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Appointments

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

School of Government and Public Transformation

El Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey

Monterrey, Mexico

September 2019 – present

Education

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. in Political Science

Subfields: Comparative Politics | International Relations

Providence, RI

2013 – 2019

Dissertation: *"It could have been me": Empathy, civic engagement, and violence in Mexico*

The dissertation is a multimethod analysis of the relationship between exposure to violence and future civic engagement. Based on field research in Mexico, it posits a new theory that explains (a) why exposure to violence provokes some but not all citizens to civic engagement and (b) why some but not all violent events spark such citizen responses.

Advisors: Richard Snyder, Peter Andreas, Rob Blair, Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, JOSEF KORBEL SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

M.A. in International Studies

Denver, CO

2011 - 2013

WHITTIER COLLEGE

B.A. in Political Science, Spanish Language, and Cultural Anthropology

Whittier, CA

2002 – 2006

Research Agenda

Political behavior in violent contexts; illicit markets and global flows;
processes of criminal and political violence; politics of the Global South

PUBLICATIONS

“Confronting Selection Bias: The Normative Risks of Data Collection in Violent Contexts” (with Jerome Marston), 2019. *Geopolitics*. Published online, DOI: 10.1080/14650045.2019.1659780.

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BOOK PROJECT

“It could have been me”: Empathy and civic action in Mexico

IN PREPARATION FOR FALL 2020 JOURNAL SUBMISSION

“The Politics of Violence: Mobilizing Empathy amidst Conflict”

“Overkill: Understanding excessive violence during conflict” (with Jerome Marston)

(Manuscripts available upon request)

Teaching

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2015: P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching, Brown University

EXPERIENCE

El Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey

Instructor | Graduate Level

Course: Research Design for PhD students & Research Design for MA students 2020

Brown University

Instructor | Summer at Brown, Undergraduate level 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019

Course: “War, States, and Human Rights” (IR/CP)

Teaching Assistant | Undergraduate level

Course: “History of US Intervention” | Instructor: Stephen Kinzer (IR) 2017

Course: “The Rise of China” | Instructor: Edward Steinfeld (IR/CP) 2015

Course: “Introduction to International Relations” | Instructor: Jordan Branch (IR) 2014

CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Course Design, Brown University 2018

Certificate in Teaching, Brown University 2017

Service

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Faculty Advisory Board, PhD Program, El Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey 2020

Admissions Committee, Masters Program, El Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey 2020

Admissions Committee, PhD Program, El Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey 2020

Faculty Search Committee, School of Government, El Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey 2019

Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, Watson Institute for International Studies 2018 – 2019

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Conference Presentations (*selected*)

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2019
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, 2016, 2019
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019
Cristosal Global School on Challenges for Researchers in Violent Environments, 2018
American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS) Annual Conference, 2017
Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Congress, 2016
Watson Institute Unequal Security in the Americas Conference, 2016

Fellowships and Research Grants

FELLOWSHIPS

National Science Foundation (NSF) Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training (IGERT) Fellowship (\$33,000) - 2015
Brown University Interdisciplinary Opportunities Fellowship (\$25,000) – 2017
Sheridan Center Proctorship in Academic Administration (\$25,000 - declined) – 2018
Robert O. Anderson Endowed Scholarship (\$11,000) - 2012
Harold W. Rosenthal International Security Fellowship – 2012

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANTS (2013 – 2018):

Mellon Foundation & Cogut Center Brown-in-the-World Research Grant (\$5,000); Doctoral Dissertation Research Award (\$995); Joukowsky Research Award (\$1600); Population Studies Training Center Research Grant (\$1900); Watson Institute Graduate Program in Development Research Grant (\$5500)

Relevant academic experience

Research Assistant 2014 – 2017
Peter Andreas, Watson Institute at Brown University Providence, RI
Independently researched the intersection of markets in drugs and violent conflict via analysis of an interdisciplinary range of secondary source materials.

Research Assistant 2012 - 2013
Erica Chenoweth, Sié Center Program on Terrorism and Insurgency Research Denver, CO
Collected and coded newspaper data on contentious politics in the U.S.; collected, coded, and summarized large-n data on social movements in the Western Hemisphere; independently managed a large-n dataset.

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Relevant professional experience

Managing Editor July 2018 – August 2019
Studies in Comparative International Development, Brown University Providence, RI
Coordinated the review process of manuscripts for a peer-reviewed scholarly journal; assessed the quality of manuscripts at all stages of the peer review process.

Mexico Country Specialist and Rosenthal Fellow June - August 2012
U.S. Department of Defense Washington, DC
Advised the Office of the Secretary of Defense on U.S. – Mexico defense relations.