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Current positions

2016-present Associate Professor, Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo, Universidad de los Andes
2018-present Senior Researcher, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)

Areas of Specialization

Political violence • Crime • Impact evaluation

Previous Appointments

2014-2017 Assistant Professor, Political Science, Binghamton University (SUNY)
2013-2014 Predoctoral Fellow, Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University
2012-2013 Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar, United States Institute of Peace

Education

2014 Ph.D. in Government, Georgetown University
2011 M.A. in Government, Georgetown University
2005 B.A. in Philosophy, Vassar College

Research

PUBLICATIONS

2018 “Trust in the Executive: Requiring Consensus and Turn-Taking in the Experimental Lab,” with [T. Clark Durant](#), [Daniel Houser](#), and [Shuwen Li](#). *Journal of Peace Research* 55(5): 609-624.

2018 “Disappearing Dissent? Repression and State Consolidation in Mexico,” with [Javier Osorio](#) and [Livia Schubiger](#). *Journal of Peace Research* 55(2): 252-266. Part of special issue on archival research edited by [Laia Balcells](#) and [Chris Sullivan](#).

2017 “Doctrine and Violence: the Impact of Combatant Training on Civilian Killings,” with [Ben Oppenheim](#). *Terrorism and Political Violence* 29(6): 1126-1148.

- 2016 “Do All Good Things Go Together? Development Assistance and Violence in Civil War.” *Journal of Politics* 78(4): 989-1002.
- 2015 “True Believers, Deserters, and Traitors: Who Leaves Insurgent Groups and Why,” with [Ben Oppenheim](#), [Abbey Steele](#) and [Juan F. Vargas](#). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 59(5): 794-823. Part of special issue on militias, edited by [Corinna Jentsch](#), [Livia Schubiger](#), and [Stathis N. Kalyvas](#).
- 2015 “Vote Choice and Legacies of Violence: Evidence from the 2014 Colombian Presidential Elections,” with [Juan F. Vargas](#) and [Thomas Flores](#). *Research & Politics* 2(2).
- 2015 “Bargaining Between Rebel Groups and the Outside Option of Violence,” with [Håvard Mokleiv Nygård](#). *Terrorism and Political Violence* 27(3): 557-580.
- 2014 “How to Make Democracy Self-Enforcing after Civil War,” with [T. Clark Durant](#). *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 31(5): 521-540.
- 2014 “An Institutional Remedy for Ethnic Patronage Politics,” with [T. Clark Durant](#). *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 26(1): 59-78.
- 2012 “Altruism, Righteousness and Myopia,” with [T. Clark Durant](#). *Critical Review* 23(3): 257-302.

REVISE AND RESUBMIT

- 2019 “The Effects of Ideology on Insurgent Targeting Decisions,” with Juan Esteban Ugarriza. Revise and Resubmit, *Security Studies*.
- 2018 “Historical Legacies of Conflict: From the Cristero Rebellion to Self-Defense Forces in Mexico,” with [Javier Osorio](#) and [Livia I. Schubiger](#). Revise and Resubmit, *Comparative Political Studies*. Part of special issue on micro-comparative studies of 20th century conflicts, edited by [Stathis N. Kalyvas](#) and [Daniel Fedorowycz](#).
- 2018 “Urban Concentration and Civil War,” with [Dani Nedal](#) and [Megan Stewart](#). Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Police Interactions with Youth at Risk: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Honduras,” with [Andrés Ham](#), [Javier Osorio](#) and [Reynaldo Rojo Mendoza](#).
- “Increasing Female Police Recruitment: Evidence from El Salvador,” with [Javier Osorio](#) and [Reynaldo Rojo Mendoza](#).
- “Vigilante Mobilization and Local Order: Evidence from Mexico,” with [Javier Osorio](#) and [Livia I. Schubiger](#).
- Winner, Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Best Paper by an Emerging Scholar(s) Award, 2016.
- “Territorial Control and Economic Performance: Evidence from Colombia’s Demilitarized Zone,” with [Rafael Ch](#) and [Juan F. Vargas](#).
- “Civilian Agency in Criminal and Political Conflicts: A Research Agenda,” with [Cassy Dorff](#) and [Jessica Maves Braithwaite](#).

“Legacies of Lynching: Racial Killings in the American South and Contemporary Violence.”

