,” *The Americas* vol. 62, num. 3 (January 2006), pp. 498–500.
- “Nested Games: Rational Choice in Comparative Politics de George Tsebelis,” *Perfiles Latinoamericanos de FLACSO* vol. 2, num. 3 (December 1993), pp. 194–8.

#### 6.8 Unpublished manuscripts and conference papers

- “Los contados cambios al equilibrio de poderes” (October 2012).
- “The Veto as Electoral Stunt: EITM and a Test with Comparative Data” (August 2012).
- “Who calls the tune? The search for constituent effects in the Mexican Congress” with Federico Estévez (April 2012).
- “When cartels split: roll call votes and majority factional warfare in the Mexico City Assembly” (March 2011).
- “Partisanship among the experts: the dynamic party watchdog model of IFE, 1996–2010” with Federico Estévez and Guillermo Rosas (September 2010). Citations: 2.
- “No self-control: Decentralized agenda power and the dimensional structure of the Mexican Supreme Court” with Beatriz Magaloni and Arianna Sánchez (August 2010).
- “The constructive veto and parliamentary discipline” (April 2010).
- “The political economy of fiscal reforms in Latin America: Mexico” with Vidal Romero and Jeffrey Timmons, commissioned by the Research Department of the Inter-American Development Bank (March 2009).
- “Judges’ law: ideology and coalitions in Mexico’s Election Tribunal 1996–2006” with Federico Estévez (November 2008).

- “The Incidence of Executive Vetoes in Comparative Perspective: The Case of American State Governments, 1979–1999” (February 2007).
- “A Model of Executive Vetoes as Electoral Stunts with Testable Hypotheses” (February 2007).
- “The Circuitous Path to Democracy: Legislative Control of the Bureaucracy in Presidential Systems, the Case of Mexico” with Alejandra Ríos Cázares (October 2004).
- “El efecto de arrastre de gobernadores en elecciones de diputados federales de México, 1979–2003” (October 2004).
- *Bully pulpits: Veto politics in the legislative process of the Americas*, book manuscript (May 2003).
- “The Paradox of the Veto in Mexico (1917–1997)” with Jeffrey A. Weldon (September 2001). Citations: 6.
- “Making Sound out of Fury: The Posturing Use of Vetoes in Chile and in Mexico” (August 2001).
- “The Elusive Authority of Argentina’s Congress: Decrees, Statutes, and Veto Incidence, 1983–1994” (August 2001). Citations: 3.
- “Veto Bargaining and Coalition Formation: A Theory of Presidential Policymaking with Application to Venezuela” with Octavio Amorim Neto (March 2000). Citations: 1.
- “The Value of Majority Status in the US House” with Gary W. Cox (May 1999).
- “The Deadlock of Democracy Revisited: A model of Executive-Legislative Relations in Separation-of-Power Regimes” (September 1998).
- “Elecciones municipales en el norte de México, 1970–1993: Bases de apoyo partidistas y alineaciones electorales” BA thesis (July 1994). Citations: 2.

## 6.9 Open editorials

- “Quid pro quo” *Nexos en línea*, Monday 25 January 2010.
- “Para que bailen al son de sus representados” *Nexos en línea*, Wednesday 2 December 2009.
- “La ecuación que no cuadra: impuestos vs. gasto de partidos” LaLoncheria.com, Monday 2 November 2009.
- “Fallos esperanzadores” *El Centro*, Thursday 4 September 2008, p. 14.
- “Crimen y castigo” *El Centro*, Thursday 21 August 2008, p. 17.
- “El sufragio sin reelección” *El Centro*, Thursday 7 August 2008, p. 15.
- “El presidente mulato” *El Centro*, Thursday 24 July 2008, p. 12.
- “Forever young” *El Centro*, Thursday 10 July 2008, p. 15.
- “La maldición del oro negro” *El Centro*, Thursday 26 June 2008, p. 17.
- “Marabunta” *El Centro*, Thursday 12 June 2008, p. 7.
- “Los piratas del Cofipe” *El Centro*, Thursday 29 May 2008, p. 13.
- “Juego en dos canchas” *El Centro*, Thursday 15 May 2008, p. 10.
- “La equidad de género: pendiente en el Congreso” with Magdalena Huerta García, *La Jornada* (Masiosare section, num. 420), Sunday 8 January 2006, p. 5.
- “Un superveto para el Ejecutivo” with Jeffrey A. Weldon, *Reforma*, Tuesday 17 April 2001, p. 6-Negocios.
- “Los vetos no son excepcionales” with Jeffrey A. Weldon, *Reforma*, Saturday 17 March 2001, p. 5A.

