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PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science , Brown University	<i>Expected: 2025</i>
M.A. in Political Science , Brown University	2020
M.Sc. in Economics , Universidad Javeriana	2013
B.SC. in Economics , Universidad Javeriana	2010

RESEARCH FIELDS

Comparative Politics, Research Methods, Politics of Public Security, Crime Reduction

DISSERTATION IN PROGRESS

[The Politics of Public Security: Origins and Consequences of the Uneven Distribution of Police Security in Colombia](#)

Committee: Robert Blair (chair), David Skarbek, Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, Pedro Dal Bó

Why do states provide security to some places and not others within their borders? Who are the primary beneficiaries of security provision in rural areas? How does the uneven distribution of security affect citizen-state relations? Despite renewed interest in understanding the states' uneven territorial reach, we know little about why states prioritize the expansion of their security apparatus to some places and not others and the consequences on state-citizen relations. My dissertation addresses these questions through a combination of original qualitative and quantitative data (surveys, survey experiments, archival research, and interviews) from Colombia.

PUBLISHED PAPERS

[Preventing Rebel Resurgence after Civil War: A Field Experiment in Security and Justice Provision in Rural Colombia](#) with Rob Blair, Michael Weintraub, and Andrés Vargas. *American Political Science Review*. Vol. 116-04. November 2022, pp. 1258-1277.

How can states prevent armed groups from exploiting local governance gaps to (re)establish territorial control during transitions to national peace? We report results from an experimental evaluation of Colombia's ComunPaz program, a scalable, inexpensive intervention that sought to replace rebel governance by harnessing complementarities between state and communal authorities and by improving security and justice provision in areas once dominated by FARC, the country's largest rebel group. We find that ComunPaz enhanced the quality of local dispute resolution, increased citizens' trust in (some) state institutions, and strengthened coordination between state and communal authorities. It also appears to have reduced citizens' trust in, and reliance on, armed groups. The program did not, however, increase reliance on either state or communal authorities to resolve disputes, nor did it increase citizens' trust in communal institutions. We discuss the implications of our findings for peace-building and state-building in countries transitioning from civil war.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

[Expanding the State and *Uribismo*: A Case Study of Colombia's Law-and-Order Politics](#)

[Taxation and the Uneven Distribution of Security in Colombia](#)

Do Temporary Bans on Carrying Firearms Reduce Violent Outcomes? The Colombian Case with Jorge A. Restrepo and Edgar Villa

NON-PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Insecurity and hybrid organization forms: challenges and opportunities to construct social capital in post-conflict settings. with Luz Elena Orozco, Clemente Forero, and Eduardo Wills.

Insecurity and hybrid organization forms in rural zones affected by violence with Clemente Forero, Luz Elena Orozco, and Eduardo Wills. Chapter 4 (279-300). 2017. The Academy and the Peace Process.

Economic growth, armed conflict, and organized crime: Colombian evidence with Jorge A. Restrepo and Edgar Villa. Chapter 6 (181-219). 2014. Economic and social consequences of armed conflict in Colombia. ESRC/DFID Universidad de los Andes. Bogotá, Colombia.

RESEARCH

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS	Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Fellowship. Brown University	2024-2025
	Conference Travel Fund. Brown University	Spring/Summer 2024
	Governance Initiative. JPAL *	Summer 2023
	CLACS Fellowship. Brown University *	Summer 2023
	GPD Fellowship. Brown University *	Summer 2023
	International Travel Fund. Brown University *	Spring 2023
	Doctoral Research Travel Grant. Brown University *	Spring 2023
	Conference Travel Fund. Brown University *	Spring 2023
	Graduate School Fellowship. Brown University	Summer 2021
	Graduate School Fellowship. Brown University	Summer 2020
	Scholarship to undertake doctoral studies. Brown University	2019-2025
	Scholarship to undertake doctoral studies. Fulbright-Colciencias	2019-2023
	International Organization of Migration. Grant **	2018
	UNDP Innovation Facility. Grant **	2018
	British Embassy in Colombia. Grant **	2018
	KfW. Grant **	2016
	Fellowship Virginia Gutierrez de Pineda for Young Researchers. Colciencias	2011
	Bachelor Degree in Economics - Honors	2010
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	* Resources to fund dissertation ** Resources to fund rebel governance project	

TEACHING

Political Science Department. Brown University

Teaching Assistant for Paul Testa. Political Research Methods. Undergraduate level. *Spring 2024*

Teaching Assistant for Peter Andreas. Politics of Illegal Global Economy. Undergraduate level. *Fall 2023*

Department of Economics. Universidad Javeriana

Teaching Assistant for Andres Giraldo. Economic Growth. Undergraduate level. *Fall 2009 and 2011*

Teaching Assistant for Jorge Gallego. Mathematical Economics. Undergraduate level. *Fall 2009*

Teaching Assistant for Arsenio Pecha. Mathematical Economics. Undergraduate level. *Fall 2008*

COMPUTER SKILLS STATA (High), RStudio (High), Quarto (High), ArcGIS (High)

WORKSHOPS AS CO-ORGANIZER Co-organizer of Mini-Conference on Democracy and Organized Crime (with Adele Weeler and Mariana Bustamante). APSA 2024 *September 2024*
 Graduate Student Coordinator. Watson Institute Security Studies Seminar *Spring 2023*

CONFERENCES
 LAPSS, MPSA, APSA 2024
 REPAL 2023
 EGAP Learning Days. Uruguay 2018
 Ethnicity, Conflict, and Inequality. Brown University 2016
 Olympia Summer Academy, Cycle A: Conflict Political Violence 2014

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY
International Justice Mission *October 2023 -February 2024*
 Senior Advisor on Police Reform and Monitoring and Evaluation.
National Planning Department *January 2018 -June 2019*
 Advisor. Justice, Governance, and Defense Unit
Office of Attorney General *September 2017 - December 2018*
 Senior Monitoring and Evaluation Consultant
National Planning Department *January 2014 - March 2017*
 Advisor. Justice, Governance, and Defense Unit
Conflict Analysis Resources Center - CERAC *June 2011 - December 2013*
 Researcher

LANGUAGES English (Fluent), Spanish (Native)

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