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EDUCATION

University of Virginia

Ph.D. in Political Science & Government

2023 — Present

Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

B.S. in Business Administration (Minor: Political Science)

2018 — 2024

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Latin America, violence, corruption, populism, authoritarianism, democracy.

WORKING PAPERS

“Can An Expansion of the Mexican Welfare State Reduce Violence in Mexico?”

“What Explains the Variation in the Homicide Rate in Mexico? On Cartels, Social Cohesion, and Extreme Violence”

“Understanding Mexico’s Post-Neoliberal State”

“Happy or Unhappy Regimes? On The Political Economy of Subjective Well-Being”

RESEARCH AND EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Opciona (Anti-corruption NGO)

Senior Researcher

Mexico
2017 — 2020

Dharma Books + Publishing (Literary press)

Editor of the *Essay Collection*

Mexico
2018

Horizontal (Journal of political analysis)

Managing Editor

Mexico
2015 — 2017

Mexico’s Secretariat of Welfare

Research Assistant

Mexico
2014 — 2015

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Book

- Cano Febles, J. (2025). *La procuración de justicia en la Ciudad de México y la transición democrática (Law Enforcement in Mexico City in the Context of Mexico’s Transition to Democracy)*. Mexico, Mexico City: Editorial Fontamara.

OTHER WRITING

Books

- Cano Febles, J. (forthcoming 2025). *Old and New Dissertations on the Power of Mexico City*. Mexico, Mexico City: Editorial Gato Blanco.
- Cano Febles, J. (2024). *Black Velvet*. Mexico, Mexico City: Editorial Gato Blanco.
- Cano Febles, J. (2022). *Bones Soup*. Mexico, Mexico City: Red de Reproducción y Distribución.
- Cano Febles, J., and Portugal, A. (2020). *Letters to a Young Designer*. Mexico, Mexico City: Red de Reproducción y Distribución.

Political Analysis, Political Essays, Op-Eds

- Cano Febles, J. (2024). Is Mexico Already an Authoritarian Regime?. *Animal Político*. Mexico.
- Cano Febles, J. (2022). Why Should We Defend Mexico’s National Electoral Institute?. *Reforma*. Mexico.
- Cano Febles, J. (2022). Morena, the People, and the Mob (or on ‘Voluntary Servitude’). *Replicante*. Mexico.
- Cano Febles, J. (2022). AMLO: Power, Populism, and History. *Literal Magazine*. Mexico.
- Cano Febles, J., and Portugal, A. (2021). Identity is Crisis. *Counter-Signals 4*. Chicago: OtherForms.

- Cano Febles, J. (2018). On the Margins of the State: Emiliano Ruiz Parra's Obra Negra. *Literal Magazine*.
- Cano Febles, J. (2017). Democratization, Consolidation, and Failure: On Jose Woldenberg's Democracy. *Replicante*.
- Cano Febles, J. (2016). Brief History of Mexico's Anticorruption Boom. *Horizontal*. Mexico
- Cano Febles, J. (2016). On Teodoro Gonzalez de Leon: Architecture, Aesthetics, and the Mexican State. *Horizontal*.
- Cano Febles, J. (2015). Chapultepec Coalition: Citizen Activism in the Post-Transition Era. *Horizontal*.
- Cano Febles, J. (2015). Politics, Generations, and Activism: Where are the Young People?. *Horizontal*.

CONFERENCES

MPSA 2025

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Student Dialogue Fellowship 2024. UVA Karsh Institute of Democracy.

Research Excellence Award 2023. UVA's Department of Politics.

Doctoral Fellowship. Full Tuition & Stipend 2023-2028. UVA's Department of Politics.

Jóvenes Creadores 2023. Fellowship granted by the Mexican Ministry of Culture, through the Support System for Cultural Creation and Projects (SACPC), in the category of Essay. Generation 2023/2024.

TEACHING

The Politics of Western Europe. Teaching Assistant for Gerard Alexander, Fall 2025 (+50 students).

The Politics of Western Europe. Teaching Assistant for Gerard Alexander, Spring 2025 (+50 students).

Politics and Political Economy of the Welfare State. Teaching Assistant for Herman Mark Schwartz, Fall 2024 (+40 students).

LANGUAGES

English (full proficiency), Spanish (native).

SKILLS

R, LaTeX.

REFERENCES

Daniel W. Gingerich

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