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EDUCATION

University of North Texas (Denton, TX – United States)

Ph.D. in Political Science (08/2024 - Present)

GPA: 3.83/4.0

University of Colorado – Boulder (Boulder, CO – United States)

Intensive English Fulbright program (07/2024 – 08/2024)

Universidad para la Cooperación Internacional (San José, Costa Rica)

Master in Project Management – March 31, 2017

Thesis: Methodology for the quality management of the projects developed by the Faculty of Agricultural Science of Universidad Francisco de Paula Santander, Cúcuta campus.

GPA: 90.3/100

Universidad Nacional de Colombia (Bogotá, Colombia)

Bachelor in Political Science – April 24, 2014

Thesis: Internal democracy of Colombia's political parties: From the statutes to reality. A comparative analysis of Cambio Radical, Partido de Integración Nacional, and Polo Democrático Alternativo.

GPA: 3.9/5.0

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant (08/2025 – present)

University of North Texas - Department of Political Science: Political Science Research Methods

- Support undergraduate students in developing foundational skills in political science research methods and statistical analysis.
- Conduct one-on-one sessions to clarify course concepts, guide students through assignments, and provide individualized feedback.
- Assist the professor with grading, managing course materials, and facilitating a supportive learning environment.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (08/2024 – present)

University of North Texas - Department of Political Science: US and Texas Constitutions and Institutions and US Political Behaviour and Policy.

- Supported undergraduate courses on U.S. & Texas Constitutions and Institutions and U.S. Political Behavior by leading review sessions, grading assignments, and providing feedback to students.
- Assisted faculty with classroom management and exam administration.
- Guided students in strengthening their understanding of U.S. political institutions, constitutional foundations, and patterns of political participation.

Lecturer (02/2019 – 12/2019)

Universidad Simón Bolívar – Campus Cúcuta

- Prepared and delivered lectures, tutorials, workshops, and seminars for Innovation and Entrepreneurship courses (I, II, and III). Set and graded assignments, tests, and exams.
- Developed curricula and course material for the courses. First level: strengthening the student's soft skills (creativity, leadership, teamwork, innovation). Second level: to develop abilities to design innovative social business models. Third level: prototyping process of new products and solutions for social challenges.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- **García García, A.**, Urbina Suárez, N., & Gutiérrez Durán, J (2016). “Guía Práctica de Marco Lógico” -Logical Framework Practical Guide-. ISBN: 978-958-99656-1-0.

Book chapters

- Tinoco Guerra, A., **García García, A.**, García García, L., & Castilla Rincón, M (2017). La cultura de la pobreza en la actualidad. En *La base de la pirámide y la innovación frugal en América Latina* (pp. 98-115) (The current culture of poverty. In *The base of the pyramid and frugal innovation in Latin America*). ed: Ediciones Astro Data Sa, ISBN: 978-980-402-214-2.
- **García García, A.**, & Zabaleta Vanegas, I (2013). Línea de Partidos Políticos en la Burocracia Estatal. En *Observatorio de Partidos Políticos y Sistemas Electorales* (pp. 59-62) (Political Parties in the State Bureaucracy. In *Political Parties and Electoral Systems Observatory*). ed: Facultad de Derecho Ciencias Políticas y Sociales UNAL, ISBN: 978-958-761-531-9.
- **García García, A.**, & Zabaleta Vanegas, I (2013). Línea de Democracia Interna Participativa. En *Observatorio de Partidos Políticos y Sistemas Electorales* (pp. 49 - 58) (Internal Participatory Democracy. In *Political Parties and Electoral Systems Observatory*). ed: Facultad de Derecho Ciencias Políticas y Sociales UNAL, ISBN: 978-958-761-531-9.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Technical Expert Grade IV – Humanitarian Research Professional (7/2020 – 04/2024)

Unidad de Búsqueda de Personas Dadas por Desaparecidas – Grupo Interno de Trabajo Territorial Cúcuta

- Conducted 5 humanitarian and extrajudicial investigations and led the forensic prospection missions to locate and recover the corpses of 12 victims of enforced disappearance in the context of the armed conflict in the Catatumbo region.
- Formulated the multidimensional characterization report of the cemetery of La Gabarra (Tibú) to recover 93 bodies of missing persons buried at single unmarked graves and mass graves. The research has led to establishing the identity hypothesis of 66 victims of enforced disappearance. 46 corpses were recovered by executing the first 2 forensic phases (12/2022, 06/2023).
- Developed the "La Gabarra Macro-process" investigation and designed methodological strategies, including the "Differential Peasant Approach Pedagogical Strategy," "Community and Family Engagement Strategy," "Approach for High-Complexity Information Providers," and the "Humanitarian Route for Access to the Territory."
- Led two field research pilots (Morrofrío and La Pista Río de Oro villages) for the massive search for missing persons in the Corregimiento of La Gabarra, Catatumbo region.