## 7 Professional conferences and seminars attended (since 2009)

- 30 Aug. 2012, “The Veto as Electoral Stunt: EITM and a Test with Comparative Data” at the EITM conference at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 9 May 2012, Discussant of the paper “Misfits, groundbreakers, or plain old politics” by Verónica Hoyo presented at CIDE’s Política y Gobierno research seminar, Mexico City.
- 27 Apr. 2012, “Who calls the tune? The search for constituent effects in the Mexican Congress” (with Federico Estévez) at the Workshop on Evidence-Based Approaches to Latin American Constitutionalism, UT–Austin, TX.
- 15 Apr. 2012, Discussant at panel 6–19 “Comparative Legislative Politics and Executive Power” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 13 Apr. 2012, “Are missing votes a problem for research on the Mexican Congress? No” (with Francisco Cantú and Scott Desposato) poster at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 12 Apr. 2012, “Who calls the tune? Gubernatorial and constituent effects in roll-call voting in the Mexican Congress” (with Federico Estévez) at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 30 Mar. 2012 “Preferencias en regulación electoral: partidismo en el IFE” at the R users workshop, ITAM, Mexico City.
- 14 Mar. 2012, “Equilibrio de poderes (o y, sin embargo, no se mueve)” at the Pluralismo y reformas constitucionales en México: 1997–2012 conference, CIDE–UNDP, Mexico City.
- 2 Apr. 2011, “When cartels split: roll call votes and majority factional warfare in the Mexico City Assembly” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 1 Apr. 2011, Discussant at panel 6–5 “Institutional Incentives and Policy Provision” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2 Oct. 2010, Discussant at the “Los motivos del votante” panel of the 4<sup>th</sup> Seminario Encuestas y Elecciones of the Instituto Federal Electoral, Cocoyoc, Morelos.
- 23 Sep. 2010, “Partisanship among the experts: the dynamic party watchdog model of IFE, 1996–2010” at the Electoral Administration in Mexico research workshop organized by the Center for U.S.–Mexican Studies, UCSD, La Jolla, CA.
- 3 Sep. 2010, “No self-control: Decentralized Agenda Power and the Dimensional Structure of the Mexican Supreme Court” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, DC.
- 18 Aug. 2010, Discussant of “A long history of the political manipulation of the supreme courts in Central America and the Caribbean, 1900–2009” by Andrea Castagnola at the Centro de Estudios y Programas Interamericanos, ITAM, Mexico City.
- 26 May. 2010, “A Pandora’s box? Activism and ideological drift in the Mexican Supreme Court” at CIDE’s Política y Gobierno research seminar, Mexico City.
- 22 Apr. 2010, “The constructive veto and parliamentary discipline” at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
- 15 Apr. 2010, Discussant in the panel “Las propuestas para nuevo equilibrio de poderes” with presentations by María Amparo Casar and Julio Ríos Figueroa at the Las agendas de reforma política 2010 en perspectiva comparada seminar, CIDE, Mexico City.

