

EDUCATION

2023- **Ph.D. in Government and Politics.** University of Maryland, College Park, U.S.
Member of the Interdisciplinary Lab for Computational Social Science (iLCSS)

2020-2021 **M.A. in Sociology.** Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá D.C., Colombia.

2014-2015 **LL.M. in International Human Rights Law** (cum laude). University of Notre Dame, U.S.

2005-2010 **LL.B. (Lawyer).** Universidad Surcolombiana, Neiva, Colombia.

OTHER STUDIES

2022 Analysis of social networks. Winter School in Methods and Data Analysis, Universidad Católica del Uruguay (Uruguay).

2019 Analysis of the armed conflict's context with emphasis on its territorial impact. Universidad Nacional (Colombia).

2017 Feminist theories and social change. Universidad de los Andes (Colombia).

2013 Justiciability of economic, social, and cultural rights. Åbo Akademi University (Finland).

2011 Public policy management. Organization of American States (OAS) (Online).

Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights Law. Escuela Superior de Administración Pública, Bogotá D.C. (Colombia).

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025 Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, University of Maryland.

2025 Comparative Politics Student Award, University of Maryland.

2024 Lussier Summer Fellowship, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland.

2024 Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, Grant Award, University of Maryland.

2023 Jean Elizabeth Spencer Award, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland.

2020 Finalist for the Department of Social Science's academic excellence award, Universidad de Los Andes.

2014-2015 Fulbright Foreign Student Program Scholarship.
Full tuition scholarship for the LL.M in International Human Rights Law, University of Notre Dame.
Colfuturo Scholarship.

2012-2013 Scholarship for the Advanced Course on Justiciability of Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights at Åbo Akademi University, Finland.
Scholarship in the Professional Development Scholarship Program. Organization of American States.

2008 Oralist, representing Universidad Surcolombiana. Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. American University Washington College of Law. Washington D.C (EEUU)

2005-2010 Honors for academic excellence 7/10 semesters in LL.B. degree.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed

2021 The New Configuration of Political Crime in Colombia after the Peace Agreement of 2016 (in Spanish: La nueva configuración del delito político en Colombia a partir del acuerdo final de paz de 2016). Journal Novum Jus. 2021

Book chapters

2023 Challenges in Analyzing the Link Between Sexual Violence and Armed Conflict, The International Humanitarian Law in the Special Jurisdiction for Peace, Volume II, Tirant lo Blanch.

Selected works in progress

2025 1. Equal Before the Law? Migrant Discrimination in Judicial Decisions in Colombia, with Giancarlo Visconti.
2. The Effect of Judges' Sex on Public Perceptions of Judicial Competence and Fairness in High Courts.
3. Case-Selection in High Courts: The Role of Insiders and Outsiders in Shaping Collaborative Justice.
4. Substantive Representation of Female Judges in Sex-Balanced Courts.

Other

2022 Racial debt in Colombian Constitutional Court (in Spanish: Deuda Racial en la Corte Constitucional), Razón Pública: <https://azonpublica.com/deuda-racial-la-corte-constitucional/>. The discussion about abortion is not over (in Spanish: La discusión sobre el aborto no ha terminado), Razón Pública: <https://azonpublica.com/la-discusion-aborto-no-ha-terminado/>.

2007 Characterization of the justice criminal code practices for indigenous communities in the department of Huila. (In Spanish: Caracterización de las Prácticas de Justicia Penal de las Actuales Comunidades Indígenas en el Departamento del Huila). Co-author, Journal Piélagus.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025 **Teaching Assistant.** Law or Politics? The U.S. Supreme Court and Individual Rights. University of Maryland.

2025 **Instructor of Record.** Powerless Courts? The Politics Behind Judicial Decision Compliance. University of Maryland.

2017-2022 **Instructor of Record.** Two graduate courses: (i) International Responsibility in the Inter-American System of Human Rights, and (ii) Inter-American System of Human Rights Moot Court competition. Fundación Universitaria Navarra (Neiva, Colombia).

2019 **Instructor of Record.** Two graduate courses: (i) Sources of Constitutional Law, and (ii) International Public Law. Universidad La Gran Colombia (Armenia, Colombia).

2019 **Lecturer.** Workshop for Colombia's armed conflict victims about the Special Jurisdiction for Peace. Universidad Surcolombiana (Neiva, Garzón, Pitalito and La Plata, Colombia).

2013 **Lecturer.** Workshop for local authorities about the rights of enforced disappearance victims. International Committee of the Red Cross (Buenaventura and Bogotá, Colombia).

2010/2013 **Lecturer.** Workshop on transitional justice, international human rights law, and international humanitarian law. Universidad Surcolombiana (Neiva, Colombia).

CONFERENCES

2025 DMV Workshop in Empirical Political Science. George Washington University.

2025	Early Career Workshop in Socio-Legal Studies. Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford.
2025	Politics & Gender Conference. Rutgers University.
2024	Emerging Scholars Conference in Public Law. Panel on Legal Methods. Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin.

LEGAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022	Consultant. (i) Researched and produced a detailed report for the Supreme Council of the Judiciary about access to constitutional law in Colombia, from a socio-legal perspective. (ii) Elaborated a document for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in El Salvador about the Inter-American System of Human Rights standards regarding transitional justice.
2018-2022	Senior Legal Officer. Special Jurisdiction for Peace, Chamber of Amnesties, Bogotá D.C., Colombia. (i) Researched different topics of international human rights law, transitional justice, armed conflicts, constitutional law, criminal law, and international criminal law; (ii) drafted judicial decisions regarding victims, and provisional liberties, among others.
2017-2018	Legal Expert. Attorney General's Office, Bogotá D.C., Colombia. (i) Supported the design and implementation of the strategy to counteract homicides and threats against human rights defenders; (ii) drafted interventions before the Colombian Constitutional Court and concepts related to different topics of constitutional law, criminal law, and international criminal law.
2016-2017	Legal Advisor. Ministry of Interior, Human Rights Department, Bogotá D.C, Colombia. (i) Elaborated documents related to the implementation of the peace agreement between the national government and FARC-EP guerrilla; (ii) coordinated the design of a public policy on human rights for the city of Tunja (Colombia) regarding psychological violence against women.
2015	Legal intern. Inter-American Court of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica. (i) Supported the preparation of draft judgments and advisory opinions; (ii) wrote documents related to international human rights law.
2012-2014	Legal Advisor. Ministry of Interior, Human Rights Department, Bogotá D.C, Colombia. (i) Supported the formulation of public policies on human rights defenders and prevention of human rights violations; (ii) coordinated the implementation of precautionary and provisional measures of the Inter-American System of Human Rights.
2012	Legal Advisor. Ombudsman's Office of Colombia, Bogotá D.C, Colombia. (i) Advised families of victims of forced disappearances on their legal rights; (ii) followed up on cases of forced disappearances and monitor the situation of victims.
2011	Legal Intern. Center for Justice and International Law – CEJIL-, Washington D.C. (i) Supported strategic litigation before the Inter-American System of Human Rights. (ii) supported legal research related to the promotion of human rights in Latin America.
2008-2011	Attorney and Legal Assistant. Promociones y Cobranzas Beta, Neiva Huila, Colombia. (i) Litigated cases before regional judicial instances; (ii) prepared legal reports.

Skills

R, Python, LaTeX, Gephi, Excel.