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Research Fields: Political Economy, Development Economics, Comparative Politics, Conflict
Regions of Research: Peru, Chile, Latin America.

Academic Employment

Norris-Vincent College of Business at Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX Economics Instructor	2019-Present
Free Market Institute at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX Research Associate	2019-Present

Education

Texas Tech University, Ph.D. Agricultural and Applied Economics Dissertation: <i>The Political Economy of Violence and Development in Latin America</i>	2019
Texas Tech University, MS Agricultural and Applied Economics, Thesis: <i>Economics of Terrorism and Counter-terrorism in Peru</i>	2017
State University of San Antonio Abad, Cusco, Peru, BA Electrical Engineering, (Peru)	2007

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- “The Influence of Pinochet on the Chilean Miracle”
Latin American Research Review, 2022.
- “A Self-Defense Network against Terrorism and Crime: Evidence from Peru”
Terrorism and Political Violence, 2021.
- “Night Watchers and Terrorists”
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2020.
- “Fighting on Christmas: Brawling and Self-Governance in Rural Peru.” (with Raymond March)
Journal of Institutional Economics, 2019.

Book Chapters

- “Operations Warp Speed” co-authored with Peter C. Earle in *Pandemics and Liberty*, edited by Raymond J. March and Ryan M. Yonk (2022).

Research Papers

- Friends or foes? The Insurgent’s Dilemma of Seeking Legitimacy While Keeping Secrets

Abstract: Why do some rebel groups seek legitimacy more than others? This article develops a theory to explain that the variation among legitimacy-seeking insurgencies will depend on a trade-off insurgents confront between the interest to obtain legitimacy and the exposure to vulnerability. Inclusive legitimacy-seeking insurgencies will benefit from having more members since the rebellion costs fall as they are shared, and the insurgency will deploy flexible rules to incorporate new partners and establish alliances. Exclusive, less legitimacy-seeking insurgencies will emphasize secrecy by selecting members and producing rigid rules to protect the insurgency from internal and external threats. This characterization, in turn, has implications for the decision-making, recruitment, and intensity of violence unleashed by the insurgency. Faced with this trade-off and constrained by the likelihood of factionalization, insurgencies engage in coordinated violence. My argument rests on an analysis of the parallel insurrections that afflicted Peru during the 1980s and 1990s: the Shining Path and the Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement.

Published Policy Pieces

- Peru: President Humala Should Push for More Economic Freedom (with James Roberts), Report Americas, The Heritage Foundation, 2014.
- La mano invisible del Estado, Revista Perspectiva, Colombia, 2012.
- Narco-Terrorism in Peru: The Return of Shining Path (with James Roberts), Report Americas, The Heritage Foundation, 2009.
- Fighting for Freedom in Rural Peru: “ALBA Houses” Threaten Democracy (with James Roberts), Report Americas, The Heritage Foundation, 2008.
- Populism Clouds Peru’s Presidential Race (with Stephen Johnson), Report Americas, The Heritage Foundation, 2006.

Academic Seminars, Conferences and Invited Talks

2022: Mont Pelerin Society, Norway, Southern Economic Association Meeting, Public Choice Meeting, APEE meeting.

2021: Mont Pelerin Society, Guatemala, Southern Economic Association Meeting, Liberty Fund Latin America TTU, Public Choice Meeting, APEE meeting.

2020: Southern Economic Association Meeting,

2019: Voluntary Governance, Arizona State University, Public Choice Meeting, APEE Meeting.

2018: Economics Department, New Orleans University, State University of San Marcos, Lima -Peru.

2017: Economics Department, Universidad Francisco Marroquin, UFM, Guatemala, Center Henry Hazlitt, Universidad Francisco Marroquin, UFM, Guatemala,

2008: Atlas Network, Washington D.C., USA

Teaching Experience

- **As a Professor (at Norris-Vincent College of Business at Angelo State University):**

Principles of Microeconomics, ECON 2302

Principle of Macroeconomics, ECON 2301

International Economics, ECON 4307

Economic Development, ECON 4381

Quantitative Methods for Social Sciences, ECON 4309

- **As a Graduate Instructor (at Texas Tech University):**

Applied Business Economics, BECO 4310-004, **Rawls College of Business, Texas Tech University** Fall 2017, Spring 2018

- **As a Visiting Instructor in Guatemala (Universidad Francisco Marroquin):**

Advanced Seminar on Economics, Economics Department, **Universidad Francisco Marroquin, UFM** Guatemala, Spring 2017

- **As a Lecturer in Peru at Universidad Nacional de San Antonio Abad (SAA)- Andes Libres Institute (AL):**

Note: Universidad Nacional San Antonio Abad is the third oldest in the American continent and one of the greatest public universities in Peru.

Development Economics (at SAA)

Neo-Institutional Economics (at SAA)

Innovation and Entrepreneurship (at AL)

Governance and Policy-making (at AL)

Grants & Funding

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| • Fellowship, Free Market Institute at Texas Tech University | 2015-18 |
| • Institute of Humane Studies, PhD Fellowship
(US\$1,500, US\$5,000) | 2016-19 |
| • Institutional Grants, Atlas Economic Research Foundation Partner
(US\$200,000) | 2011-15 |

Awards

- Hayek Fund, Institute of Humane Studies (IHS) 2018
- Young Scholar Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education 2016-17
- Francisco Marroquin for Student Outreach, 2013
Note: This Award is given to Andes Libres Institute under Edwar Escalante's Direction for "its exceptional work with student groups in the most difficult areas of Peru" from Atlas Network Foundation, based in Washington, DC.

Past Professional Activities

- Executive Director and Founder, Andes Libres Public Policy Institute 2008-2015
Andes Libres is an educational think tank based in Cusco, Peru
 - Educational Programs
 - Fundraising
 - Local Policy
 - External Relations
 - Partnered with Universidad Nacional de San Antonio Abad de Cusco, Peru.

- **Referee Reports:**

Journal of Private Enterprise
Journal of Institutional Economics

- **Affiliations:**

The Association of Private Enterprise Education	2016- Present
Public Choice Society	2016-Present
Southern Economic Association	2016-Present