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Education

University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
Ph.D., Political Science, expected 2031.

- Fields: Comparative Politics.
- Interests: Public Opinion, State Capacity.

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO, Mexico)
M.A., Social Sciences, 2024.

Universidad del Tolima
B.A., Political Science, 2020.

Articles

Ruiz Flores López, P., Sánchez Hiza, Ó., Zizumbo-Colunga, D., Cruz Lathrop, R., & **Vásquez Salazar, J. C.** (2024). ***"What sways public opinion? An experimental study on moral vs. evidence-based arguments for drug harm reduction"***, l https://doi.org/10.1080/09687637.2025.2454096

Vásquez Salazar, J. C. (2024). ***"Reforms to direct democracy mechanisms in Latin America"***, 2. https://observatorioreformas.substack.com/publish/post/146725280

Ovalle Almanza, M. C., and **Vásquez Salazar, J. C.** (2022). ***"Limitations on Democracy in Multilateral Policies to Regulate the Political Participation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples"***, l, no. 111 (July): 111–133. https://doi.org/10.7440/colombiaint111.2022.05

Vásquez Salazar, J. C. and Ovalle Almanza, M. C. (2020). ***"Respuesta institucional a la participación ciudadana contra el extractivismo en Colombia: la dimensión discursiva de una problemática asociada al cambio climático"***, Análisis Político, 33(99), 3–23. https://doi.org/10.15446/anpol.v33n99.90930

Working Papers

"Commodity Dependence and Political Polarization in Latin America: The Moderating Role of Economic Complexity" Under review.

"Peace Sells...But Who's Buying?: How Do the Colombian Armed Forces Support the Economic Reintegration of Transitional Justice Beneficiaries?" (with John Kelly Bonillam, ESDEG Colombia).

Fellowships, grands and Awards

Travel Grand The north central council of latin americanists (NCCLA-2026).

Chancellor's Award, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee (2026-27).

Travel Grand Latin America Studies Association Congress (LASA-2025).

Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnolología, Mexico–Conacyt (2022-26).

Junior Research, Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación, Colombia (2022).

Teaching

Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
Modern Political Thought (Kennan Ferguson), Fall 2026.

Teaching Assistant, IPSA-FLACSO Mexico Summer School
Introduction to Experimental Research in Social Sciences (Rosario Aguilar, Newcastle University), Summer 2025.

Selected Presentations

Panel on Exploratory Analysis of Public Opinion in Latin America on Climate Change and the Environment (NCCLA, La Crosse US, 2026).

Conference on Experimental Methods Applied to Security and Defense, Higher War School "General Rafael Reyes Prieto"(ESDEG-Colombia) (2026).

Panel on Economic Shock, Economic Complexity, and Political Polarization in Latin America, Latin America Studies Association Congress (LASA, San Francisco US, 2025).

Research Seminar on Populism and Public Opinion in Latin America, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO, Mexico) (2025).

Additional training

IPSA-FLACSO Mexico Summer School in Concepts, Methods, and Techniques in Political Science course QUANTITATIVE MODELING FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES (2024)

Skills

Rstudio, Stata, LaTeX, Qualtrics, SurveyToGo, Spanish, English.