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Education

PhD in Political Science, Vanderbilt University, 2014
BA, Political Science, ITAM, *Summa Cum Laude*, 1998
Studies in Philosophy, ISEE -IFSAM, 1992-1993.

Dissertation Abstract

“Mixed Messages: The Catholic Church and Mexico’s Uneven Local Contexts”. It first examines the ways in which subnational political change influences the local teachings of the Catholic Church, producing mixed messages within a single country. Next it explores the potential impact these distinct messages may have on the parishioners. For the first task, I draw on work in theology, religion and politics in Latin America to develop a theory of how and why political context at the local level exercises an influence on local churches’ messages in Mexico across four main topics: politics, moral values, social issues, and the internal organization of the church, analyzing an original collection of bishops’ writings. For the second task, working from research on political communication, I provide a theoretical mechanism of how local churches’ messages might influence parishioners’ attitudes, testing an association between the church teachings and attitudes of those who attend mass on a regular basis using public opinion surveys.

Publications

Forthcoming. *Understanding World Christianity: Mexico*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press.

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Forthcoming. “Effects of #YoSoy132 and Social Media in Mexico’s 2012 Presidential Campaigns” (with Alejandro Moreno). in Domínguez, Jorge, K.G. Greene, C. Lawson and A. Moreno (eds.). *Mexico’s Less Than Perfect Democracy: A Comparative Study of the 2012 Elections*. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press.

Forthcoming. “Las bases sociales del voto”. in Meixueiro, Gustavo y Alejandro Moreno (eds.). *El comportamiento electoral mexicano en las elecciones de 2012* Mexico: CESOP.

2013. “Iglesia, evasión y conocimiento político en América Latina”. *Política y Gobierno* 20(1): 3-38. http://www.politicaygobierno.cide.edu/num_anteriores/Vol_XX_N1_2013/01_PyG-Alejandro_Diaz%28pp1-38%29.pdf

2013. “Introducción. Desafíos de la política mexicana: Visiones desde el Barómetro de las Américas”. *Política y Gobierno* Volumen temático 2013: 3-23. (with P. Parás, D. Vargas and E.J. Zechmeister).

2013. “Religión, adversidad y libre comercio en América Latina”. *Iberoforum* 15(1): 131-155. <http://www.iberomx.com/iberoforum/15/pdf/ESPANOL/5.%20DIAZ%20VOCES%20Y%20CONTEXTOS%20N015.pdf>

2013. “Apoyo ciudadano a las cuotas de género en México: una aproximación empírica”. *Gaceta de Ciencia Política* 10(1): 11-28. http://gacetadecienciapolitica.itam.mx/?page_id=98

2013. “The New Pope is from the Americas: How Catholic are Americans?”. *Americas Barometer Topical Brief* 3: 1-4. (with M.A. Seligson). <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/insights/ITB003en.pdf>

2012. “Religión y política en México: cuatro supuestos básicos”. *Este País* 252 (Abril): 13-16. <http://estepais.com/site/?p=37922>

2012. “Iglesia católica y valores morales: un posible mecanismo causal para América Latina”. *Gaceta de Ciencia Política* 9(1): 11-27. <http://gacetadecienciapolitica.itam.mx/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/1.Iglesia-catolica.pdf>

2011. “Political Knowledge and Religious Channels of Socialization in Latin America”. *Insights Series* 55: 1-7. <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/insights/I0855en.pdf>

2010. “The Impact of Religion on Party Identification in the Americas”. *Insights Series* 51: 1-6. <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/insights/I0851en.pdf>

2010. “The Influence of Religion on Support for Free Trade in Latin America”. *Insights Series* 40: 1-6. <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/insights/I0840en.pdf>

2009. “Methodology Note: Measuring Religion in Surveys of the Americas”. *Insights Series* 29: 1-13. <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/insights/I0829en.pdf>

2006. “La regulación religiosa en la materia electoral mexicana: una explicación alternativa sobre sus diferencias”. *Economía, Sociedad y Territorio* 6(22): 431-456. http://fenix.cmq.edu.mx/documentos/Revista/revista22/est22_7Diaz.pdf

2006. “¿Influyen los ministros de culto sobre la intención de voto?”. *Perfiles Latinoamericanos* 28(2): 33-57. <http://redalyc.org/articulo.oa?id=11502802>

2006. “Algunos determinantes del gasto de campaña distrital en México para diputados federales de 2000 y 2003”. *Estudios de Política y Sociedad* 2(2): 57-84.

