

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Placement Director: Professor Scott Ashworth sashwort@uchicago.edu (773) 251-9563

CONTACT INFORMATION

University of Chicago	Email:	mariegonzalesn@uchicago.edu
Harris School of Public Policy	Mobile:	+1(312) 256-4955
1307 East 60th Street	Website:	http://sites.google.com/view/mariellagonzales
Chicago, IL 60637		

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Citizenship: Peruvian, U.S. Permanent Resident

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Political Economy, Development Economics, Applied Microeconomics

EDUCATION

2016-present	Ph.D. in Public Policy, University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy
	Thesis title: Essays on Political Economy in Developing Countries
	Expected Completion Date: June 2022
	Core Exams: Microeconomics, Econometrics, Political Economy
2015-2016	M.A., Public Policy, University of Chicago
2010-2012	M.Sc., Economics, Universidad del Pacifico
2006-2010	B.Sc., Economics, Universidad del Pacifico

PUBLICATION

“How Effective Are Monetary Incentives to Vote? Evidence From a Nationwide Policy” (with Luis R. Martinez and Gianmarco León). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics*, forthcoming

Abstract: We study voters' response to marginal changes to the fine for electoral abstention in Peru, leveraging variation from a nationwide reform. A smaller fine has a negative effect on voter turnout, partly through irregular changes in voter registration. However, representation is largely unaffected. We also show that the effect of an exemption from compulsory voting is substantially larger than that of a full fine reduction, suggesting that non-monetary incentives are the main drivers behind the effectiveness of compulsory voting.

JOB MARKET PAPER

“The Political Economy of Government Audits”

Abstract: Institutional reforms that provide voters with negative information about politicians negatively affect the incumbents' electoral performance. Do politicians strategically respond when confronted with this type of potential electoral backlash? I answer this question using exogenous variation generated by Brazilian anti-corruption audits. I show that these audits lead to an increase in the number of public employees hired by the mayor. The effect is greater in municipalities where auditors uncovered higher levels of corruption. I further show that mayors hire more employees as a form of patronage to compensate for the loss of electoral support resulting from the audit. Focusing on education, I provide evidence that hiring additional school employees does not improve schooling outcomes, revealing limited direct consequences of audits on public goods production.

SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS

“Natural Resource Shocks and Support for Left-wing Parties: Evidence from Peru”
“The Effects of Climate Change on Coca Leaf Planting: Evidence from Colombia” (with Tamma Carleton and Juliana Helo)

ACADEMIC SEMINARS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2021 RIDGE Political Economy Workshop (scheduled), UChicago
Development Lunch Seminar (scheduled), UChicago Ph.D. workshop
2020 UChicago Ph.D. workshop
2019 NEUDC, PacDev, H2D2 Research day, APPAM Fall Conference,
UChicago Development Lunch Seminar
2018 APPAM Fall Conference, UChicago EPIC Lunch & Learn,
Banco Central de Reserva del Perú
2017 UChicago Ph.D. workshop, UChicago EPIC Student talks

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016-present Chicago Harris Ph.D. Fellowship
2010 Universidad del Pacifico M.Sc. in Economics Fellowship

RESEARCH GRANTS

2020 CLAS Tinker Field Research Grant (\$2,500)
2019 The Becker Friedman Institute for Economics (\$520)
2019 The Becker Friedman Institute for Economics (\$2,000)
2019 Pearson Institute Research Fund, University of Chicago (\$5,395)
2017 Pearson Institute Research Fund, University of Chicago (\$5,000)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at University of Chicago (master’s students)

2017-2020 Advanced Microeconomics for Public Policy II, Professor Yana Gallen
2018-2019 Advanced Microeconomics for Public Policy I, Professor Steven N. Durlauf
2018 Political Economy of Natural Resources, Professor Luis R. Martinez
2016-2017 Advanced Microeconomics for Public Policy I, Professor Dan Black
2017 Poverty and Economic Development, Professor Alicia Menendez
2017 Analytical Politics II: Developing World, Professor Luis R. Martinez

Instructor at Universidad del Pacifico (undergraduate students)

2013, 2015 Microeconomic Principles
2014 Programming Languages for Economic Research

Teaching Assistant at Universidad del Pacifico (undergraduate students)

2010-2011 Industrial Organization
2009-2010 Microeconomics I & II
2009-2010 Mathematics III

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND OTHER EMPLOYMENT

2019, 2017 Research Assistant for Professor Luis R. Martinez, University of Chicago
2014-2015 Economic Advisor, Ministry of Transport and Communication (Lima, Peru)
2011-2014 Senior Analyst in the Department of Economic Studies, APOYO Consultoria
(Lima, Peru)

COMPUTER SKILLS

STATA, R Studio, Python, ArcGIS, Visual Basic Application in Excel, EViews, LaTeX

LANGUAGES

Spanish: *Native*. English: *Fluent*. Portuguese: *Intermediate (speaking, reading, writing)*.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2018 Ph.D. Admissions Review Committee at University of Chicago Harris School
of Public Policy

REFERENCES

Professor James Robinson	Professor Oeindrila Dube	Professor Luis R. Martinez
Harris School of Public Policy Dept. of Political Science	Harris School of Public Policy	Harris School of Public Policy
University of Chicago jamesrobinson@uchicago.edu	University of Chicago odube@uchicago.edu	University of Chicago luismartinez@uchicago.edu

Last updated: August 2021