ONGOING RESEARCH

“Promoting Quantitative Analysis Capabilities and Applied Research on Citizen Security in Central America, with Javier Osorio and Reynaldo Rojo Mendoza.

“Explaining Civilian Support for Political and Criminal Armed Groups,” with Erica De Bruin and Livia Schubiger.

“Restoring the Rule of Law After Civil War: A Field Experiment in Security and Justice Provision in Rural Colombia,” with Rob Blair, Manuel Moscoso, and Andrés Vargas.

“Monitoring Attitudes, Perceptions, and Support for the Peace Process in Colombia (MAPS),” with Håvard Mokleiv Nygård, Marianne Dahl, and Helga Malmin Binningsbø.

“Micro-Foundations of Conflict Escalation (MiCE),” with Laia Balcells, Christopher Fariss, Gudmund Horn Hermansen, and Håvard Mokleiv Nygård.

“Moderating Alcohol Consumption to Reduce Violent Brawls: A Randomized Controlled Trial with Bartenders in Bogotá,” with Andrés Ham, Darío Maldonado, and Andrés Felipe Camacho.

“The Effect of Motorcycle Restrictions on Crime in Colombia,” with Leonardo Bonilla, Juan David Gélvez, Eduard Martínez, and Juan Pablo Mesa.

“Humanizing the Enemy: Experimental Evidence from Ex-Combatants in Colombia,” with Sebastián Bitar, Devin Finn, and Angelika Rettberg.

POLICY REPORTS AND ANALYSES

2018 “Perceptions of and Experience with the Peace Process in Colombia: Report on pilot study from Mesetas and Tumaco,” with Marianne Dahl, Helga Malmin Binningsbø, and Håvard Mokleiv Nygård. Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Paper.

2018 “Attitudes Towards the Implementation of the Colombian Peace Agreement in Mesetas,” with Marianne Dahl, Helga Malmin Binningsbø, and Håvard Mokleiv Nygård. Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Paper.

2017 “Attitudes Towards the Implementation of the Colombian Peace Agreement in Tumaco,” with Marianne Dahl, Helga Malmin Binningsbø, and Håvard Mokleiv Nygård. Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Paper.

2017 “Cuando el Descabezamiento del Crimen Organizado Funciona: el Caso del Clan del Golfo en Colombia,” with Juan David Gélvez Ferreira. London School of Economics Latin America and Caribbean Blog. October 25.

2017 “Institutional Failure in the World’s Most Violent Country: Prison Conditions in El Salvador,” with Viveca Pavon. Political Violence at a Glance. August 21.

2017 “Reporte Final: Data4Peace Hackathon,” with Mike Findley, Angelika Rettberg, Oliver Kaplan, Joe Young, and collaborators. Documento de Trabajo. Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo, Universidad de los Andes.

- 2017 “Violencia Histórica y Violencia Contemporánea en el Sur de Estados Unidos”. Tribuna: Revista de Asuntos Políticos. Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo, Universidad de los Andes.
- 2017 “Rejecting Peace? Legacies of Violence in Colombia,” with Håvard Mokleiv Nygård. Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) Conflict Trends.
- 2016 “¿Qué Pasó, Colombia?” Foco Económico.
- 2016 “Colombia’s Peace Plebiscite: the Case for Yes and the Case for No,” The Conversation Global.
- 2016 “¿Qué Vendrá Después de la Paz? Futurología desde la Ciencia Política.” Tribuna: Revista de Asuntos Políticos. Escuela de Gobierno Alberto Lleras Camargo, Universidad de los Andes.
- 2015 “Insurgent Defection in Civil War: Lessons from Colombia for Combating ISIS,” with Ben Oppenheim, Abbey Steele, and Juan F. Vargas. *Political Violence at a Glance*. September 28, 2015.
- 2015 “To Be By Your Side: Unarmed Protection and Accompaniment in Colombia,” with John Lindsay-Poland. In *Wielding Nonviolence in the Midst of Violence: Case Studies of Good Practices in Unarmed Civilian Protection*, edited by Ellen Funari. Institute for Peace Work and Nonviolent Conflict Transformation.
- 2015 “How Did Guerrilla Violence Shape the 2014 Presidential Election in Colombia?” *Political Violence at a Glance*.
- 2014 “A Progress Report on Peace Talks in Colombia.” Early Warning Project.
- 2014 “Don’t Hold Colombia Up as a COIN Model to Emulate.” *Cicero Magazine*.
- 2014 “How Legacies of Violence Affected the Colombian Elections.” *Washington Post’s Monkey Cage*.
- 2014 “The Colombian Elections and Prospects for Peace.” Early Warning Project.

