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## EMPLOYMENT

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- Fall 2023- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, **University of Massachusetts, Lowell**.  
Fall 2023- Associate Director, Center for Public Opinion, **University of Massachusetts, Lowell**.  
2017- Co-Principal Investigator, Mexican Election Study (CIDE-CSES).  
2019-(on leave) Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, **CIDE**, Mexico City.  
Spring 2023 Visiting Lecturer in Political Behavior, Department of Political Science,  
**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**.  
2017-2019 Post-Doctoral Fellow. Department of Politics, **University of Virginia**.

## EDUCATION

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- 2017 PhD in Political Science, **University of Notre Dame**, IN.  
2013 MA in Political Science, **University of Notre Dame**, IN.  
2008 BA in Political Science, **CIDE**, Mexico City, Mexico.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Survey Research Methodology, Public Opinion Formation, and Political Behavior. Partisanship, Campaigns, and Motivated Reasoning. Democratic Erosion, Clientelism, and Vote Buying.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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### Survey Research Methodology

1. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo** and Ulises Beltrán. 2022. "Who Receives Electoral Gifts? It Depends on Question Wording: Experimental Evidence from Mexico," *Political Behavior*. 44(1):227-255.
2. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo** and Ulises Beltrán. 2020. "List Experiments, Political Sophistication, and Vote Buying. Experimental Evidence from Mexico," *Journal of Politics in Latin America*. 12(2):219-234.
3. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo**. 2019. "Partisanship and Question-Wording Effects: Experimental Evidence from Latin America," *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 83(1):26-45.

### Partisanship and Affective Polarization

1. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo**. Forthcoming. "Who Believes in Fraud in the 2006 Mexican Presidential Election? Election Denialism, Partisan Bias, and Affective Polarization," *Latin American Research Review*.
2. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo**. 2023. "The AMLO Voter. Affective Polarization and the Rise of the Left in Mexico," *Journal of Politics in Latin America*. 5(1):96-112.
3. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo**. 2023. "Same Scandal, Different Interpretations. Politics of Corruption, Anger, and Partisan Bias," *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*. 33(3):497-518.
4. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo**, Ulises Beltrán, Sandra Ley, and René Galicia.<sup>1</sup> 2022. "From Election Day to Presidential Approval: Partisanship and the Honeymoon Period in Mexico," *Electoral Studies*. 75(February):102438.

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5. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo**, Sandra Ley, and Ulises Beltrán. 2020. “Anger, Partisanship, and the Activation of Populist Attitudes in Mexico,” *Política y Gobierno*. 27(2):1-37.
6. Botero, Sandra, **Rodrigo Castro Cornejo**, Laura Gamboa, Nara Pavão and David Nickerson. 2019. “Under Friendly Fire: An Experiment on Partisan Press and Voting Behavior,” *Electoral Studies*. 60(August):102044.

#### Partisanship and Campaign Effects

1. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo**. 2023. “Do (Perceptions of) Electoral Polling Affect Voters’ Behavior? Campaign Effects, Partisan Bias, and Strategic Voting in Mexico,” *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública*. 11(2):73–108.
2. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo**. 2021. “How Do Campaigns Matter? Independents, Political Information, and the Enlightening Role of Campaigns in Mexico,” *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*. 33(4):779-98.
3. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo**. 2021. “Short- and Long-term Partisanship: Campaign Effects and the Stability of Party Identification in Latin America,” *Latin American Research Review*. 56(2).
4. **Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo**. 2019. “Do Campaigns Matter (in New Democracies)? Campaign Interest, Vote Choice, and Survey Satisficing,” *Revista Latinoamericana de Opinión Pública*. 8(1):83-126.

