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Education

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| 2025 (expected) | Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology
<i>Neubauer Family Distinguished Doctoral Fellow</i>
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 Peace, Law and Society, Internet and Society, Latin America.

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).
https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11186-022-09509-w
<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.) <i>El Estado en la periferia: Dejusticia.</i> (In Spanish) |
| 2016 | <i>Pro Bono Work in Argentina 2000-2014.</i> With Bonilla-Maldonado, D., Ledezma, L., Recalde G., in Bonilla-Maldonado (ed.), <i>Los mandarines del derecho. Las obligaciones sociales de los abogados en perspectiva comparada,</i> Bogotá: Ediciones Uniandes. (In Spanish) |
| 2016 | <i>Pro Bono Work in Chile 2000-2014,</i> With Bonilla-Maldonado, D., Ledezma, L., Recalde G., in Bonilla-Maldonado (ed.), <i>Los mandarines del derecho. Las obligaciones sociales de los abogados en perspectiva comparada,</i> Bogotá: Ediciones Uniandes. (In Spanish) |

Research Reports

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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 |

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

Work in Progress

† Indicates joint first authorship or joint first co-authorship.

- Torres-Echeverry N. “Bypassing Stigma: Modes of Political Articulation in Colombia’s Twenty First Century Turn to the Left”
- Torres-Echeverry N. †, A. Sarria-Morales, & Evans, J. “The Political Culture Maps of Populism.”
- Acosta, L. and Torres-Echeverry, N. † “When Crisis becomes Stasis: War-Peace Convergence and its Self-Reinforcing Qualities in Long Civil Wars”

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)
2015	Economic Thinking, Economists’ Education and Human Rights. Dejusticia Global Rights Blog
2015	Illegally Mining Human Rights for Gold. Dejusticia Global Rights Blog

Honors and Fellowships

2024-2025	Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace (\$20,000)
2018-2025	Neubauer Family Distinguished Doctoral Fellow, University of Chicago (\$50,000)
2024	Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship, IHS017769 (\$5,000)
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

2024	Agnes and Nathan Janco Travel Award (\$5,000)
2024	Pearson Institute Research and Innovation Fund Research Grant (\$9,300)
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)
2015	Travel Grant BIARI, Watson Institute, Brown University

Conferences and Talks

Bypassing Stigma: Modes of Political Articulation in Colombia's Twenty First Century Turn to the Left

2024	Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, Bogotá, Colombia The Spring Institute, University of Chicago, Chicago Chicago Ethnography Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago
2023	American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia

Social Media, Meet Clientelism

2021	American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, The Great Mediation: Perspectives on Politics and the New Media, Chicago
2020	Politics, History and Society, Chicago

The Metrics Games

2020	American Sociological Association Annual Meeting *Cancelled due to Covid19
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Managing the Spread of Fake News and Misinformation: What are the roles of Facebook, Reddit, Twitter, and Google?

2017	Handa Center for Human Rights and International Justice, Stanford
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The Mirror of Guerrilla Justice: Judicial Activity in Conflict Zones in Colombia

2017	Annual Meeting of Law and Society, Mexico City, Mexico
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State Weakness in Colombia: Implications for The Post-Conflict Era

2016	BIARI School on Humanitarian Response and Post-Conflict Reconstruction, Brown University, Providence
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Teaching Experience

Instructor

University of Chicago:

2020-2021	Preceptor Sociology BA Thesis Seminar
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Universidad de los Andes - Colombia:

2019	Internet and Democracy, Summer School
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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

Professional Research Experience

2014-2016 **Center for the Study of Law, Justice, and Society – Dejusticia**

- Research on state-building challenges in Colombia's post-conflict setting.

2016 **German Cooperation Agency – GIZ**

- Consultant for the project “Baseline of Human Rights Standards in Prisons in Colombia.” First interdisciplinary team to design and measure 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”

2017-2018 **Stanford Law School**

- Professor: Deborah Hensler, “Quantitative Approach to Class Actions in the USA”

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”

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 **Law School, Universidad de los Andes**

- Professor Antonio Barreto. “The Colombian Constitutional Court in Numbers”

Professional Service

2024-2025 Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*
 2023-2024 *Political Sociology* Section Newsletter Editorial Team, American Sociological Association
 2023-2024 *Peace, War, and Social Conflict* Section Mentoring Committee, American Sociological Association
 2021-Present Editorial committee, *Análisis Político* (Colombia)
 2021 Co-organizer, *The Great Mediation: Perspectives on Politics and the New Media*, Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago, May 6 and 7
 2020-2021 University of Chicago - Co-Coordinator Politics, History, and Society Workshop
 2019-2020 Student Member, *American Journal of Sociology*, Manuscript Board

Memberships

2021-Present American Sociological Association
 * *Political Sociology Section*
 * *Theory Section*
 * *Culture*
 * *Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section*
 * *Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology Section*

2023-Present Latin American Studies Association
 2018-Present University of Chicago – Graduate Student Affiliate of the Chicago Center on Democracy
 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; Information, Communication and Society; Social Media + Society

Other Skills

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

Languages

Spanish (native) and English (fluent)

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