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Academic Appointments

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

Visiting Scholar at the Center for US-Mexican Studies
School of Global Policy and Strategy

Sept. 2022 – present

EL INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO Y DE ESTUDIOS SUPERIORES DE MONTERREY

Assistant Professor of Political Science and Government

August 2019 - present

Education

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. in Political Science

2013 – 2019

Exam Fields: Comparative Politics | International Relations (both with distinction)

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER, JOSEF KORBEL SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

M.A. in International Studies

2011 - 2013

WHITTIER COLLEGE

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

2002 – 2006

Research Agenda

Latin American politics; political behavior in violent contexts;
the politics of criminal violence; violence-induced migration in the Americas

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Staying Power: Strategies for Weathering Criminal Violence in Marginal Neighborhoods of Medellín and Monterrey” (with Jerome Marston), 2023. *Latin American Research Review*. Advance Online Publication.

“Confronting Selection Bias: The Normative and Empirical Risks of Data Collection in Violent Contexts” (with Jerome Marston), 2021. *Geopolitics* 26(1), 159 - 192.

“The Unmasked Electorate: Co-Partisanship, Personal Experience, and Perceptions of COVID-19 Risk in Mexico” (with Alejandro Díaz-Domínguez), 2021. *La Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública / Latin American Journal of Public Opinion* 10(2), 137 – 162.

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EDITOR-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Experimentally Testing Ethnographic Insights: Benefits, Challenges and Considerations,” 2022. *APSA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Symposium* (lead article) 19(2), 2 – 7.

“Migration Research in Violent Areas” (with Jerome Marston), 2022. *Routledge History of Modern Latin American Migration*. Edited by Andreas E. Feldmann, Xochitl Bada, Jorge Durand, Stephanie Schütze. Routledge, 412 – 425.

BOOK PROJECT

It Could Have Been Me: Violence, Empathy and Civic Engagement in Mexico

A mixed methods analysis of the relationship between exposure to violence and 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. [Book proposal available at rebeccabellmartin.com](http://rebeccabellmartin.com).

IN PREPARATION FOR SPRING 2023 SUBMISSION

“Walking in their Shoes: Empathy and Attitudes toward Protecting Migrants in Mexico”

“The Politics of Violence in Mexico: Mobilizing Empathy amid Criminal Conflict”

“Overkill: The Spectacle of Violence during Conflict”

(Manuscripts available upon request)

Research Grants & Fellowships

RESEARCH GRANTS

Project: “Crime, Public Security and Urban Expansion in Monterrey, Mexico”
FEMSA Foundation (\$40,000) – 2020

Project: “Overkill: Understanding the Spectacle of Violence during Conflict”
Watson Institute Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies (\$3,000) – 2021

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

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UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANTS (2013 – 2018)

Mellon Foundation & Cogut Center Brown-in-the-World Research Grant (\$5,000); Watson Institute Graduate Program in Development Research Grant (\$5,500); Doctoral Dissertation Research Award (\$995); Joukowsky Research Award (\$1600); Population Studies Training Center Research Grant (\$1900)

Conference Presentations *(selected)*

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, 2016, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023
Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Congress, 2016, 2021
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, 2018, 2019, 2020
Illicit Economies and Extra-Legal Actors Conference, 2021, 2022
Cristosal Global School on Challenges for Researchers in Violent Environments, 2018
American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS) Annual Conference, 2017
Watson Institute Unequal Security in the Americas Conference, 2016

Teaching & Advising

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

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

CERTIFICATES

Certificate in Inclusive Course Design, Brown University	2018
Certificate in Teaching, Brown University	2017

TEACHING

El Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey

<i>Diversity in a Globalized World (DEI)</i> - undergraduate	2022, 2023
<i>Citizenship and Democracy in Mexico (CP)</i> - undergraduate	2022
<i>Introduction to Social Sciences (CP/IR)</i> - undergraduate	2021, 2022
<i>Citizen Participation in Public Policy (M.A.)</i>	2021
<i>Research Design (M.A.)</i>	2020
<i>Qualitative Methods for Public Policy (Ph.D.)</i>	2021, 2022
<i>Mixed Methods Research (Ph.D.)</i>	2020

Brown University

<i>War, States, and Human Rights (CP/IR)</i> - undergraduate	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
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GRADUATE ADVISING (M.A. AND PH.D.)

Noé Pérez (graduated Nov. 2020); Karla Mejía González (graduated Jan. 2021); Gabriela Sandoval (graduated March 2021); Clarissa Guevara (graduated August 2022); Dulce Mariscal Nava (expected May 2023); Daira Arana Aguilar (expected May 2025); Montserrat Martínez Téllez (expected May 2025); Magdalena García (expected May 2025)

Professional Service

COMMITTEES

El Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey	
Founding Member, Research Ethics Review Committee	2021 – present
Academic Mentor Program	2020 – 2022
Admissions Committee, Master’s Program	2019 – 2022
Admissions Committee, PhD Program	2019 - 2020
Faculty Search Committee	2019
Brown University	
Committee on Diversity and Inclusion, Watson Institute for International Studies	2018 – 2019

REFEREE

Comparative Political Studies, Third World Quarterly, ConFines de Relaciones Internacionales

Public Engagement and Media Appearances

Invited Subject-Matter Expert <i>El Rumor</i> Podcast	2/09/2022
Invited Panelist, “The Role of Institutions in the US – Mexico Relationship” U.S. – Mexico Foundation Center for Binational Institutions	9/30/2021
Invited Panelist, “Reimagining the Future of U.S. – Mexico Security Cooperation” Mexico Violence Resource Project, Center for US – Mexico Studies, UCSD	2/09/2021
“Voter turnout in Mexico’s 2021 Midterm Elections” Radio Concepto Radial: Moneda al Aire	4/13/2021
“Ve preocupante pérdida de derechos civiles” Periódico AM, Mexico	6/17/2020