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Education

Northwestern University 2023 (Expected)

Ph.D. Candidate, ABD, Department of Political Science

Fields of expertise: American Politics, Quantitative Methods

Northwestern University 2020

M.A., Political Science

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) 2013

B.A. Economics

- Final GPA: 9.24/ 10, top 3% of class, graduated with highest honors.

Publications

- Racial bias in sport medical staff's perceptions of others' pain. *The Journal of social psychology*, 158(6), 721-729. With Druckman, J. N., Trawalter, S., Fredendall, A., Kanter, N., & Rubenstein, A. P. (2018).
- An inside view of congressional campaigning on the web. *Journal of Political Marketing*, 17(4), 442-475. With Druckman, J. N., Kifer, M. J., Parkin, M., (2018).
- Unbiased? Race, gender, and sport effects in university medical staff's perceptions of injured student-athletes. *Journal for the Study of Sports and Athletes in Education*, 13(1), 1-10. With Druckman, J. N., Trawalter, S., & (2019).

Work In Progress

- The role of race and gender on attitudes towards immigrants
 - I conduct a survey experiment to test the theory that gender, and race influence the formation of attitudes towards immigrants and immigration policies. My main hypotheses are that economic threat and public safety concerns drive the changes in attitudes towards immigrants. Preliminary results show that subjects with a higher degree of discriminatory views towards women are the most sensitive to gender, regardless of race.
- The effect of minimum wage changes on attitudes towards undocumented immigrants.
 - Using a quasi-experimental approach, I test the hypothesis that a higher minimum wage increases the support for restrictive policies against undocumented immigrants. Using data from various public sources I create a panel at the year-state level with socio-demographic, economic, and political variables. I estimate a difference-in-difference model and my preliminary findings show a positive and not statistical significant effect of the minimum wage on the support for restrictive immigration policies.
- Economic threat among high-skilled workers: Experimental evidence with a medical student sample.
 - I conduct a survey experiment to test the theory that attitudes towards immigration are influenced by race on highly skilled immigrants. This work is in its early stages.

Experience

Kellogg School of Management *Teaching Assistant*

2020-2022

- Assisted in courses for the full time MBA program, including: Managerial Economics, Business Analytics I and II. Among others, my responsibilities included helping students understand the course materials on economic and econometric theory as well as teaching them how to conduct statistical analysis using R and STATA.

Department of Political Science *Teaching Assistant*

2018-2021

- Assisted in courses for undergraduate students, including: Methods in Political Science, Law in the Political Arena, Drugs and Politics, American Political Institutions. Among others, my responsibilities included holding review sessions, office hours, and grading assignments.

Central Bank of Mexico: General Direction of Economic Research

2014-2015

Research Analyst

- My main responsibilities consisted in providing the Board with an independent forecast for the inflation rate, estimating the impact on the inflation rate of wages, commodity prices, and the exchange rate.
- I was part of the team in charge of developing new methods for measuring the core inflation in Mexico.
- I was involved in several research projects regarding the analysis of the Mexican labor market. Among others, I was in charge of analyzing the economic impact implementing a binding minimum wage and the composition of the informal labor market.

Secretary of Finance and Public Credit of Mexico

2013

Economic Advisor to the Secretary

- I was part of the team in charge of the design of the social security reform in Mexico. My main responsibilities were the analysis of the possible impacts of three new policies: a new unemployment insurance, the unification of the healthcare systems and a new welfare system for the elderly. I was particularly responsible to provide the theoretical support found in the literature for the implementation of those policies as well as quantifying the impact that this policy would have in the Mexican economy and in the federal budget.
- Policy Evaluation. I oversaw the analysis of a new federal program called “Crusade against Hunger”. My main responsibility consisted in the elaboration of a rigorous statistical analysis about the returns to education of providing rural schools with breakfast.

Professional Associations/Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)

2018-Current

Member

Northwestern University, American Political Behavior Workshop

2016-Current

Member

Service to the Discipline

Northwestern University, American Politics Student Working Group

2020-Current

Co-Chair

- I was in charge of organize and coordinate the meetings to discussed current research projects from the members.

Honors and Awards

Minar Duke Causal Inference Award, Northwestern University <i>\$800</i>	2019
Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy Research Grant <i>\$2,000</i>	2022
Graduate Research Grant, Northwestern University <i>\$ 3,000</i>	2022

Other Skills

- Software: Stata (high), R (high), Qualtrics (high), Excel (high), PowerPoint (high), Word (high)
- Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (native)
- Citizenship: Mexico