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Appointments

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE

2025- Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology, Law and Society
& Department of Political Science (by courtesy)

Education

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

2025 Ph.D., Political Science
- Fields: Comparative Politics, Quantitative Methods
- Dissertation: *Essays on the Political Economy of Supply-Side Counternarcotics*

2021 M.Phil., Political Science

2020 M.A., Political Science

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

2017 B.A., Political Science, (college and departmental honors, ΦBK)

Publications

2024 4. Gerez, Julian E., and Michael G. Miller. "The Electoral Dynamics of Capital Punishment Commutations." *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* 24.1: 99–109.

2023 3. Barham, Elena, Sarah Z. Daly, Julian E. Gerez, John Marshall, and Oscar Pocasangre. "Vaccine Diplomacy: How COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution in Latin America Increases Trust in Foreign Governments." *World Politics* 75.4: 826–875.

2021 2. Argote, Pablo, Elena Barham, Sarah Z. Daly, Julian E. Gerez, John Marshall, and Oscar Pocasangre. "Messages that Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance: Evidence from Online Experiments in Six Latin American Countries." *PLOS One* 16.10: e0259059.

2021 1. Argote, Pablo, Elena Barham, Sarah Z. Daly, Julian E. Gerez, John Marshall, and Oscar Pocasangre. "The Shot, the Message, and the Messenger: COVID-19 Vaccine Acceptance in Latin America." *npj Vaccines* 6.1: 118.

Working Papers

6. Gerez, Julian E., and Simone Paci. "Taxation at the Edge of Morality: A Statewide Experiment on Tobacco Enforcement in California." [Pre-analysis plan].

5. Gerez, Julian E., and Jeffrey Swindle. "Publicized State Violence: Illiberalism, the United States' Lethal Boat Strikes, and Public Opinion." [Pre-analysis plan].

4. Gerez, Julian E. "Sparing or Spraying: The Political Logic of Selective Drug Enforcement." *Under review, draft available upon request*.

3. Barham, Elena, and Julian E. Gerez. "Building Trust, Undermining Control: Conflicting Effects of Law Enforcement for State Consolidation in Peru." *Under review, draft available upon request*.

2. Gerez, Julian E. "Electoral Accountability for Counternarcotics Enforcement: Evidence from Colombia." *Draft available upon request*.

1. Gerez, Julian E. "Firearms, Local Policing, and Lethal Force: Evidence from Brazil." *Draft available upon request*.

Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

External

2024 United States Institute of Peace-Minerva Research Initiative Peace and Security Scholar Fellowship ($20,000)
2023 American Political Science Association Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant ($9,130)

Internal

2026 Council on Research, Computing and Libraries (CORCL), University of California, Irvine ($2,672)
2025 Center for Population, Inequality and Policy (CPIP) Seed Grant, University of California, Irvine ($7,500), with Simone Paci
2023 Stephanie G. Neuman Fellowship in Comparative Defense Studies, Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University ($3,000)
Dissertation Development Grant, Columbia University ($2,800)
Experimental Laboratory for Social Sciences Seed Grant, Columbia University ($2,000), with Beatrice Montano
Provost Diversity Fellows Small Grants Program, Columbia University ($1,000)
2020 Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP) Seed Grant, Columbia University ($20,000), with Pablo Argote, Elena Barham, Sarah Daly, John Marshall, and Oscar Pocasangre
Schiff Fellowship, Columbia University
Institute of Latin American Studies (ILAS) Field Research Travel Grant, Columbia University
2017 The Rock: Distinguished Contribution Award, Northwestern University
2016 Wildcat Impact Award, Northwestern University
R. Barry Farrell Fellowship, Northwestern University
2015 Ted and Cora Ginsberg Grant, Northwestern University

Conferences and Internal Presentations

2026 Latin American Studies Association; UC Irvine Center for Population, Inequality, and Policy; Federation of Tax Administrators Tobacco Annual Conference
2025 Latin American Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association
2024 Midwest Political Science Association, Political Economy of Latin America, Rebecca B. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science (poster)
2023 American Political Science Association (cancelled)
2022 Midwest Political Science Association
2021 American Political Science Association
2020 Political Economy of Latin America, Security and Criminality in the Americas (cancelled)

Teaching

Instructor of Record, University of California, Irvine
Drugs, Crime, and Social Control (undergraduate), Fall 2026
Field Study Writing Seminar (undergraduate), Fall 2026
Organized Crime (undergraduate), Spring 2026
Crimes of the State (undergraduate), Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University
Persuasion at Scale: Causal Inference, Machine Learning, and Evidence-Based Understanding of the Information Environment (undergraduate), Spring 2025
Advanced Statistical Modeling for Social Science (graduate), Spring 2024
Topics in Statistical Methodology (graduate), Spring 2022
Experimental Research (undergraduate), Fall 2021
Statistical Theory and Causal Inference (graduate), Spring 2021
Latin American Politics (graduate/undergraduate), Fall 2020
Research Design: Scope and Methods (undergraduate), Summer 2020, Summer 2021, and Fall 2023
Drugs and Politics (undergraduate), Spring 2020
Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Fall 2019 and Fall 2024

Service

Peer-Reviewer
Journal of Politics, Scientific Reports

University Service
UC Irvine Department of Criminology, Law and Society Comprehensive Exam Grader (2026)
UC Irvine Department of Criminology, Law and Society Faculty Search Committee (2026, Assistant Professor of Teaching)
UC Irvine Center for Population, Inequality, and Policy Seminar Committee (2026-)
UC Irvine Department of Criminology, Law and Society Colloquium Committee (2025-)
Columbia University Comparative Politics Workshop Co-Coordinator (2019-2021)
Columbia University Political Science Graduate Student Committee (2019-2020)

Languages

English (native), Spanish (native)
Software: R, Python, Stata, LaTeX

References

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