#### Clientelism and Vote Buying

1. Langston, Joy and **Rodrigo Castro Cornejo**. 2023. “Why Do Clientelist Brokers Go Rogue? Parties, Politicians, and Intermediaries in Mexico,” *Perspectives on Politics*. 21(1):43-58.
2. Botero, Sandra, **Rodrigo Castro Cornejo**, Laura Gamboa, Nara Pavão and David Nickerson. 2019. “Are All Types of Wrongdoing Created Equal in the Eyes of Voters?” *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion and Parties*. 31(2):141-158.
3. Beltrán, Ulises and **Rodrigo Castro Cornejo**. 2019. “Clientelistic Activation of Mexican Voters: Between Vote Buying and Political Communication,” *Política y Gobierno*. 26(2):171-206.
4. Botero, Sandra, **Rodrigo Castro Cornejo**, Laura Gamboa, Nara Pavão and David Nickerson. 2015. “Says Who? An Experiment on Allegations of Corruption and Credibility of Sources,” *Political Research Quarterly*. 68(3):493-504.

#### Other Publications

1. Audette, Andre, Mark Brockway, and **Rodrigo Castro Cornejo**. 2019. “Religious Engagement, Civic Skills, and Political Participation in Latin America,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 59(1):101-118.
2. Javeline, Debra, Jessica J. Hellmann, Jason S. McLachlan, Dov F. Sax, and Mark W. Schwartz and **Rodrigo Castro Cornejo**. 2015. “Expert Opinion on Extinction Risk and Climate Change Adaptation,” *Elementa. Science of the Anthropocene*. 3(57).
3. Javeline, Debra, Jessica Hellmann, **Rodrigo Castro Cornejo**, and Gregory Schufeldt. 2014. “Expert Opinion on Climate Change and Threats to Biodiversity,” *BioScience*. 63(8):666-673.

#### PUBLICATIONS (IN SPANISH)

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- Castro Cornejo, Rodrigo** and José Ángel Álvarez.<sup>2</sup> 2023. “Who Approves of Marriage Equality in Mexico? Generational Gaps, Education, and the Lack of Partisan Differences,” *Revista Mexicana de Opinión Pública*. 34(1).

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## SPECIAL ISSUES

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Aparicio, Javier and **Rodrigo Castro Cornejo**, editors. 2020. “2018 Election. A Historical Juncture in Mexico,” Special issue of *Política y Gobierno*. 27(2).

## UNDER REVIEW

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Decrease or Increase Turnout? La Casa Blanca, Partisanship, and Corruption Scandals in Mexico (R&R).

Partisan Bias in Public Perception of Elections Polls. Experimental Evidence from Mexico.

Who Supports Eroding Democracy? Anti-Democratic Attitudes and Partisanship in Mexico.

From Sore Losers to (Sore) Winners: Partisanship and Affective Polarization in Mexico

## WORK IN PREPARATION

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Affective Polarization, Partisan Prejudice, and Motivated Reasoning: Evidence from Mexico.

Who Believes in the “Corrupt Elite”? Populist Attitudes and Perceptions about the “Mafia del Poder” in Mexico.

Does Candidate’s Sexual Orientation Affect Vote Choice? Experimental Evidence from Mexico.

”You have to hug, nothing is going to happen:” COVID-19 and Partisan Retrospection in Mexico.

Deference or Cues? How Evangelical Pastors Influence Voters in Mexico (with Daniel Gingerich).

## REPORTS

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Aziz, Alberto, **Rodrigo Castro Cornejo**, Karolina Gilas, Ernesto Isunza, Ricardo de la Peña, and Fernanda Somuano. *Informe País 2020. El Curso de la Democracia en México*, Mexico City: Instituto Nacional Electoral.

## SURVEY STUDIES

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2018 Mexican Election Study (CIDE-CSES), Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (with Ulises Beltrán and Sandra Ley).

2018-19 Mexican Panel Election Study (with Ulises Beltrán and Sandra Ley).