Grants and Fellowships

- 2018-2022 Funding for “Micro-Foundations of Conflict Escalation (MiCE),” The Research Council of Norway, Young Research Talents, with [Laia Balcells](#), [Christopher Fariss](#), [Gudmund Horn Hermansen](#), and [Håvard Mokleiv Nygård](#). \$1,020,853.
- 2016-2020 Funding for “Promoting Quantitative Analysis Capabilities and Applied Research on Citizen Security in Central America,” United States Agency for International Development (USAID), with [Javier Osorio](#) and [Reynaldo Rojo Mendoza](#). \$4,986,534.
- 2017-2019 Funding for survey experiments on support for criminal and political armed groups in Colombia, National Science Foundation (NSF), with [Erica De Bruin](#) and [Livia Schubiger](#). \$428,000.
- 2018 Funding for a randomized controlled trial with bartenders in Bogotá, to moderate alcohol consumption and reduce violent brawls, with [Andrés Ham](#) and [Darío Maldonado](#). Fundación Bavaria. \$170,000 (for the impact evaluation only).
- 2017 Funding for pilot surveys to monitor attitudes towards the peace agreement between the Colombian government and the *Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia* (FARC) in Nariño and Meta, United Nations Development Program—Oslo Governance Centre, with [Håvard Mokleiv Nygård](#),

[Marianne Dahl](#), and [Helga Malmin Binningsbø](#). \$80,000.

- 2017-2018 Funding for behavioral games to improve trust between ordinary citizens and ex-combatants in Colombia, Vicerrectoría de Investigaciones and Escuela de Gobierno, Universidad de los Andes, with Sebastián Bitar and Angelika Rettberg. \$25,000.
- 2017-2018 Funding for principal intervention with police inspectors in rural, conflict-affected areas of Colombia, United Nations Development Program—Colombia, with Robert Blair, Manuel Moscoso, and Andrés Vargas. \$230,000.
- 2016 Funding for pilot intervention with police inspectors in rural, conflict-affected areas of Colombia, United Nations Development Program—Colombia, with Robert Blair, Manuel Moscoso, and Andrés Vargas. \$40,000.
- 2016 Funding to plan an intervention with police inspectors in rural, conflict-affected areas of Colombia, KfW (German development cooperation bank), with Robert Blair, Manuel Moscoso, and Andrés Vargas. \$40,000.
- 2016 Funding for endline survey in rural, conflict-affected areas of Colombia for project on police inspectors, Folke Bernadotte Academy’s Working Group on Security Sector Reform, with Robert Blair, Manuel Moscoso, and Andrés Vargas. \$29,000.
- 2016 Funding for various research projects, Vicerrectoría de Investigaciones, Universidad de los Andes. \$33,000.
- 2016 Stipended Faculty Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, Binghamton University.
- 2015 Funding for 2,000-household survey in rural, conflict-affected areas of Colombia for project on police inspectors, *Departamento Nacional de Planeación de Colombia* and KfW (German development cooperation bank), with Robert Blair, Manuel Moscoso, and Andrés Vargas. \$63,000.
- 2015-2016 Harpur College Dean’s Speaker Series on “Political and Criminal Violence,” Binghamton University. \$2,000.
- 2013-2014 Predoctoral Fellow, Yale University Program on Order, Conflict and Violence. \$24,000.
- 2012-2013 United States Institute of Peace Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Dissertation Scholarship. \$20,000.
- 2008-2013 Georgetown University five year fellowship for graduate study. \$22,000 per year.
- 2013-2014 Georgetown University Hopper Memorial Fellowship. Teaching and research fellowship awarded annually to two distinguished Ph.D. candidates (declined). \$22,000.
- 2012 Georgetown University Research Assistantship for Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA)-funded grant on political instability in Latin America (with [Desha Girod](#)).
- 2011 Georgetown University Grant for ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research.
- 2011 University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation’s Governance, Development and Political Violence Workshop.

Olympia Summer Seminar on Conflict and Identity in Olympia, Greece (declined).

Selected Presentations and Talks

(P)aper, (O)rganizer, D(iscussant)

Folke Bernadotte Academy, Security Sector Reform Group: 2019 (P).

