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Academic Appointments

Post-Doctoral Researcher, LAPOP Lab, Vanderbilt University, 2019 - Present.

Education

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Ph.D. Political Science (Comparative Politics, Political Methodology), 2019

Dissertation: *Essays on Political Representation and Accountability in Mexico*

Committee: Elizabeth J. Zechmeister (Chair), Jonathan Hiskey, Joshua Clinton, Roderic Camp

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

B.A. Political Science and Economics; Minor in French, 2012

Research Interests

Representation & Accountability; Public Opinion; Political Parties; Legislative Institutions & Behavior; Latin American Politics; Mexican Politics; Survey Research Methodology

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Oscar Castorena. Forthcoming. "Female Officeholders and Women's Political Engagement: The Role of Parties." *Political Behavior*.

Oscar Castorena and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. 2017. "Representing the National Economic Agenda in Latin America: Variation by Fat and Lean Times and Party Brands." *Electoral Studies* 45: 208-218.

Working Papers

"Progressive Ambition and Representation: The Case of Mexico." (*under review*)

"Legislative Voting and Electoral Accountability: The Case of Mexico's VAT Reform."

"When Presidents Are Coaches: World Cup Results Affect Citizens' Evaluation of the Government." (with Gabriel N. Camargo-Toledo)

"Switching in Guatemala's Congress: Do Deputies Take Cues from the Public?" (with Adam D. Wolsky)

"Patterns and Implications of Data Fabrication: Evidence from a National Survey in Venezuela." (with Mollie J. Cohen, Noam Lupu, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister)

Policy Briefs, Research Reports and Chapters

“Support for Electoral Democracy.” (with Sarah L. Graves) Chapter in Zechmeister, Elizabeth J., and Noam Lupu (Eds.). 2019. *Pulse of Democracy*. Nashville, TN: LAPOP.

“Democratic Legitimacy.” (with Brielle Morton) Chapter in Zechmeister, Elizabeth J., and Noam Lupu (Eds.). 2019. *Pulse of Democracy*. Nashville, TN: LAPOP.

“Explaining Evaluations of the National Economy in Latin America and the Caribbean.” *AmericasBarometer Insights Series* No.97. 2013.

National Grants, Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2013-2016

John A. Garcia Scholarship from the Society for Political Methodology to attend the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2013

University Grants, Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Vanderbilt University Center for Latin American Studies Tinker Field Research Travel Award, 2015

Vanderbilt University Graduate School Travel Grant, 2016, 2017, 2018

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, 2011

Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society, 2010-2012

University of Illinois James Scholar Honors Program, 2008-2012

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Dean’s List, 2008-2012

President’s Award Program Merit Scholarship, 2008

Teaching

Instructor

- Winter 2019: Introduction to Political Science (at National Louis University)
- Fall 2019: Introduction to Political Science (at National Louis University)
- Fall 2017: Workshop on web-scraping with Python for political science graduate students (with Gabriel N. Camargo-Toledo)

Teaching Assistant (Vanderbilt University)

- Spring 2018: Introduction to American Government and Politics (Bruce Oppenheimer)
- Fall 2017: International Politics of Latin America (Elizabeth J. Zechmeister)
- Spring 2017: Politics of Mexico (Jonathan Hiskey)
- Fall 2016: U.S. Elections (Bruce Oppenheimer, Josh Clinton, John Geer, and Jon Meacham)
- Summer 2014: Political Science Short Course (for high school students) (Elizabeth J. Zechmeister)

Research Experience

Project Manager, Mexico City Survey (Fall 2018) under Elizabeth J. Zechmeister
Research Assistant, Latin American Public Opinion Project (Spring 2013)

Conference Papers and Presentations

2019. “Patterns and Implications of Data Fabrication: Evidence from a National Survey in Venezuela.” (with Mollie J. Cohen, Noam Lupu, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research, Chicago, IL.

2019. “Progressive Ambition and Representation: The Case of Mexico.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Austin, TX.

2018. “Female Officeholders and Women’s Political Engagement: The Role of Parties.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2018. “Switching in Guatemala’s Congress: Do Deputies Take Cues from the Public?” (with Adam D. Wolsky) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2018. “Political Representation in Trade Policy: Constituency Influence in the Congress of the Republic of Peru.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Nashville, TN.

2017. “Female Officeholders and Women’s Political Engagement: The Case of Mexico.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

2017. “When Presidents are Coaches: World Cup Results and Citizens’ Evaluations of the Government.” (with Gabriel N. Camargo-Toledo) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2016. “Progressive Ambition and Representation: The Case of Mexico.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2015. “Crime Concerns, Political Priorities, and Representative Responsiveness in Latin America.” (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2014. “Issue Priority Representation in Latin America.” (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister) Paper presented at the Duke Frontiers of Political Science Workshop: Political Accountability at Duke University, Durham, NC.

Service

To profession

Reviewer for *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Politics*, *Political Behavior*

To Vanderbilt

Volunteer Panelist on Hearing Committee for Graduate Honor Council, Spring 2018

Graduate Student Representative to Comparative Politics Search Committee, Fall 2014

Additional Training and Research Skills

Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, 2013. Courses Completed: Applied Multi-Level Modeling and Structural Equation Modeling

Languages: Spanish (advanced), French (proficient)

Computing and Programming Skills

R, Stata, Python, SPSS, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS, QGIS, Qualtrics, SurveyToGo

References

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