2021 Mexican Election Study (CIDE-CSES), Comparative Study of Electoral Systems (with Ulises Beltrán and Sandra Ley).

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Editorial Board: *Political Behavior*, *Advances in Political Psychology*, and *Política y Gobierno*.

Journal Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Political Behavior*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Elections*, *Public Opinion & Parties*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Research & Politics*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Journal of Politics in Latin America*, *The International Journal of Human Rights*, *Política y Gobierno*, *Revista de Ciencia Política*, *Revista Mexicana de Ciencias Políticas y Sociales*, *Revista Mexicana de Sociología*, *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, *Estudios Sociológicos*, *Secuencia: Revista de Historia y Ciencias Sociales*, and *Social Sciences*.

Membership: APSA, SPSA, MPSA, AAPOR, and LASA.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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National Electoral Institute Grant to fund the “2021 Mexican Election Study (CIDE-CSES).” 2021. (with Ulises Beltrán and Sandra Ley)

Mexican National Council of Science and Technology (CONACYT, Candidato SNI) Fellowship, 2021–2023.

Research Grant, CIDE. 2020. \$7,000

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Washington University in St. Louis, 2019-2020, Declined.

Research Grant, Religion Lab, Democracy Initiative, University of Virginia. 2019. \$5,000

National Electoral Institute Grant to fund the “2018 Mexican Election Study (CIDE-CSES).” 2018.  
(with Ulises Beltrán and Sandra Ley)

Research Grant, University of Virginia. 2018. \$7,000

Research Grant, Kellogg Institute. Spring 2016. \$7,000

Conference Travel Grant, Kellogg Institute for International Studies. Fall 2015. \$1,200

Dissertation Year Fellowship, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame. 2016.

Research Grant, Kellogg Institute. Spring 2015. \$7,000

Loescher Teaching Fellowship, University of Notre Dame. Spring 2015.

Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Notre Dame. Fall 2014/ Fall 2015.

Kellogg Grant to fund a Working Group on Public Opinion and Elections. 2013-2014. \$6,000

Mellon–ISLA Interdisciplinary Workshop Grant, University of Notre Dame. 2013-2014. \$9,000

Graduate Student Professionalization Grant, Kellogg Institute, 2012 and 2013. \$3,000

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation’s Summer Fellowship, 2012. \$6,000

Professional Development Grant (ISLA), University of Notre Dame, 2011 and 2012. \$1,600

Downes J. Memorial Fund, The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame, 2011. \$1,500

Notebaert Professional Development Fund, University of Notre Dame, 2011. \$1,000

Kellogg Institute PhD Fellowship, Garza Fellow, Kellogg Institute, 2010-2015. \$5,000

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#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

##### **University of Massachusetts, Lowell**

Political Psychology, Fall 2023.

##### **University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Comparative Elections and Political Behavior, Spring 2023.

##### **CIDE**

Public Opinion and Political Behavior, Fall 2019-22.

Political Behavior Seminar, Spring 2022.

Undergraduate Thesis Seminar, Spring, 2021.

##### **University of Virginia**

Populism in the U.S., Europe, and Latin America (AP/CP), Spring 2019.

Latin American and Latino Politics (AP/CP), Fall 2018.

Political Behavior (AP/CP), Spring 2018.

Campaigns and Elections (AP/CP), Fall 2017.

##### **University of Notre Dame**

Voting Behavior, Campaigns and Elections Around the World (CP), Spring 2015.

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#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fieldwork: Political Brokers, Local leaders, and Clientelism. In-Depth Interviews in Mexico City. 2020.

Party System Institutionalization. 2014 and 2015. Research assistance.

Varieties of Democracy. Spring and Fall 2013. Research assistance.

