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## Education

**Vanderbilt University**, Nashville, TN  
Ph.D. Political Science (Comparative Politics, Political Methodology), Expected: Spring 2019  
**University of Illinois**, Urbana-Champaign, IL  
B.A. Political Science and Economics; Minor in French, 2012

## Research Interests

Representation & Accountability; Public Opinion; Political Parties; Legislative Institutions & Behavior; Latin American Politics; Mexican Politics; Survey Research Methodology

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

Oscar Castorena and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. 2017. "Representing the National Economic Agenda in Latin America: Variation by Fat and Lean Times and Party Brands." *Electoral Studies* 45: 208-218.

## Working Papers

"Legislative Voting and Electoral Accountability: The Case of Mexico's VAT Reform."  
"Progressive Ambition and Representation: The Case of Mexico."  
"Female Officeholders and Women's Political Engagement: The Role of Parties."  
"When Presidents Are Coaches: World Cup Results Affect Citizens' Evaluation of the Government." (with Gabriel N. Camargo-Toledo)  
"News Consumption, Crime, and the National Agenda." (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister)  
"Switching in Guatemala's Congress: Do Deputies Take Cues from the Public?" (with Adam D. Wolsky)

## Policy Briefs and Research Reports

Oscar Castorena. 2013. "Explaining Evaluations of the National Economy in Latin America and the Caribbean." *AmericasBarometer Insights Series* No.97.

## National Grants, Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2013-2016  
John A. Garcia Scholarship from the Society for Political Methodology to attend the ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, 2013

## University Grants, Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

Vanderbilt University Center for Latin American Studies Tinker Field Research Travel Award, 2015  
Vanderbilt University Graduate School Travel Grant, 2016, 2017, 2018  
Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program, 2011  
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society, 2010-2012  
University of Illinois James Scholar Honors Program, 2008-2012  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Dean's List, 2008-2012  
President's Award Program Merit Scholarship, 2008

## Teaching

### *Instructor*

- Fall 2017: Workshop on web-scraping with Python for political science graduate students (with Gabriel N. Camargo-Toledo)

### *Teaching Assistant*

- Spring 2018: Introduction to American Government and Politics (Bruce Oppenheimer)
- Fall 2017: International Politics of Latin America (Elizabeth J. Zechmeister)
- Spring 2017: Politics of Mexico (Jonathan Hiskey)
- Fall 2016: U.S. Elections (Bruce Oppenheimer, Josh Clinton, John Geer, and Jon Meacham)
- Summer 2014: Political Science Short Course (for high school students) (Elizabeth J. Zechmeister)

## Conference Papers and Participation

2018. "Female Officeholders and Women's Political Engagement: The Role of Parties." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2018. "Switching in Guatemala's Congress: Do Deputies Take Cues from the Public?" (with Adam D. Wolsky) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2018. "Political Representation in Trade Policy: Constituency Influence in the Congress of the Republic of Peru." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Nashville, TN.

2017. "Female Officeholder and Women's Political Engagement: The Case of Mexico." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.

2017. "When Presidents are Coaches: World Cup Results and Citizens' Evaluations of the Government." (with Gabriel N. Camargo-Toledo) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2016. "Progressive Ambition and Representation: The Case of Mexico." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2015. “Crime Concerns, Political Priorities, and Representative Responsiveness in Latin America.” (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister) Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.

2014. “Issue Priority Representation in Latin America.” (with Elizabeth J. Zechmeister) Paper presented at the Duke Frontiers of Political Science Workshop: Political Accountability at Duke University, Durham, NC.

## Service

Graduate Student Representative to the Comparative Politics Search Committee, Fall 2014

## Additional Training and Research Skills

Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research at the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, 2013. Courses Completed: Applied Multi-Level Modeling and Structural Equation Modeling

Languages: Spanish (advanced), French (proficient)

## Computing Skills

R, Stata, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, ArcGIS

## References

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