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EDUCATION

University of Virginia, United States. 2025-present

MA/PhD in Politics. Subfield: Comparative Politics.

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, Ecuador. 2019/22

Research Master's Degree in Political Sociology. First of the class. Thesis with distinction

University of British Columbia, Canada. 2017/18

University study abroad year.

Sciences Po Paris, France. 2015/18

BA in Political Science, Latin American Campus.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Barrera, A., Cabrera-Barona, P., Velasco-Oña, P. (2022). "Derechos, calidad de vida urbana y división del espacio en el Distrito Metropolitano de Quito", *EURE - Revista de Estudios Urbano Regionales*, n. 144. DOI: http://dx.doi.org/10.7764/eure.48.144.05

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

"The Charismatic Divide. Political Identities around a Leader's Legacy", with Paolo Moncagatta. [Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Politics in Latin America].

"Vote Secrecy in the Digital Age. How Cellphones Restriction Undermines Political Machines", with Daniel Gingerich. [In progress].

"Social Class, Resource Origin, and Fairness: Lab-in-the-Field Evidence from Cochabamba, Bolivia" with Christopher Carter, Emily Gregory, and Kirill Zhirkov [In progress].

"Choosing his shadow. Presidents' Legacies as Partisan Linkages in Subnational Elections." [In progress].

"A Cleavage of New Peripheries. Urban Growth, Socioeconomic Conditions, and the Persistence of a Personalist Legacy", with Augusto Barrera and Jefferson Revelo. [Spanish version under review].

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Review: *Creating Partisans. The Organizational Roots of New Parties in Latin America. By Mathias Poertner, Cambridge University Press, 2024*. European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies. https://erlacs.org/articles/11403/files/68c80541bea92.pdf.

La capital en disputa. Un estudio de la contienda electoral por la alcaldía de Quito, 2009-2019. 2022. Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, pp. 208 [Master's thesis]. https://repositorio.flacsoandes.edu.ec/handle/10469/19157

"Poder en la ciudad. Crisis, élites y trayectorias electorales en Quito", en *Quito, realidades, desafíos y alternativas*. 2022. FES-ILDIS/PUCE. [Book chapter]. URL: https://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/quito/19683.pdf

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Consultant of socioeconomic conditions in the Ecuadorian Central Andes. Nov 2024
United Nations Development Program – Catholic University of Ecuador. / Feb 2025
Responsible for a comparative analysis of disaggregated census data, 2010-2022.

Executive director of the Research Institute of the City (Quito). May 2023 / Nov 2024
Responsible for producing policy proposals and designing local surveys to support evidence-based governance in the Metropolitan Municipality of Quito, Ecuador. Managed a research investment budget of approximately USD 500,000 over two years.

National Coordinator of Public Opinion Surveys. July 2022 / May 2023
Clima Social polling company, Ecuador.

- Methodology and logistics coordinator for a national Randomized Controlled Trial, in the "Strengthening Political Parties: Experiences of Political Participation and Efficacy" project led by professors Mathias Poertner and Christopher L. Carter.
- National coordinator of the methodology of approximately 50 local surveys between 2022 and 2023, previous to local elections.

Junior project consultant of statistics about indigenous peoples and nationalities in Ecuador. Nov 2021 / Jan 2022
United Nations Population Fund, Ecuador. Responsible for the quantitative analysis of official datasets about the situation of indigenous populations.

TEACHING

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Virginia.

Game Theory. PLCP 3500-200. Spring 2026 (upcoming)
Main instructor: Anne Meng.

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. PLCP 3500-100. Fall 2026
Main instructor: Sophia Solomon.

Instructor of Record

"Survey Design and Analysis". University of San Francisco de Quito. 2023/24
Class in Spanish, two semesters. Student evaluation: 94.46/100

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND OTHER DISTINCTIONS

Graduate Global Research Grant, Center for Global Inquiry and Innovation. [1 500 USD]. 2026
University of Virginia.

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (AHSS) Summer Research Fellowship, [2 500 USD]. 2026
University of Virginia.

Academic excellence research grant [1 000 USD]. FLACSO-Ecuador. 2020

Academic excellence scholarship: full tuition fee and stipend [~ 30 000 USD]. FLACSO-Ecuador. 2020

Academic excellence international scholarship: full tuition fee and stipend [~ 100 000 USD]. 2015
National Secretary of Higher Education (SENESCYT), Ecuador.

National recognition for reaching the first perfect score (1000/1000) on the national university entrance exam. Best score among 250,994 candidates. SENESCYT Ecuador. 2014

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Spanish (Native), English (Fluent, IELTS 8), French (Fluent), Portuguese (Advanced).
Statistical and spatial analysis: R, Stata, SPSS, Python, Redatam, VS Code, QGIS, Flourish.
Data collection: KoboToolBox, Qualtrics, Epiccollect5.