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Email: vrrios@post.harvard.edu**Education HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Cambridge, MA

PhD in Government, 2013**Major:** Social Policy and Inequality.

- Conducted research on federal government coordination, political economy, and governance.
- Designed big-data algorithm to geocode relevant news content in Mexico. Results requested by CIA, DEA, FBI, and featured in *Foreign Policy*, *Huffington Post*, *Scientific American*, and others.

Awards: American Political Science Association's prize for the best public administration doctoral dissertation 2014; Merit Fellowship for the most outstanding research in Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences; one of top-12 junior scholars by the National Bureau of Economic Research; one of 15 Harvard's stellar graduates of *Harvard Gazette* 2013.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Cambridge, MA

MA in Government, 2009**Major:** Politics and Economic Development.**INSTITUTO TECNOLÓGICO AUTÓNOMO DE MÉXICO (ITAM)**

Mexico City

Bachelor of Arts, 2005**Major:** Political Science; Graduated top-1 of graduating class**Professional Experience**

2014 - on	MÉXICO ¿CÓMO VAMOS? (MCV) Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	Mexico City
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manages think tank integrated by network of 50 academics researching subnational economic policy • Coordinated design of tool to measure real time changes in economic activity at subnational level. • In 1.5 years, increased think tank's market value by 529%, up to \$10.9M in yearly press coverage. • Profiled in <i>The Economist</i> (May 2015) as "new mover and shaker" due to promoting innovative policy impact model: cutting-edge quantitative research decoded for decisions makers. 	
2013	MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHCP) Senior Policy Adviser	Mexico City
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teamed with IADB & experts to redesign national pension reform and unemployment insurance. • Represented the Minister at National Security Council and directive cabinet meetings. 	
2009-2012	HARVARD UNIVERSITY Academic and Researcher	Cambridge, MA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching: Visiting Faculty at Harvard Kennedy School's Executive Educ. (2013-14); Principal Instructor at Harvard's Inst. for Quantitative Soc. Sciences (2010-11); Teaching Assistant in International Political Economy, Comparative Politics and Econometrics at Harvard (2009-12) • STC, LAC World Bank, "Citizen Security Briefs" to Lorena Cohan (Social Development, LCSSO). • Researched for US Department of State, National Association of Drug Court Professionals, US National Intelligence Council, and Mexico's Minister of Finance, among others. 	
2011	NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (SNSP) Policy Adviser, Office of Mexican President	Mexico City
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised National Security Spokesman on criminal trends in one-on-one bi-monthly sessions. • Created Bayesian crime index to evaluate impact of security policies on Mexico's security. 	
2008	UNITED NATIONS (UN) Intern, Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate	New York, NY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed a balanced scorecard on counter-terrorism legislation compliance to select UN's field trips using econometric tools. Briefed UN Directorate on strategies extracted from it. 	
2006-2007	MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (SEDESOL) Deputy Director, Department of Planning and Evaluation	Mexico City
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authored policy reports on best global poverty-relief practices to enhance Mexico's strategies. • Wrote annual report on children rights, delivered to the UN; presented by Mexico's President. 	
2003-2005	AMERICAN UNIVERSITY Research Assistant, Department of Government	Mexico City
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessed Mexico's political risk to recommend allocation of USAID's funds in Mexico. • Assisted in publication of dozens of research articles and book <i>Courting Democracy in Mexico</i>. 	

Methodological Skills: Econometrics, microeconomics, statistics, geographic referencing and formal modeling.

Coding and Languages: R, ArcGIS, Bilingual (English, Spanish).

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “How Government Coordination Controlled Crime” in *Jour. of Conflict Resolution* (JCR) (forthcoming).
- “How Criminal Rivalry Leads to Violence Against the Press”(with Holland) in *JCR* (2015).
- “The Role of Drug-Related Violence in Promoting Mexican Migration” in *LA Research Review* (2014).
- “Multicultural Institutions, Distributional Politics and Mobilization” in *LA Pol & Soc* (with Eisenstadt) (2014).
- “Why Did Mexico Become So Violent?” in *Trends in Organized Crime* (2013).
- “Knowing Where and How Criminal Organizations Operate Using Google” in *CIKM* (with Coscia) (2012).