- 24 Mar. 2010, Discussant of the paper “Dimensionality and party effects: An analysis of legislative preferences in Mexican States” by Raúl C. González presented at CIDE’s Política y Gobierno research seminar, Mexico City.
- 12 Mar. 2010, “Reflexiones sobre tres propuestas de Reforma Política” at the University Presidents’ meeting of the Federación de Instituciones Mexicanas Particulares de Educación Superior, ITAM, Mexico City.
- 19 Jan. 2010, Participant in roundtable “Agenda Ciudadana y Gobernabilidad: La Reforma Política. Diálogo Ciudadano” organized by the Interior Ministry, Centro Cultural Bella Época, Mexico City.
- 3 Dec. 2009, “La Suprema Corte en la transición democrática de México” paper presented at the Seminario de Investigación en Ciencia Política, ITAM, Mexico City.
- 5 Sep. 2009, “Voting and sincerity. Ideal point drift and strategy in a regulatory board” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Canada.
- 7 Mar. 2009, “Activists vs. Legalists: The Mexican Supreme Court and its Ideological Battles” Conference on judicial politics in Latin America, CIDE, Mexico City.

## 8 Referee/reviewer

### 8.1 Journal articles

- *American Journal of Political Science* (2000, 2004, 2004, 2006)
- *American Political Science Review* (2003, 2004, 2004, 2007)
- *Comparative Political Studies* (1998, 2009)
- *Economía Mexicana Nueva Época* (2008, 2011)
- *EconoQuantum* (2012, 2012)
- *Foro Internacional* (2012)
- *Journal of Legislative Studies* (2010)
- *Journal of Politics* (2011)
- *Revista Sociológica de la UAM* (2003)
- *Party Politics* (2008)
- *Perfiles Latinoamericanos de FLACSO–México* (2009)
- *Política y Gobierno* (2001, 2002, 2010, 2011, 2012)
- *Revista Mexicana de Sociología* (2001, 2005)
- *World Politics* (2004)

### 8.2 Books

- Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales - Sede México (2003, 2004)
- Oxford University Press (2008)

### 8.3 Book chapters

- Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política (2012, 2012)

### 8.4 Research projects

- Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (2009, 2009)

## 9 Academic and Research Committees

- 2012–, **Member** of the Academic Coordination Committee for the Masters in Government and Public Affairs, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.
- 2010–12, Editorial Board member, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.
- 2009–, Research Associate, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (UC, San Diego.)
- 2006–, Member of the editorial board, *La Gaceta de Ciencia Política* (ITAM, Mexico City.)
- 2001–2004, Member of the Academic Coordination Committee for the Masters in Government and Public Affairs, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales Mexico.

## 10 Academic events organized

- 13–17 Jun. 2011, “Latent variable estimation workshop” co-taught with Professor Guillermo Rosas from Washington University St. Louis, Mexico City, ITAM.
- 6–7 Nov. 2008, “Bayesian methods in the social sciences” seminar, co-organized by the Political Science Departments of Washington University in St. Louis, CIDE and ITAM, Mexico City, at CIDE and ITAM.
- 8 Jun. 2006, “2006: las encuestas en la mira,” seminar, co-sponsored by WAPOR- Mexico, the Center for US-Mexican Studies and ITAM’s Political Science Department, Casa de California, Chimalistac, Mexico City.
- 2001–2003, Seminario de Investigación Política de los Viernes, Political Science Department, ITAM.
- Oct. 2004, Dr. Hans-Jürgen Beerfeldt’s keynote address on the German electoral system, co-organized with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation and the Instituto Federal Electoral, ITAM.

## 11 Students

### 11.1 PhD thesis

- Dec. 2009, Mario Alejandro Torrico Terán, “Factores explicativos y dimensiones de la estabilidad política: un estudio mundial,” Doctorado en Ciencias Sociales, FLACSO–México.

### 11.2 Masters theses

- Sep. 2007, Tomás Pinheiro Fiori, “The Political Economy of Hydrocarbons in Latin America,” Master in International Relations, IBEI, Barcelona.
- Sep. 2007, Silvia Gándara Berger, “Aproximación a la situación actual de las relaciones civiles-militares en Guatemala desde una perspectiva democrática,” Master in International Relations, IBEI, Barcelona.
- Nov. 2004, Octael Nieto Vázquez, “La estructura, el gasto y el desempeño de las organizaciones culturales federales en México, 1990–2003,” Maestría en Sociología Política, Instituto Mora, Mexico.
- Jul. 2004, René Ramírez Gallegos, “Pseudo-salida, silencio y ¿deslealtad?: entre la inacción colectiva, la desigualdad de bienestar y la pobreza de capacidades,” Maestría en Gobierno y Asuntos Públicos, FLACSO-Mexico.

