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EDUCATION      **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA.      *Expected 2022*

PhD Candidate, Government

Fields: Comparative Politics, Political Methodology, Social Policy in Latin America

**Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México**, Mexico City, Mexico.      2016

MSc., Applied Economics

Thesis: The Mexican Teachers' Union and its Impact on Municipal-Level Education,  
Honorific mention

**Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México**, Mexico City, Mexico.      2012-2014

Visiting Student

**Macalester College**, St. Paul, MN.      2011

BA, Latin American Studies

Honors Thesis: The Essential Role of Education and Health in the Microfinance  
Strategy: A commentary on Contemporary Neoliberalism, written in Spanish  
Study abroad in Fall 2009 in Managua, Nicaragua

BA, Educational Studies

ARTICLES

“Lessons from the Left in Lima: Susana Villarán and the Fleeting Return of Progressive  
Politics to City Hall” (with Paul Dosh). *Latin American Perspectives* Volume 46 No.  
1, January 2019.

“Neoliberalism and City Hall in Lima and Mexico City: Comparing Mayors Ebrard,  
Mancera and Villarán” (with Paul Dosh). Occasional Paper #98, Center for Latin  
American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, September  
2014.

“The Essential Role of Education in the Microfinance Strategy: A Commentary  
on Contemporary Neoliberalism” *Journal of Undergraduate International Studies*  
(2011).

“Lima’s Leftist Mayor Defeated by Four Years of Right-Wing Attacks” (with Paul  
Dosh and Ximena Rodríguez Medina). NACLA: North American Congress on  
Latin America (November 25, 2014). Published in Spanish as “Alcaldesa de Lima,  
derrotada por ataques mediáticos.”

“Choosing Lima’s New Mayor amid Scandal and Transit Reform” (with Paul Dosh),  
NACLA: North American Congress on Latin America (October 1, 2014). Published  
in Spanish as “Elijiendo al Nuevo Alcalde de Lima en Medio de Escándalo y la  
Reforma de Transporte.”

“What Happened to Progressive Politics?” (with Paul Dosh). NACLA: North American Congress on Latin America (August 27, 2014). Published in Spanish as “¿Qué Ha Pasado con las Políticas Progresistas?” Reprinted by upsidedownworld.org (August 29, 2014).

(*Working Paper*) “When Anti-Corruption Initiatives Suppress Reform.”

(*Working Paper*) “Subnational Democracy and Welfare Provision: Evidence from Argentina,” (with Candelaria Garay).

CONFERENCE  
PAPERS AND  
INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

“Teachers at the Bargaining Table: Unions, State Capacity and Educational Reform in Mexico” Macalester College Political Science Research Workshop, St. Paul, MN, November 5, 2019.

“When Anti-Corruption Initiatives Suppress Reform” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 31, 2018.

“City Hall Against Neoliberalism? Urban Development and Center-Left Mayors in Lima and Mexico City” (with Paul Dosh). International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 27, 2015.

“Metropolitan Mayors Against Neoliberalism? Urban Development and the Left in Lima and Mexico City” (with Paul Dosh). Meeting of the North Central Council of Latin Americanists, St. Olaf College, September 27, 2014.

“City Hall and Neoliberalism in Urban Latin America: A Window into Faculty-Student Collaborative Research” (with Paul Dosh). Conversations About our Scholarly Lives, Center for Scholarship and Teaching, Macalester College, September 25, 2014.

TEACHING AND  
MENTORING

“Senior Thesis Tutorial.” Government Department, Harvard University, 2019-2020.

“Education and Development: The Political Economy of Education in Developing Countries” Lead Instructor, Harvard University, Spring 2020.

“Foundations of Comparative Politics.” Head Teaching Fellow for Dr. George Soroka, Harvard University, Fall 2019. Awarded the Derek Bok Center Distinction and Excellence in Teaching Award.

“Comparative Politics in Latin America.” Head Teaching Fellow for Dr. Steven Levitsky, Harvard University, Spring 2019. Led discussion sections in Spanish. Awarded the Derek Bok Center Distinction and Excellence in Teaching Award.

“Foundations of Comparative Politics.” Teaching Fellow for Dr. Steven Levitsky, Harvard University, Fall 2018.

English Teacher, The Immigrant Learning Center, 2018-2019.

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor, Harvard Government Department, 2017-present.

Program Director/Lead Teacher, Building Dignity (Lima, Peru), 2012-2013.

Spanish Teacher, Saint Paul Public Schools, Academic Year 2010-2011.

HONORS, AWARDS,  
GRANTS AND  
AFFILIATIONS

Graduate Student Affiliate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (2019-present)

Graduate Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science (2018-present)

Institute for Quantitative Social Science Graduate Student Research Grant (2018)

Global Americans New Generation of Public Intellectuals Award (2018)

David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Summer Research Travel Grant (2017, 2018)

Harvard Brazil Cities Research Fund (2017)

Jens Aubrey Westengard Scholarship (2017)

Pedro Aspe Prize for Academic Excellence (2016)  
CONACYT/ITAM Excellence Scholarship (2015)  
Raquel Kersten Award for Professional Research for the paper that best contributes to new knowledge of Latin America, North Central Council of Latin Americanists (2014)  
Princeton in Latin America Fellow (2012-13)  
Fulbright IIE/García Robles Grantee (2011-12)

FIELD RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**Mexico City and Mérida, Mexico** Three months conducting 60 interviews with state and national education bureaucrats about education in Mexican states (2018).

**São Paulo, Brazil.** Seven weeks conducting 30 interviews with mayors, municipal education secretaries and educational non-profits about education in Brazilian municipalities (2017).

**Mexico State, Mexico.** Nine months as part of a team designing and implementing an educational intervention in elementary schools (2015).

**Lima, Peru and Mexico City, Mexico.** Six weeks conducting 40 interviews on mayoral politics (2013 and 2014).

**Mexico City, Mexico.** Thirteen months conducting 70 interviews with microfinance providers and clients (2011-12).

**Mexico City, Mexico.** Four months conducting 25 interviews with microfinance providers, focused on microfinance and neoliberalism (2010).

**Managua, Nicaragua.** One month conducting 14 interviews with microfinance providers, focused on microfinance and neoliberalism (2009).

RESEARCH  
ASSISTANTSHIPS

**Alisha Holland** (2020-Present)  
**Steven Levitsky** (2020-Present)  
**Frances Hagopian** (2020-Present)  
**Candelaria Garay** (2018-Present)  
**Emmerich Davies Escobar** (2017-2018)