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Education

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| 2025 (expected) | Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology
Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
<i>*Committee:</i>
<i>Elisabeth Clemens (Chair), Marco Garrido, John Levi Martin, Susan Stokes (Pol Sci).</i> |
| 2017 | Master of the Science of Law (JSM), Stanford University |
| 2017 | M.A. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes |
| 2015 | LL.B., Universidad de los Andes |
| 2012 | B.A. in Economics, Universidad de los Andes |

Research Interests

Political Sociology, Organizations, War and Post-conflict, Law and Society, Internet and Society, Latin America.

Academic Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

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| 2023 | Torres-Echeverry, N. Social media, meet old politics: preservation and innovation in Colombian presidential elections, 2010–2018. <i>Theory and Society</i> 52 , 425–461 (2023).
<i>*Online First.</i> |
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Book Chapters

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| 2018 | <i>The Parallel Order in Gaitania</i> . in García-Villegas M and Revelo-Rebolledo J (ed.) El Estado en la periferia: Dejusticia. (In Spanish) |
| 2016 | <i>Pro Bono Work in Argentina 2000-2014</i> . Coauthor with Bonilla-Maldonado, D, Ledezma, L., Recalde G., in Bonilla-Maldonado (ed.), Los mandarines del derecho. Las obligaciones sociales de los abogados en perspectiva comparada, Bogotá: Ediciones Uniandes. (In Spanish) |
| 2016 | <i>Pro Bono Work in Chile 2000-2014</i> , Coauthor with Bonilla-Maldonado, D, Ledezma, L., Recalde G., in Bonilla-Maldonado (ed.), Los mandarines del derecho. Las obligaciones sociales de los abogados en perspectiva comparada, Bogotá: Ediciones Uniandes. (In Spanish) |

White Papers

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| 2017 | Google's Role in Spreading Fake News and Misinformation (with Metaxa-Kakavouli D.). Available at SSRN: https://ssrn.com/abstract=3062984 |
| 2017 | <i>Academy and Citizenship: University Professors Complying and Violating Norms</i> . Coauthor with Garcia-Villegas M., Ramirez-Pisco A., Cárdenas-Campo J. C. Bogotá: Dejusticia. (In Spanish) |

- 2016 *The Territories of Peace. Local State Building in Colombia.* Coauthor with Garcia-Villegas M., Espinosa, R., Revelo, J., Duarte, N. Bogotá: Dejusticia. (In Spanish)
- 2016 *Baseline of Human Rights Standards in Prisons in Colombia.* Coauthor Zorro, A., Iturralde M., Ariza L., Urrutia J., Torres, M. GIZ. (In Spanish)
- 2016 *Governance for Education: Study of Bogota's Secretary of Education* Coauthor with Garcia-Villegas M., Duarte, N., Malagón S. Bogotá: Dejusticia. (In Spanish)

Work in Progress

- Torres-Echeverry N. "Growing from the City: incubating new forms of national politics."
- Torres-Echeverry N. & Evans, J. "The Political Culture Maps of Populism."
- Torres-Echeverry N. "Political Mnemonics, the Mobilization of Memory, and the Shifting Meaning of the Left."

Honors and Fellowships

- 2018-2025 Neubauer Family Distinguished Doctoral Fellow, University of Chicago (\$50,000).
- 2018-2025 Social Sciences Fellowship, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago.
- 2017-2018 JSD Stanford Law School Fellowship.
- 2017 Honors Masters Thesis Stanford Law School.
- 2016-2017 JSM Stanford Law School Fellowship.
- 2015 Top 1% score on the mandatory standardized test for undergraduate students in Colombia.

Grants

- 2023 University of Chicago Henderson Travel Grant (\$1,000).
- 2023 University of Chicago Henderson Research Grant (\$2,000).
- 2023 CLAS Mellon Research Travel Grant (\$5,000).
- 2022 Lloyd and Susanne Rudolph Field Research Award, Center for International Social Science Research (\$5,000).
- 2022 Pearson Institute Research and Innovation Fund Research Grant (\$4,700).
- 2022 University of Chicago Henderson Research Grant (\$3,000).
- 2021 Wing C. Chan and Angelina H. Li Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (\$1,500).
- 2020 CLAS Mellon Research Travel Fellowship (\$2,500).
- 2017 Center for Latin American Studies, Conference Travel Grant, Stanford University (\$500).
- 2017 Conference Travel Grant, Stanford Law School (\$500).
- 2016 Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies Global Policy Fellows Small Research Grant, Stanford University (\$1,500).
- 2016 Travel Grant BIARI, Watson Institute, Brown University.

Professional Experience

- 2014-2016 **Center for the Study of Law, Justice, and Society – Dejusticia**
 Research on state-building challenges in Colombia's post-conflict setting. I worked on three projects: "Local State Capacity in Colombia," funded by Dejusticia; "Governance of Bogota's Secretary of Education," supported by the UNDP, and "Academic Integrity of Teachers and Researchers," financed by the Government of Antioquia, Colombia.
- 2016 **German Cooperation Agency – GIZ**
 Consultant for the project "Baseline of Human Rights Standards in Prisons in

- Colombia.” I was part of an interdisciplinary team that designed and measured the first baseline on human rights conditions of inmates in the country.
- 2014 **Public Interest Law Group – GDIP**
Research on pro bono work in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia, conducting field work in each of the countries.
- 2014 **Center for the Study of Economic Development – CEDE**
Data consolidation and statistical analysis for the project: “Determinants of Student Evaluation of Teachers in the Los Andes University Economics Department.”

