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EDUCATION

Texas A&M University

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

College Station, TX

Expected Summer 2024

Dissertation: "Bringing Government Closer to the People": Essays on Electoral Institutions, Representation, Accountability and Urban Service Provision

Committee: Michelle Taylor-Robinson (Chair), José A. Cheibub, Alicia Cooperman, Johanna Dunaway, Arnold Vedlitz.

Universidad de los Andes

M.A., Public Policy

Bogotá, Colombia

March 2019

Universidad de los Andes

B.S., Political Science

Bogotá, Colombia

March 2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Institutions and Representation, Voting Behavior, Urban and Local Politics, Environmental Politics, Politics of Public Policy.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

["Stick to Sports": Evidence from Sports Media on the Origins and Consequences of Newly Politicized Attitudes.](#) 2022. *Political Communication*. 39(4): 454-474 (with Erik Peterson).

["The Burden of Election Logistics: Election Ballots and the Territorial Influence of Party Machines in Colombia."](#) 2021. *The Journal of Politics* 83(4): 1635-1651 (with Santiago Alles and Mónica Pachón).

["Paz sí, pero no así"? Voter Profiles and Attitudes Toward the 2016 Colombian Peace Agreement."](#) 2021. *Journal of Latin American Politics and Society* 63(1): 95-117 (with Mónica Pachón).

["COVID in Colombia: A Crisis of Governability and Response."](#) 2021. *Revista de Ciencia Política* 41(2): 291-320 (with Mónica Pachón).

Book Chapters

["Policy Analysis and the Legislature in Colombia."](#) 2020. *Policy Analysis in Colombia*, eds. Pablo Sanabria-Pulido and Nadia Rubaii. International Library of Policy Analysis. Bristol: Policy Press, 81-98 (with Mónica Pachón).

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Summer 2023 Dissertation Grant Recipient. Department of Political Science. Texas A&M University. \$5,000.

Graduate and Professional School's Research and Presentation Travel Award Summer 2023 Recipient. Texas A&M University. \$750.

REPAL 2023 (*Red para el Estudio de la Economía Política de América Latina*) Travel Grant Recipient of the Dissertation Workshop. Quito, Ecuador. July 12-14. \$700.

APSA 2022 Subnational Election Data Pre-Conference Travel Grant Recipient. Montreal. September 14. \$1,073

Summer 2021 Research Bursary to purchase MTurk Credit. Department of Political Science. Texas A&M University (with Francesco Bromo). \$2,000.

Summer 2020 MIRC Ph.D. Grant Recipient. Mays Innovation Research Center – Business School. Texas A&M University (with Francesco Bromo). \$3,000.

Lechner Scholarship Fall 2019. College of Liberal Arts. Texas A&M University. \$1,500.

WORKING PAPERS

“Neighborhood-based Organizations as Political Actors: Implications for Political Participation, Inequality, and Climate Resilience” (with Sara Constantino and Alicia Cooperman).

“Men are from Mars, and Women are from Venus? Ambition and Career Aspirations of Legislators in Latin America” (with Michelle Taylor-Robinson, Mar Martínez, and Mercedes García) (*Under review at American Political Science Review*).

“Local Distributive Politics: Bloc Voting and Public Service Provision in Brazil” (with Alicia Cooperman, Andrea Junqueira and Thiago M.Q. Moreira).

“Government Tax Policy and Entrepreneurial Activity: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Scotland” (with Francesco Bromo).

“Dual Attitudes Toward Immigrants? The Politics of Group-Specific Stereotypes in Latin America” (with Nathalie Mendez).

“Latino Voters” (with Francesco Bromo and Kristy Pathakis).

“Electoral Rule Changes and Opposition Power in Presidential Regimes” (with Brenna Armstrong).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2019 – Present

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

- Research Assistant for Professor Kristy Pathakis (Fall 2023)
- Research Assistant for Professor Alicia Cooperman (Fall 2021 – Fall 2023)
Funded GRA NSF-EAGER-SAI (2308573) local policy-making on water infrastructure in Texas
- Editorial Assistant for Professor Paul Kellstedt (Summer 2021 – Summer 2023)
Political Science Research and Methods (PSRM)
- Research Assistant for Professor Michelle Taylor-Robinson (Fall 2019 – Spring 2021)
- Research Assistant for Professor Erik Peterson (Fall 2019 – Spring 2020)

Graduate Research Assistant

January 2019 – July 2019

Universidad de los Andes

Bogotá, Colombia

- Research Assistant for Professor Mónica Pachón

Undergraduate Research Assistant

January 2016 – December 2018

Universidad del Rosario

Bogotá, Colombia

- Research Assistant for Professor Mónica Pachón

Undergraduate Research Assistant

June 2015 – May 2016

Universidad de los Andes

Bogotá, Colombia

- Research Assistant for Professor Mónica Pachón
- Research Assistant for Professor Carlos Caballero Argáez