Notre Dame Environmental Change Initiative. Spring 2012. Research assistance.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- “AMLO’s Leftism (without Progressivism) and the Lack of a Far-Right in Mexico” at The Latin American Far-Right Workshop, Universidad Católica de Chile. August, 2023.
- “Who Supports Eroding Democracy? Anti-democratic Attitudes and Partisanship in Mexico,” Research Seminar in Politics (RSP), University of Florida (UF). October, 2021.
- “2018: Mexican Election Study” at the Latin American Panel Studies Workshop, Fundación FundaUngo (online). November, 2020.
- “The New Conservative Mobilization in Mexico” at The Latin American Right Workshop, Universidad Diego Portales. October, 2018.
- “The 2018 Presidential Election in Mexico” at the Annual Conference of the Chilean Political Science Association. Santiago, October, 2018.

## PRESENTATIONS

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- “Who Supports Eroding Democracy? Antidemocratic Attitudes, Partisanship and Political Information in Mexico,” MPSA. April, 2022.
- “Why Do Clientelist Brokers Go Rogue? Parties, Politicians, and Intermediaries in Mexico” (with Joy Langston), Política y Gobierno Workshop, CIDE. March, 2021.
- “Politics of Corruption and Partisan Motivated Reasoning,” ISA. November, 2019.
- “Politics of Corruption and Partisan Motivated Reasoning,” SPSA. January, 2019.
- “2018-19 Mexican Election Study,” CSES Plenary-APSA. September, 2018.
- “Who Receive Electoral Gifts? It Depends on Question Wording. Experimental Evidence from Mexico” at the Quantitative Collaborative, University of Virginia. September, 2017
- “Who Receive Electoral Gifts? It Depends on Question Wording. Experimental Evidence from Mexico” at the Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Notre Dame. October, 2017
- “Do Campaigns Matter? Survey Satisficing, Swing Voters, and Party System Institutionalization,” Work-In-Progress Session, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame. October, 2016
- “Campaign Effects and Party System Institutionalization,” SPSA, January, 2016.
- “Campaign Effects and Party System Institutionalization,” MPSA. April, 2015.
- “Under Friendly Fire: Partisan Press, Political Fragmentation and Candidate Evaluations” at the Comparative Politics Workshop, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame. November, 2014
- “Who’s Right? Support for Conservative Parties in Latin America,” LASA. Chicago, IL. 2014.
- “Who’s Right? Support for Conservative Parties in Latin America,” MPSA. Chicago, IL. 2014.
- “Campaign Effects and Party System Institutionalization” at the Democracy Working Group, Kellogg Institute. December, 2013.
- “Ideology and Political Knowledge” at the Annual Conference of the Latin American Political Science Association, Bogotá, Colombia. September, 2013.
- “Ideology and Political Awareness in the 2012 Presidential Election in Mexico,” LASA. 2013.
- “Says Who? The Impact of Sources of Corruption Accusations,” MPSA. Chicago, IL. April, 2013.
- “Says Who? The Impact of Sources of Corruption Accusations in Colombia” at the Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Notre Dame. April, 2013

## DEPARTAMENTAL SERVICE

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- Internal Review Board (IRB) Member at CIDE (2020-2022).
- Co-chair of the Política y Gobierno Workshop, CIDE (2020-2022).

Member of the Political Science Search Committee (tenure-track position) (2020).  
Coordinator of the Mexico Working Group, Kellogg Institute (Fall 2012-Fall 2015).  
Co-chair of the Public Opinion and Elections Working Group, Kellogg Institute (AY 2013-2014).  
Coordinator of the Latino Politics Workshop, Institute for Latino Studies (AY 2013-2014).  
Coordinator of the Democracy Working Group, Kellogg Institute (2013).  
Coordinator of the Comparative Politics Workshop, Kellogg Institute (AY 2012-2013).  
Member of the Comparative Politics Search Committee (2013).

#### SPECIALIZED TRAINING

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Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), Summer Program. 2011/2012.  
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Summer Program. 2013.

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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Research Analyst at the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), Mexico City (2006-2007).  
Survey Methodologist at BGC Beltrán, Juárez y Asocs., Mexico City (2008-2010).