Think-tank and applied research reports (coordinated/authored)

MCV’s Mexican Economic Studies: *Exports* (Aug 15) and *Public Debt* (Aug 15), *Proposals to Advance Mexico’s Economy* (Aug 15), *There is a Mexico that Grows: Where is it?* (Aug 15), *Governor Candidates: We Want These!* (May 15), *Recommendations to Communicate Growth Measures* (Jan 15), *Analysis of Mexico’s Federal Budget* (Oct/Nov 14), *How Mexico is Doing: A Tool to Measure Real Time Changes in Economic Activity* (Jun 14).

The Wilson Center: *A Unique Penal Code for Mexico?* (Dec,13) *Rule of Law First, Growth Follows* (Oct 13).

Trans-border Institute: *Drug Violence in Mexico Policy Reports* (with Molzahn, Shirk 2011; Shirk 2010).

Other Publications (selected)

The New York Times: *Time to Accept Responsibility and Act* (Dec 2, 2014); *Drug Legalization Could Create More Crime* (May 30, 2012); *Doing the Math on Mexican Drug Wars* (Jan 26, 2010).

The Washington Post: *How to Win the Mexican Drug War* (Apr 14, 2013).

Harvard Kennedy School Review: *Who Started the Mexican Drug War?* (Cover article; 2013 Issue).

Harvard Review of Latin America: *Keys to Reduce Violence. Targeted Policing and Civic Engagement* (2012).

Forbes: *For Mexico, Economic Growth Hinges on Justice* (Feb 14).

Nexos Magazine: *Chiapas is Worse* (Jan,14); *Mexico’s Honey Moon* (Dec 13); *Marihuana Myths* (Sep 13); *What Protest Taught Us* (Aug 13); *Zetas* (Sep 13); *Killing Journalists* (Aug 13); *Criminal Groups in Google* (Dec 12).

TV and Radio (selected)

- Anchorwomen with Ruiz-Healy, Radio Formula 103.3FM (Mex; Weekly, 2 hrs, National Radio, since Jun 2014).
- *Regional Economies on the Spotlight* with Carlos Mota, Bloomberg TV (Mex; Weekly, 12 min, Cable TV, 2014).
- *Mexican Economy Updates* La Hora de Opinar, National TV (Mex; Jun 2014; Abr 2014; Oct 2013; Nov 2013).

Conferences and public speaking (selected)

Mexican Chamber of Commerce “How is Mexico’s Economy Doing?” (Monthly updates, January- today 2015).

Harvard University “Rule of Law and Corruption” (April 2015); “Unexpected Consequences of Mexico’s Drug War for US National Security: More Mexican Immigrants” at WCFIA Working Paper Series (February 2012); “Why Did Mexican Drug Traffickers Become So Violent?” at Seminar for the DRCLAS (January 2012); “Economic Impacts of Drug Traffic in Mexico” at Graduate Students Political Economy Workshop (2008).

Stanford University “Police Security in Borderlands” at Border and Borderlands in the Americas Conference (Jun 18, 2012); “Criminal Market Diversification and Drug Violence” and “Security Issues and Immigration Flows: Drug-violence Refugees” at Violence and Governance Conference (Oct 2011).

The World Bank “Corruption, justice reform and citizen security” (September 12, 2012) (Washington, DC).

The Guggenheim Foundation “Understanding Mexico’s Drug Violence” (December 9, 2011) (New York, NY).

US Department of State “The Future of Mexican Drug Cartels” (August 12, 2011) (Washington, DC).

Research Grants Wilson Center Fellow 2015, Guggenheim Fellow 2014, Stanford University, Harvard Real Estate Institute, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for LA Studies, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences, University of San Diego, UCSD

Scholarships: Mexico’s National Counsel of Science and Technology, Harvard University, Fulbright Scholar.

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Volunteer Experiences: Admissions Committee to Harvard College (2013-on); Association Democracia Deliberada (2013-on); Open Source Creation (2012); Harvard Mexican Association (Campaign 2012, Treasurer 2008); Quality of Professional Journalism (Spokesperson 2005); Mexico’s Electoral Observer (2004); ITAM’s Political Science Student Association (Coordinator 2002), ITAM’s Newspaper and Literary Magazine (Editor 2002).