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Texas A&M University

- Polimetrics

August 2020 – May 2021

College Station, TX

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Universidad del Rosario

- Research Seminar
- Quantitative Methods for Social Sciences

January 2019 – May 2019

Bogotá, Colombia

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Universidad de los Andes

- Public Policy of Mobility
- Strategy in Public Policy Organizations
- Introduction to Public Policy

January 2015 – May 2019

Bogotá, Colombia

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Bogotá City Government

Staff Member, Office of Local Management

January 2018 – July 2018

Bogotá, Colombia

SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (native), English (fluent)

Software: Stata, R, ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, ATLAS.ti

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINAR PAPERS

2023. “Green Neighborhoods” for Everyone? Precinct-Level Voting Behavior and Municipal Service Provision: Evidence from Colombia (Job Market Paper). Presented at the *2023 IPSA World Congress*, Buenos Aires, Argentina. July 15-19.

2023. “Bringing Government Closer to the People”: Essays on Electoral Institutions, Representation, Accountability, and Urban Service Provision (Dissertation Proposal). Presented at the *REPAL 2023 pre-conference Dissertation Workshop*, Quito, Ecuador. July 12.

2023. Neighborhood-based Organizations as Political Actors: Implications for Political Participation, Inequality, and Climate Resilience (with Sara Constantino, Alicia Cooperman, and Sloan Huebner). Presented at the *Annual Southern Political Science Association (SPSA 2023)*, St. Pete Beach, Florida, January 11-14.

2022. Neighborhood-based Organizations as Political Actors: Implications for Political Participation, Inequality, and Climate Resilience (with Sara Constantino, Alicia Cooperman, and Sloan Huebner). Presented at the *44th Annual Association for Public Policy and Analysis and Management (APPAM 2022)*, Washington DC, November 17-19.

2022. How do Mega Cities Decentralize Local Accountability and Representation? Sub-Municipal Voting Behavior and Service Provision in Brazil and Colombia (with Alicia Cooperman, Andrea Junqueira and Thiago M.Q. Moreira). Presented at the *Women in Legislative Studies Conference (WiLS)*, Houston, October 21-22.

2022. How do Mega Cities Decentralize Local Accountability and Representation? Sub-Municipal Voting Behavior and Service Provision in Brazil and Colombia (with Alicia Cooperman, Andrea Junqueira and Thiago M.Q. Moreira). Presented at the *Subnational Elections Data Mini-Conference (APSA 2022)*, Montreal, September 14.

2022. Community-based Organizations for Disaster Recovery and Hazard Mitigation Policy (with Sara Constantino, Alicia Cooperman, and Sloan Huebner). Presented at the *Climate Pipeline Project Workshop (Harvard University)*, Boston, June 15-16.

2022. Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus? Career Paths and Ambition of Legislators in Latin America (with Michelle Taylor-Robinson, Mar Martínez, and Mercedes García). Presented at the *Texas Comparative Circle*, Austin, February 19-20.

2020. Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus? Career Paths and Ambition of Legislators in Latin America (with Michelle Taylor-Robinson, Mar Martínez, and Mercedes García). Presented at the 116th *American Political Science Association*, Virtual Panel, September 10-13.
2019. Can Information Change Views in Polarized Environment? A Survey Experiment on Support for the 2016 Colombian Peace Agreement (with Mónica Pachón, Kristian Gleditsch, and Cesar Mantilla). Presented at the 77th *Annual Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA 2019)*, Chicago, April 4-7.
2018. Can Information Change Views in Polarized Environment? A Survey Experiment on Support for the 2016 Colombian Peace Agreement (with Mónica Pachón, Kristian Gleditsch, and Cesar Mantilla). Presented at the 114th *American Political Science Association*, Boston, August 30-September 2.
2018. The Burden of Election Logistics: Election Ballots and Party Machineries in Colombia, 1978-2002 (with Santiago Alles and Mónica Pachón). Presented at the 76th *Annual Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (MPSA 2018)*, Chicago, April 5-8.
2017. Twittear o no Twittear: Los Dilemas de la Representación y Comportamiento de los Legisladores en Colombia (with Mónica Pachón). Presented at the *IX Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política*, Montevideo, July 26-28.
2015. Press Freedom in Colombia (with Mónica Pachón). Presented at the *Workshop of Media Freedom*, CIDE, Mexico City, December 4-5.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

International Political Association (IPSA)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Texas A&M Political Science Graduate Student Senator. Fall 2021 - Summer 2022