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EDUCATION	Georgetown University , Washington DC PhD in Economics	2017 - 2023 (Expected)
	University College London , London, UK M.Sc. in Economics (with Merit)	2015 - 2016
	Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) Mexico City, Mexico B.A. in Economics	2008 - 2013
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	New York University, Department of Economics Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor	2023 - current
	Georgetown University Law Center Empirical Research Fellow	2021-2022
FIELDS	Applied Microeconomics; Political Economy; Economic Development; Law & Econ; Inequality; Gender; Affirmative Action	
REFERENCES	Professor Laurent Bouton <i>Economics Department</i> Georgetown University lb910@georgetown.edu	Professor Garance Genicot <i>Economics Department</i> Georgetown University gg58@georgetown.edu
	Professor Neel Sukhatme <i>Law Center</i> Georgetown University neel.sukhatme@law.georgetown.edu	
JOB MARKET PAPER	“Judges for Sale: The Effect of Campaign Contributions on State Criminal Courts” (<i>joint with Neel Sukhatme</i>) [PDF] Scholars and policymakers have long sought to determine whether campaign contributions affect democratic processes. Using data on donations from Texas, we show that criminal defense attorneys who contribute to a district judge’s electoral campaign are preferentially assigned by that judge to <i>indigent defense</i> cases, i.e., public contracts in which the state pays private attorneys to represent poor defendants. We estimate that attorney donors receive twice as many cases as non-donors during the month of their campaign contribution. Nearly two-thirds of this increase is explained by the contribution itself, with the remainder attributable to shared preferences within attorney-judge pairs, such as professional, ideological, political, or personal ties. Defendants assigned to donor attorneys also fare worse in cases resolved in the month of contribution, with fewer cases dismissed and more convictions and incarcerations. Further evidence suggests recipient judges close cases to cash out their attorney benefactors, at the expense of defendants. Our results provide some of the strongest causal evidence to date on the corrosive potential of campaign donations, including their impact on the right to counsel as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Reaching Gender Parity in Congress: The Mexican Case” “Economic and electoral performance of women politicians in Mexico: Evidence from local elections” (<i>joint with Pedro Mezaquintanilla</i>)	

POLICY EXPERIENCE	Economist (Consultant) <i>World Bank (Sudan)</i>	2021
	Field and Research Coordinator <i>Mexican Ministry of Finance (SHCP) and World Bank</i>	2016 - 2017
	Economist <i>Mexican Electoral Federal Court (TEPJF)</i>	2013 - 2015
	Economist at the Office of the Chief Economist <i>Mexican Regulatory Improvement Commission (COFEMER)</i>	2012
	Summer Intern <i>Mexican Competition Commission (COFECE)</i>	2011
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Economist (Consultant) <i>XABER Educación</i>	2020 - 2021
	Data Analyst <i>Free Our Vote</i>	2020 -
	Research Assistant for Prof. Neel Sukhatme <i>Georgetown University Law Center</i>	2017 - 2020
	Research Assistant for Prof. David Mayer <i>CIDE, Economics Department</i>	2011 - 2012
TEACHING	Instructor <i>New York University</i> Introduction to Microeconomics	Fall 2023
	<i>Georgetown University</i> Intermediate Microeconomics	Summer 2020
	Teaching Assistant <i>Georgetown University</i> Microeconomics I (Graduate)	Fall 2018
	Intermediate Microeconomics	Fall 2019
	<i>Nominated for Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award</i>	2020
	Senior Capstone in Political Economy	Spring 2019, 2020, 2021
	Econometrics I	Summer 2018
LEADERSHIP	Economics Graduate Student Organization <i>Georgetown University</i>	2020 - 2021
	Graduate Student Government <i>Georgetown University</i>	2020 - 2021
	Electoral Committee <i>CIDE Alumni</i>	2020, 2021
GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS	Georgetown University Doctoral Scholarship	2017 - 2022
	Georgetown University Institute of the Americas Student Fellowship	2022, 2023
	Georgetown University Law Center Empirical Research Fellowship	2021 - 2022
	Georgetown University Summer Research Grant	2020
	UCL and CONACYT Scholarship for Graduate Studies Abroad	2015 - 2016
	Ford Foundation Scholarship CIDE Academic Excellence Scholarship	2008 - 2012 2008
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	2023: Conference on Empirical Legal Studies; American Law & Economics Association; SGE/American University Washington College of Law; WADES/George Washington University; Ph.D. Workshop at Aix-Marseille School of Economics; 2022: Georgetown Economics Department, Georgetown McCourt School of Public Policy; 2021: Southern Economic Association; 2020: GU Economics Graduate Student Seminar.	