Works in Progress

Book manuscript with Jonathan T. Hiskey *Deepening Divides: The Development Consequences of Mexico's Uneven Regime*.

Explaining Public Support for Electoral Reform: The Case of Gender Quotas in Mexico with Leslie Schwindt-Bayer.

El tribunal electoral y los gastos de los partidos políticos en México.

Trust in Electoral Authorities: the Case of Mexico's Federal Electoral Institute.

Did Religion Mitigate the Impact of the 2009 Economic Crisis in Latin America?

Religious Basis of Support for CCT Programs in Latin America

Presentations

2013. "Killing Democracy: Mexico's Drug Violence and Subnational Patterns of Regime Support" with J.T. Hiskey and M.F.T. Malone. American Political Science Association.

2012. "Un (posible) balance de la(s) reforma(s) electoral(es)" in *Seminario Retrospectiva y Prospectiva de la Democracia Electoral Mexicana*, Instituto Electoral del Distrito Federal.

2010. "Religious Basis of Party Identification in Latin America. A Preliminary Explanation". Midwest Political Science Association.

2009. "Structural Conditions of the Catholic Church in Latin America. A Subnational Approach". International Studies Association -South.

Research Experience

Research assistant, Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/lapop/>, surveys 2008-2010-2012 with M.A. Seligson and E.J. Zechmeister.

Research assistant, High Courts Judicial Database <http://sitemason.vanderbilt.edu/page/exnakE>, 2008-2009 with Neal C. Tate.

Research and teaching assistant, Mexican Politics, Politics of Global Inequality, 2011 with Jonathan T. Hiskey.

Teaching assistant, International Political Economy, Introduction to International Relations, 2011 with Klint Alexander

Teaching Experience

Methods and Research Design.- Econometrics basic course, I emphasize research design, non-parametric techniques, and least squares theoretical and empirical foundations.

Religion and Politics.- Starting 2011 (summer sessions only), I emphasize a subnational perspective, using aggregated and public opinion data about clergy and the faithful.

Political Economy.- 2012 and 2013 only. Exploring explanations regarding why nations get rich or poor, I emphasize theoretical challenges and empirical evidence over the poorer countries on earth at the subnational level.

Employment Experience

Lecturer, ITAM, since summer of 2011.

Adviser, Electoral Commissioner, 2007, Electoral Institute of Mexico City, political parties expenditures.

First Assistant, Chief Magistrate, 2006-2007, Electoral Tribunal of Mexico City.

Adviser, Executive Director, 2004-2005, Federal Electoral Institute, political parties prerogatives and expenditures.

Adviser, Chief of Staff of Minister of Governance, 2002-2003, Ministry of Governance, legislative and subnational politics.

Adviser, Chamber of Deputies, 2002, Chamber of Deputies, gender quotas reform.

Adviser, Electoral Commissioner, 1999-2001, Electoral Institute of Mexico City, political parties prerogatives and expenditures and *exit polls*.

Adviser, Executive Director, 1997, Federal Electoral Institute, political parties prerogatives and expenditures.

Technical Skills and Language Proficiency

Languages: English, French, Latin and Spanish.

Statistical packages: R, Gretl, EViews, STATA, SPSS. Others: Latex, Office.

Survey design: LAPOP 2008, 2010, y 2012; ENAFI 2005, 2013; *Mexico Panel Study* 2012; *World Values Surveys* 2000, 2005 and 2012; GAUSSC and ISA *exit polls* Mexico City in 2000.

Councilor: Member of the 2013-2014 Public Opinion Council, *Reforma* Newspaper.