Research Assistance

- 2018 **Digital Policy Incubator, Stanford Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University**
Executive Director: Eileen Donahoe
Professors: Larry Diamond and James Fishkin “Digital Platforms, Democratic Values, and Governance of Controversial Content”
Contributed to analyzing the US legal framework for online content moderation and platforms initiatives to tackle misinformation in the Internet ecosystem.
- 2017-2018 **Stanford Law School**
Professor Deborah Hensler, “Quantitative Approach to Class Actions in the USA”
Assisted in the quantitative coding, validating, and analysis of the universe of federal class actions in the US between 2005 and 2015.
- 2014 **Economics Department, Universidad de los Andes**
Professor Jimena Hurtado. “Determinants of Student Evaluation of Teachers in the Department of Economics at Universidad de los Andes”
Performed data consolidation and statistical analysis for the project: “Determinants of Student Evaluation of Teachers in the Department of Economics in Los Andes University.”
- 2012 **Universidad de los Andes**
Professor Rodolfo Arango. “Higher Education in the Constitutional Framework in Colombia”
Research assistant for the book chapter: “Higher Education in the Constitutional Framework” (in Spanish) in *Libro Blanco. La Educación Superior Retos y Perspectivas*, pp. 201-250. Ediciones Uniandes (Bogotá), 2013.
- 2011 **Universidad de los Andes Law School**
Professor Antonio Barreto. “The Colombian Constitutional Court in Numbers”
Made a state of arts on statistical analysis of the Constitutional Court of Colombia rulings for the project: “The Constitutional Court in Numbers.”

Teaching Experience

Instructor

University of Chicago:
2020-2021 Preceptor Sociology BA Thesis Seminar

Universidad de los Andes - Colombia:
2019 Internet and Democracy, Summer School

Teaching Assistant

University of Chicago:
2019 Sociological Theory, Prof. Kimberly Hoang

Universidad de los Andes - Colombia:

2015	Constitutional Law and Economics, Prof. Everaldo Lamprea
2013	Constitutional Law and Economics, Prof. Antonio Barreto
2012	Introductory Microeconomics, Prof. Andrés Alvarez
2012-2013	Ethics, Justice and Public Policy, Prof. Jimena Hurtado
2011-2012	History of Economic Thought, Prof. Jimena Hurtado

Blog and Press (selected)

2022	The End of an Era?: The Colombian Elections in Retrospect and Prospect, Critical Historical Sociology Blog (with Laura Acosta)
2022	Holocausto Norte and the Engines of Political Mobilization, Ethnographic Marginalia
2020	How is Big Data used in politics? Hablemos de Política Podcast (In Spanish)
2017	The (Un)Expected Effects of the Fading FARC in Colombia. Medium. FSI.
2016	Informal Justice: Formula to Solve Conflicts in Areas left by Farc. VICE Pacifista (In Spanish)
2016	Toward Finland's Educational Model. Dejusticia Global Rights Blog
2015	Economic Thinking, Economists' Education and Human Rights. Dejusticia Global Rights Blog
2015	Illegally Mining Human Rights for Gold. Dejusticia Global Rights Blog

Conferences and Talks

2023	American Sociological Association Annual Meeting "Bypassing Stigma Through Cultural Bridges in Imperfect Post-conflict Settings"
2021	American Sociological Association Annual Meeting "Social Media, Meet Clientelism"
2021	The University of Chicago, Department of Sociology The Great Mediation: Perspectives on Politics and the New Media (Co-organizer) "Social Media, Meet Clientelism"
2020	American Sociological Association Annual Meeting "The Metrics Games" <i>*Cancelled due to Covid19</i>
2020	University of Chicago. Politics, History and Society Workshop. "Digital Technologies, Meet Political Structures"
2017	Stanford University. Handa Center for Human Rights and International Justice. "Managing the Spread of Fake News and Misinformation: What are the roles of Facebook, Reddit, Twitter, and Google?"
2017	Annual Meeting of Law and Society - México City. "The Mirror of Guerrilla Justice: Judicial Activity in Conflict Zones in Colombia"
2016	Brown University. BIARI School on Humanitarian Response and Post-Conflict Reconstruction. "State Weakness in Colombia: Implications for The Post-Conflict Era"
2014	La Sabana University. IV th National Meeting of Legal Clinics. "Access to Justice a new approach"
2014	Universidad de los Andes. Reform to Justice Forum. "A Demand Perspective in Access to Justice"

Professional Affiliations and University and Discipline Service

2021-Present American Sociological Association
* *Political Sociology Section*
* *Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology Section*

2021-Present Editorial committee, *Análisis Político*.

2020-2021 University of Chicago - Co-Coordinator Politics, History, and Society Workshop

2018-Present University of Chicago – Graduate Student Affiliate of the Chicago Center on Democracy

2019-2020 Student Member, *American Journal of Sociology*, Manuscript Board

2016-2018 Stanford University – Stanford Program in Law and Society

2015-2016 Brown University – Watson Institute: Humanitarian Innovation Initiative

Invited Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology, Análisis Político, Social Media + Society.

Other Skills

Programming languages: Python
Statistical and Survey Software: Stata, R
Qualitative Analysis Software: MAXQDA

Languages

Spanish (native) and English (fluent)

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