### 11.3 BA theses

- Jun. 2011, Luis Everdy Mejía López “Procesos de intermediación política en la elección presidencial mexicana del 2006” ITAM.
- Oct. 2010 Jaime Arredondo “El subsidio municipal para la seguridad pública: análisis de la fórmula de elegibilidad” ITAM.
- Aug. 2010, César Montiel Olea “Repensando los poderes presidenciales: un estudio del veto total y parcial en México, 1997–2009” ITAM.
- Oct. 2009, Roberto Ponce López “La geografía del voto en México: organización partidista en las secciones electorales, 1997–2003” ITAM.
- Mar. 2009, Isabel Zapata Morales “Las cuotas de género en los congresos locales mexicanos: una aproximación empírica a un debate normativo” ITAM.
- Jan. 2009, Luis Esteban Islas Bacilio “El Sindicato Nacional de Trabajadores de la Educación (SNTE) y la calidad de la educación en México” ITAM.
- Nov. 2008, Gabriel Alfredo Peto “Participación electoral, concurrencia y movilización en las elecciones municipales en México, 1991–2006” ITAM.
- Jun. 2008, Ana Quesada Reynoso, “Noche de gatos pardos: autoridad, señales y aprobación en el ITAM” ITAM.
- Dec. 2007, Alejandro Trelles Yarza and Diego Martínez Cantú “Fronteras electorales: aportaciones del modelo de redistribución mexicano al estado de California” ITAM.
  - received 1<sup>st</sup> place of Ex-ITAM’s Research Prize 2007.
- Jun. 2006, Magdalena Huerta García, “¿Qué hace falta para que haya más mujeres en la Cámara de Diputados? Determinantes del acceso de mujeres a candidaturas y a puestos de elección en la Cámara de Diputados, 1994–2006” ITAM.
- Jun. 2006, Gabriela Enrigue González, “La Suprema Corte y la desigualdad en el acceso a la justicia: ¿a quién sirve el amparo en materia fiscal?” ITAM.
  - received 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of the Premio Banamex de Economía 2006;
  - received 1<sup>st</sup> place of Ex-ITAM’s Research Prize 2006;
- Jun. 2006, Yunuel Cruz Guerrero, “Del simbolismo a la equidad, el impacto del género en los partidos políticos y la ALDF: representación en comisiones y prioridades legislativas” ITAM.
- Jun. 2006, Leticia Lowenberg Cruz, “El sesgo de género en la nominación de candidatos y la elección de diputados locales para la Asamblea Legislativa del Distrito Federal, 1994–2003” ITAM.
- Oct. 2004, Gildardo Zafra Amescua, “Efectos de arrastre en elecciones concurrentes en México” ITAM.
- Sep. 2004, Manlio Gutiérrez Vázquez, “La coordinación de las acciones legislativas del poder ejecutivo en México: una propuesta de reorganización” ITAM.
- May. 2003, Jimena Otero Zorrilla, “¿Gerrymandering en México? La geografía política federal, 1994–1997” ITAM.
  - received Special Mention of Ex-ITAM’s Research Prize 2003.
- May. 2003, Cristina Rivas Ochoa and Diana Toledo Figueroa, “Comisiones: la brecha institucional” ITAM.

## 12 Consulting

- 2008–09, “The Political Economy of Fiscal Reforms in Latin America: The Case of Mexico” with Vidal Romero and Jeffrey F. Timmons, background paper for the Inter-American Development Bank *The Political Economy of Fiscal Reforms in Latin America* by Mark Hallerberg.



- 2006, “Changing Patterns of Governance in Mexican States: What do They Tell Us About Future Directions of National Politics?” with Vidal Romero, background paper for the Institutional Governability Report *Democratic Governance in Mexico: Beyond State Capture and Social Polarization* by Philip Keefer (Mexico City: World Bank-INAP-CIDE, 2007).

## 13 References

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