Research Analyst (2/2020 – 6/2020)

Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica – Dirección de Acuerdos de la Verdad

- Systematized 458 victimizing events committed by the Bloque Catatumbo of the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia extracted from 3 sentences of the Sala de Justicia y Paz del Tribunal Superior de Bogotá.
- Encoded 17 documents through the NVivo software for qualitative analysis.

Projects Specialist (3/2017 – 12/2019)

Gobernación de Norte de Santander – Secretaría de Fronteras y Cooperación Internacional

- Designed the proposal to create the Red de Investigación en Asuntos de Fronteras -RIAF- (Research Network for Border Affairs). RIAF is a research network that seeks to articulate public institutions with academic researchers to design projects that address challenges emerging from migratory and border dynamics in the department of Norte de Santander.
- Formulated the Estrategia de Territorios Cooperantes (Cooperating Territories System strategy) to articulate health policies on the border between Colombia's Norte de Santander department and Venezuela's State of Táchira.
- Designed the proposal to create the Agencia de Desarrollo del Santurbán -ADER- (Santurbán Paramo Development Agency) to articulate the department and the municipalities with territories in the Paramo

de Santurbán region to execute sustainable, productive projects and support the delimitation process of the region.

Research Analyst (2/2017 – 11/2018)

Centro Nacional de Memoria Histórica – Dirección de Acuerdos de la Verdad

- Analyzed the contextual information of the Catatumbo region armed conflict and conducted 160 interviews with demobilized persons from the Bloque Catatumbo of the Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia to assess the effectiveness of their contribution to the construction of truth and historical memory.

Public Safety Advisor (4/2016 – 12/2016)

Alcaldía de Cúcuta – Secretaría de Seguridad Ciudadana

- Formulated the Plan Integral de Seguridad y Convivencia Ciudadana -PISC- (Comprehensive Plan for Citizen Security and Coexistence) 2016-2019 for the Municipality of San José de Cúcuta, including strategies and programs to address the problems of urban violence and delinquency that affect citizens.

Zone Coordinator for the Project Kioscos Vive Digital Fase II (5/2014 – 6/2015)

Institución Universitaria ESCOLME

- Designed community engagement strategy for the Department of Boyacá.
- Led the implementation of the training plan for local development and information and communication technologies (ICT) for communities to reduce the social gap in 60 remote access municipalities of the department of Boyacá.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Fulbright-MinCiencias Scholarship, 2024 Cohort – Awarded to pursue doctoral studies in the United States.
- P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship for Women, 2025 – Awarded by the U.S. Philanthropic Educational Organization P.E.O. Sisterhood.
- Aileen Andrew Peace Internship Scholarships, 2025 – Scholarship awarded by the Castleberry Peace Institute of the University of North Texas.
- Toulouse Graduate School Externally Funded Graduate Student Scholarship, 2025-2026.
- P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship for Women, 2024 – Awarded by the U.S. Philanthropic Educational Organization P.E.O. Sisterhood.
- Toulouse Graduate School Externally Funded Graduate Student Scholarship, 2024-2025.
- Outstanding Young Person of Norte de Santander, 2023 (Ten Outstanding Young Person - TOYP -) – Recognized in the category of “Contribution to Children, World Peace, and Human Rights” by Junior Chamber International Cúcuta (JCI Cúcuta).

VOLUNTEERING

Student Data Assistant—Conflict and Human Security Program (08/2024 – present)

University of North Texas – Castleberry Peace Institute

- Translated and cross-validated Spanish-language missing persons reports into English, contributing to a dataset documenting disappearances during Colombia’s 60+ year armed conflict. Data documented statements from family and community members, friends, and colleagues who reported loved ones missing.

NEWSPAPER MENTIONS

- Ríos Monroy, J. (March 5, 2023). Catatumbo: Así es la búsqueda de desaparecidos donde la guerra sigue activa (Catatumbo: This is how the search for the missing persons is conducted where the war is still active). El Espectador. <https://www.elespectador.com/colombia-20/jep-y-desaparecidos/unidad-de-busqueda-asi-es-buscar-a-los-desaparecidos-donde-la-guerra-sigue-activa/>