University of Rochester, Department of Political Science: 2019 (P).

Politics of Policing Virtual Conference: 2019 (P)

Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Conditions of Violence and Peace Department: 2018 (P)

Universidad del Rosario, Facultad de Economía, 4th Workshop on the Economics of Organized Crime: 2017 (P).

University of New Mexico, Department of Political Science and the Latin American and Iberian Institute: 2017 (P).

International Studies Association: 2010 (P,O), 2011 (P), 2012 (P,O), 2013 (P,O), 2014 (P), 2015 (P,D), 2016 (P), 2017 (P,D), 2018 (P,D), 2019 (P).

American Political Science Association: 2010 (P), 2013 (P), 2014 (D), 2015 (O), 2019 (P).

Yale University Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Conference on Micro-Comparative Studies of 20th Century Conflicts: 2016 (P).

University of Wisconsin-Madison Conference on Criminal Actors in the Americas: 2016 (P).

Congreso Nacional de Ciencia Política, Asociación Colombiana de Ciencia Política: 2016 (P,D).

Yale University Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Conference on Paramilitaries, Militias, and Civil Defense Forces: 2012 (P).

Peace Science Society, North American Meeting: 2010 (P), 2015 (P).

Teaching and Advising

Universidad de los Andes

2019 Solutions to the Problem of Crime (undergraduate and graduate).

2018 Introducción a Asuntos Públicos Globales (undergraduate); Análisis de Problemas Colombianos (masters).

2017 Introducción a Asuntos Públicos Globales (undergraduate); Análisis de Problemas Globales (undergraduate); Aproximaciones Experimentales y Cuasi-Experimentales a la Seguridad y Justicia (undergraduate and masters); Module on Post-Conflict Politics (masters).

2016 Dinámicas del Conflicto Armado y Políticas Públicas para el Posconflicto (masters); Module on Post-Conflict Politics (masters); Introduction to Public Policy (undergraduate)

M.A. thesis advisor: 9 advisees (Camilo Jiménez; Juan Pablo Mesa; Álvaro Mendez; Manuela Muñoz; Sioly Rodríguez; María Paula Rojas; Yudy Sánchez; Adriana Valenzuela; Sidney Yerlein).

Binghamton University

2016 Dynamics of Civil Wars (undergraduate).

2015 Political and Criminal Violence (doctoral); Ethnicity and Politics (undergraduate).

2014 Dynamics of Civil Wars (undergraduate); Behavior of Armed Groups (undergraduate).

Ph.D. dissertation committee member: 1 advisee.

M.A. thesis advisor: 1 advisee.

B.A. honors thesis advisor: 2 advisees.

Advising at Other Institutions

Ph.D. dissertation committee member: 1 advisee at Duke University (Juan Tellez, Assistant Professor at University of South Carolina) and 1 advisee at Yale University (Andrés Vargas).

Service

General

Occasional reviewer for *American Journal of Political Science*; *American Political Science Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Comparative Politics*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *International Interactions*; *International Organization*; *International Security*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Conflict Resolution*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Politics*; *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Security Studies*; and *The Review of International Organizations*.

Reviewer for National Science Foundation.

2014-2015 Member, Best Field Work Prize Committee, American Political Science Association's Comparative Democratization Section.

Universidad de los Andes

2017-2018 Director, Maestría en Políticas Públicas (MPP), Escuela de Gobierno.

2017- Member, Consejo Académico, Centro de Estudios sobre Seguridad y Drogas (CESED).

2017 Co-organizer, Data4Peace Hackathon, with University of Texas-Austin and Cifras y Conceptos.

2016-2017 Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Escuela de Gobierno.

2016-2017 Member, Comité Satélite de Ética, Escuela de Gobierno.

Binghamton University

2015-2016 Member, Graduate Committee.

2015-2016 Organizer, World Politics Graduate Workshop, Binghamton University.

2015 Fulbright U.S. Student Program Interviewer, Binghamton University.

Other

2015, 2017 Academic expert for Colombian asylum cases.

2013-2016 Co-organizer and facilitator for New Era Foreign Policy Conference, a two-day workshop for doctoral students, post-docs, and foreign policy experts.

Related Skills

Fluent in Spanish.

Research and work-related travel in Colombia, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Kenya, Mexico, Uganda, South Sudan, and South Africa.

References

David Edelstein
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